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CANADIAN COMBAT ROLE OFFICIALLY OVER

Canada formally ended its combat mission in Afghanistan on Thursday July 7, 2011 after years of being on the front lines of the fight against Taliban insurgents in the south.

The withdrawal of 2,850 Canadian combat troops comes at a time the Taliban continue to show their resilience, peace talks are in their infancy and governance and development are lagging security gains on the battlefield. Underscoring the persistent dangers, a roadside bomb killed eight Afghan policemen on a patrol in the northern district of Fayz Abad. The police chief of the surrounding Jawzjan province, Abdul Aziz Ghayat, said six policemen, including the unit's commander, were killed instantly and two died later at a hospital. Northern Afghanistan had been relatively calm but has seen a rise in violence over the past two years.

Canada had been the sixth largest troop-contributing nation, behind the U.S. and European countries. While 2,850 Canadian combat troops are going home, 950 others have started streaming into the country to help train Afghan security forces.

Canada transferred its mission to the United States at Kandahar Air Field during a ceremony held in a hall decorated with Canadian maple leaf flags. After remarks, handshakes and the exchange of military paperwork, troops held a moment of silence for their fallen comrades. Since 2002, 157 Canadian troops have been killed in Afghanistan.

"It's safe to say that the country of Afghanistan remains volatile," Canadian Defence Minister Peter MacKay said in a telephone interview. "There have been very hard fought gains made as far as the stability and security, but it is fragile and much of the responsibility rests, of course, with the government of Afghanistan."

MacKay said the process of training Afghan forces to take the lead in providing security across the country was well under way.

"But it is the professionalism and their ability to secure some of these particularly violent regions like Kandahar that will be the telling feature as to whether the security will last," he said. "Certainly the desire is there on the part of the Afghans themselves.

"They are enormously respectful and grateful of the contributions that Canada has made, and of course they don't want to see Canada leave."

WELCOME HOME

THE MERRITTONIA



She was named after William Hamilton Merritt, in a contest won by Merritton's own Florence Nelson Sheppard. The modification having been suggested by the town council. Commissioned at Quebec City on November 10, 1944, she arrived at Halifax in mid December and sailed to Bermuda for a months workups. On her return Merrittonia was assigned to EG C-7 and left St John's on February 7 to meet the group which was westbound with convoy ON.283 from Britain.

Thereafter continuously employed on North Atlantic convoy duty, she left Londonderry for the final time at he beginning of June, 1945.

She was paid off on July 11 and laid up at Sorel for disposal. Purchased by K.C. Irving Ltd, Moncton on November 16, 1945, she was wrecked on the Nova Scotia coast on November 30.

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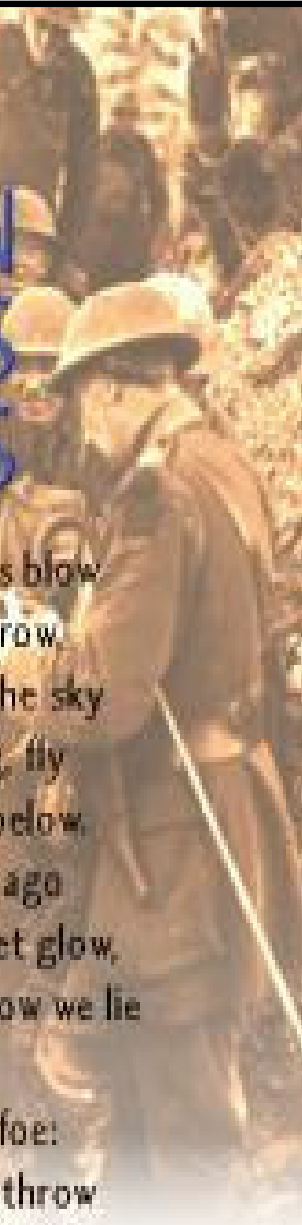

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FLANDERS FIELDS



John McCrae IN FLANDERS FIELDS



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872—1918)

Your 2011/2012 EXECUTIVE

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BULLETIN EDITOR:ROBERT MUSSELL

PADRE: REV ELLISTON BRIDGER

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CONGRATULATE YOUR NEW OPERATING
PERSONNEL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PAST EXECUTIVE

YOUR EXECUTIVE IS STILL HOPING TO RECRUIT A FEW MORE
PEOPLE

WAYS & MEANS

GENERAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ARE STILL NEEDED

INTERESTED? SPEAK TO AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER

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LADIES AUXILIARY FORMED

Its official.. As of July 6, 2011, Merritton Legion Branch 138 has a Ladies Auxiliary. It has been a few years, quite a few years since our branch has had the pleasure of hosting a Ladies Auxiliary.

The Merritton Legion Ladies Auxiliary officially receives its Charter on October 5, 2011 .

Please take the time to both welcome and congratulate the following new members of our Ladies Auxiliary.

BRANCH 138 MERRITTON LADIES AUXILIARY NEWLY ELECTED AND INSTALLED EXECUTIVE

JULY 6, 2011

PRESIDENT:	PATRICIA DICKENSON
1 ST VICE :	PATRICIA McCABE
2 ND VICE :	VERA STRICKLAND
SECRETARY:	COLLEEN BRADSHAW
TREASURER :	ANGIE REID
SPORTS OFFECIER:	LINDSEY BUTT
SGT. AT ARMS:	MARY NOVARO

EXECUTIVE

SUSAN MEREDITH	MARLENE WATSON
KATHIE BRADSHAW	CHARLOTTE BROADLEY
KRISTEN CORCORAN	AMANDA HANCOCK

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK IN ALL YOUR ENDEVOURS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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I would like to thank my Executive and all those whom helped out at our Canada Day, Street Dance, Labour Day and Friday BBQ's.

We as an Executive cannot run these events without the volunteers, everyone works very hard to put these on.

We have now received our Trillium Grant of \$75,000.00 Special thanks go out to Trish Gander and her committee for their tireless hours of work and dedication to our Branch. It is not easy getting a Trillium Grant.. THANK YOU !

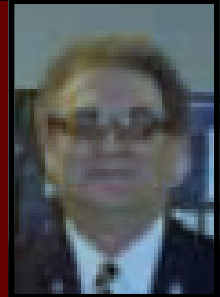
Work will be starting soon on our Lift and handicap washrooms.

Its that time of year again where our Poppy Campaign will soon start. October 20.

We would like our Membership to come out, grab a Poppy Box and spend an hour or two to help support this worthwhile campaign.

When a someone talks about another member, to other members, and so on, Gos-sip can hurt a lot of members. DON'T GOSSIP !

Bob Weir, President



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Branch Membership as of Sept. 14, 2011

LIFE:	5	ORDINARY:	74
ASSOCIATE:	295	AFFILIATE VOTING:	109
AFFILIATE NON VOTING:	2		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO DATE:		485	

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT WANT TO BE A MEMBER?
BRING THEM OUT, INTRODUCE THEM**

Ron Tuckwell, Membership Chair

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POPPY CHAIR REPORT

POPPY....

Once again it is a very important time of the year at our Branch, as the poppy campaign is just around the corner.

This is a time when all of our members can join in and help make it a successful time.

We will be needing volunteers for many different activities such as parades, helping at the banquet, poppy boxes need to be attended at different store locations, counter poppy boxes have to be delivered and picked up, Remembrance Day program, the laying of wreaths, picking up our members that have disability problems or do not drive, and just being busy and wishing encouragement to those that go a little more out of their way to help out.

I am really going to count on everyone to come out and help make this the best campaign ever.

We start on Friday October 28th and we have our kick off parade at the Pen Centre on Saturday 29th, the sign up boards will be going up on the sports room wall in the near future, so if you really want to get involved in this great time of the year in the Royal Canadian Legion, step up to the plate and join in.

Please contact the Branch if you have any concerns or questions, and thanks to all.

Wayne Haslam.....Poppy Chairman



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

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Recently, I was approached by a couple of members with regards to the lack of entertainment at our Branch.

I brought this up at an Executive meeting as I promised and the comments were not surprising nor inaccurate.

We have entertainment, karaoke, live entertainers, etc.. and not many members show up to support it or stick around to enjoy it. It costs money to provide entertainment. Upwards of anywhere from \$250.00 to over \$400.00 per night depending on the type of entertainment we have in.

If you really want the entertainment, show up and support it, support all the events held at the branch like the Barbeques and Meat Draws.

Stick around and see whats happening at YOUR branch.

The Merrittonian comes out every 3 months.

Anything you would like to see in YOUR BULLETIN, please let me know so I can get it in the next issue.

Want your Bulletin via email? Let me know

Give me a note or send me an email at:

themerrittonian@hotmail.com

Robert Mussell: Bulletin Editor



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WHATS HAPPENING

October 2011

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November 2011

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December 2011

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- October 5** Ladies Auxilliary receives Charter—congratulations Ladies
- October 10** Thanksgiving
- Ocotober 28** Poppy Campaign Starts
- October 31** Halloween—possibly a party

EUCHRE EVERY THURSDAY 7:00 PM

TOONEY DRAW EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:00 PM

MEAT DRAWS EVERY SATURDAY

LADIES AUXILLIARY MEETING 1 ST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH

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- November 4** Armistace Banquet
- November 11** Remembrance Day—We Will Remember Them

WATCH THE BOARDS FOR ARMISTACE BANQUET DETAILS

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- December 25** Christmas Day
- December 26** Boxing Day
- December 31** New Years Eve— Dinner Dance in planning

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EMAIL WORTH SHARING

This email was sent to me, I'm not making it up

FYI.....

*The lemon is used to clean out your liver if taken internally.
Interesting observation on cancer cells*

Lemons and Cancer

Useful info that may help someone ...

LISTEN UP FOLKS: This is something that we should all take seriously – just had a recent test myself that sent shivers up my spine – or near by – Even doctors are now saying that there is value in trying “LEMON”

So, a tablespoon of "real lemon" (the concentrate in a bottle) in a glass of water every morning. What can it hurt?

Institute of Health Sciences, 819 N. L.L.C. Charles Street Baltimore , MD 1201.
This is the latest in medicine, effective for cancer!

Read carefully & you be the judge.

Lemon (Citrus) is a miraculous product to kill cancer cells. It is 10,000 times stronger than chemotherapy.

Why do we not know about that? Because there are laboratories interested in making a synthetic version that will bring them huge profits. You can now help a friend in need by letting him/her know that lemon juice is beneficial in preventing the disease. Its taste is pleasant and it does not produce the horrific effects of chemotherapy.

How many people will die while this closely guarded secret is kept, so as not to jeopardize the beneficial multimillionaires large corporations?

As you know, the lemon tree is known for its varieties of lemons and limes.

You can eat the fruit in different ways: you can eat the pulp, juice press, prepare drinks, sorbets, pastries, etc... It is credited with many virtues, but the most interesting is the effect it produces on cysts and tumors.

This plant is a proven remedy against cancers of all types. Some say it is very useful in all variants of cancer. It is considered also as an anti microbial spectrum against bacterial infections and fungi, effective against internal parasites and worms, it regulates blood pressure which is too high and an antidepressant, combats stress and nervous disorders. The source of this information is fascinating: it comes from one of the largest drug manufacturers in the world, says that after more than 20 laboratory tests since 1970, the extracts revealed that:

It destroys the malignant cells in 12 cancers, including colon, breast, prostate, lung and pancreas ...

The compounds of this tree showed 10,000 times better than the product Adriamycin, a drug normally used chemotherapeutic in the world, slowing the growth of cancer cells. And what is even more astonishing: this type of therapy with lemon extract only destroys malignant cancer cells and it does not affect healthy cells.

Institute of Health Sciences, 819 N. L.L.C. Cause Street, Baltimore, MD1201

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM AROUND THE ZONE

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NEWS & EVENTS

Sunday August 28, 2011, a number of Branch 138 members attended the WELCOME HOME AFGHANISTAN VETERANS event at The Royal Canadian Legion Welland Branch # 4

The event was well represented by a number of Legions in the Zone B5 area, 17 branches to be exact.

This event included live entertainment along with dancing, a pipe & drum band opened the event, and a pig roast (boy did they look good turning on the spit) along with corn on the cob.

A great time seemed to be had by all who attended.



Deanna, Bob, Jack and Marlene



Jack, Marlene, Richard and Donny

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BRANCH HAPPENINGS

Every day I wander into the branch (ok, almost every day DON'T TELL DEANNA)

I see a group of individuals laughing and joking around the snooker table. These fellows have been doing this for as long as I've been a member.

Others are just sitting around, enjoying a cold one and just reminiscing about the day past and to come. This is a different side of our branch that others may never see.

It's an entire different crowd of people there during the daylight hours.. Some guys play snooker, others tell the ones playing how to play. Yet others just enjoy the comradeship of being a member and meeting there buddies over a cold one.

No matter, if you have the chance, drop into the branch one early afternoon and see this different side of our membership.

ANNUAL LABOUR DAY BASH

Merritton Legion Br. 138 was a flurry of activity on Monday Sept. 5. Our annual Labour Day bash took place.

Food, Drink, Music Dancing and just plain ole fun was had by all.

The side yard started filling up quickly after the parade finished.

Billy was a bar b-quing fool cooking up dogs , burgers and hot sausage patties.

Last Minute Mahem was belting out the tunes. The weather was cool and the beer was COLD.

Looked like a lot of fun was being held by all who attended.

BRANCH HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to Don and Norma McKay

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A very special event was celebrated at our Branch.

Don and Norma McKay celebrated their 63 rd Wedding Anniversary on September 21, 2011. Not something many will be able to celebrate.

Quite the milestone.

On Saturday September 24, 2011 Branch Members, neighbors and friends gathered in the Canteen to help this special couple celebrate.

There was music from their era, bringing back some emotional memories for Don and Norma, beautifully sang by Karen Bower.

A beautiful anniversary cake compete with real roses and carnations (made by member) was cut up and passed around by no other that our very own Evie Davidson.

As Don and Norma danced, not many dry eyes were in the house. Kleenex quickly became a needed commodity.

A good time was had by all.

HAPPY 63RD ANNIVERSARY



DON & NORMA MCKAY

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JUST CLOWNING AROUND

(I DON'T WRITE THEM, I JUST PASS THEM ALONG)

WHEN YOU FEEL THAT NOBODY LOVES YOU,
NOBODY CARES FOR YOU,
EVERYONE IS IGNORING YOU AND PEOPLE ARE JEALOUS
OF YOU,
YOU SHOULD REALLY ASK YOURSELF



AM I JUST TO SEXY ?

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience.. Seeing God she asked "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck.

She even had someone come in and change her hair colour and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"

God replied: "Darn! I didn't recognize you."

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A man died and went to heaven.

As he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates, he saw a huge wall of clocks behind him.

He asked, "What are all those clocks?"

St. Peter answered, "Those are Lie-Clocks. Everyone on Earth has a Lie-Clock.

Every time you lie the hands on your clock will move."

"Oh," said the man, "whose clock is that?"

"That's Mother Teresa's. The hands have never moved, indicating that she never told a lie."

"Incredible," said the man. "And whose clock is that one?"

St. Peter responded, "That's Abraham Lincoln's clock. The hands have moved twice, telling us that Abe told only two lies in his entire life."

"Where's Premier McGuinty's clock?" asked the man.

"McGuinty's clock is in God's office. He's using it as a ceiling fan."

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GOLF HUMOUR



The room was full of pregnant women with their partners. The class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe and was telling the men how to give the necessary assurance to their partners at this stage of the pregnancy.

She said "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just take several stops and stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

She looked at the men in the room, "and Gentlemen, remember -- You're in this together -- It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her."

The room suddenly got very quiet as the men absorbed this information.

Then a man at the back of the room slowly raised his hand.

"Yes, answered the instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk??"

This kind of sensitivity just can't be taught...

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For those who fought for our freedom
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LIFE:

ORDINARY:	BILL WILEY	JULY 3, 2011
	FRANK FLUELLON	AUGUST 30, 2011
	CHARLIE SIMPSON	AUGUST 30, 2011
	NELSON SHAW	SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

ASSOCIATE:	EDWARD GRAVES	JULY 23, 2011
	PHILLIS BANDEEN	AUGUST 30, 2011

AFFILIATE:

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

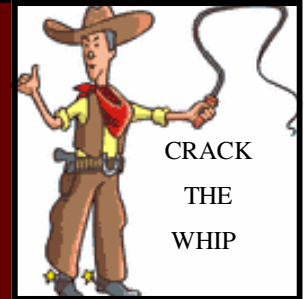
COMMENTS . SUGGESTIONS

WORK WITH YOUR EXECUTIVE—NOT AGAINST THEM

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Ways and Means and your Executive Committee try to put on many Branch Events.

Street Dance and Music Trivia are just 2 of them

The Ways and Means and Executive Committee are always open to suggestions.

Have an Event Idea ? Let us Know ! Write it Down

Merritton Legion Branch 138

Having a party? Stag & Doe? Let us know !!!!!

Merritton Branch 138 Upstairs hall is available for Functions

Contact the Branch to check for availability and bookings

Ph: 905-227-1821

Please don't discourage our Volunteers

They are all doing the best they can

IF YOU CAN DO BETTER

PROVE IT AND VOLUNTEER FOR SOMETHING

CANT VOLUNTEER, DON'T COMPLAIN

Volunteer Sign Up Sheet

Events and Branch Happenings are always in need of Volunteers.

You don't have to volunteer for everything!

If you can spare a couple of hours to help at Branch Event or 2

Never mind saying " No one asked"

You' re Being Asked Now!

Fill this out and give it to any of your Executive Committee

Name: _____

Event: _____

Watch for Sign Up Sheets on Branch Bulletin Board

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STIRRING THE POT MEMBERS COMPLAINT PAGE

This is YOUR page.

There is no use sitting in the canteen complaining at the bar or sitting and stewing amongst yourselves about what you don't like around the Branch.

Don't like the entertainment, or lack of.... Just not happy with the way the Fish Fry is run, or how the various events are put on?

Write it down and submit it to your Executive.

DO IT RIGHT, DO IT HERE

**Please feel free to submit a complaint
Let YOUR Executive know what you don't like**

There is a Right and Wrong way to complain

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