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ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER ROUND

New Executive has been nominated and elected.

The Membership spoke and have chosen their New Executive for the 2013—2014 Term

Faces New and Faces Old make up this years Executive. Sure to make some interesting changes.

Please take the time to congratulate each and every one.

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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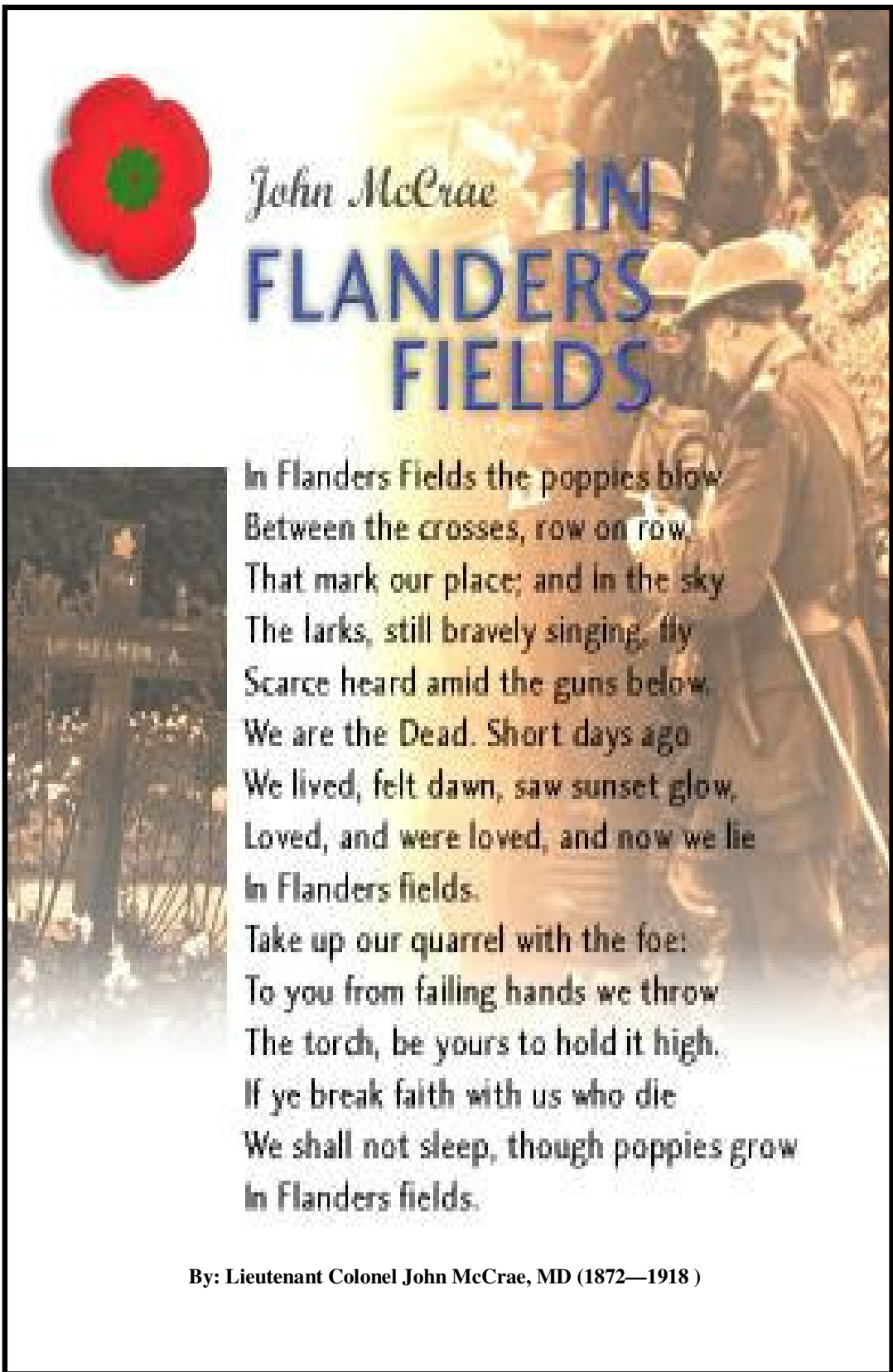
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FLANDERS FIELDS



John McCrae IN FLANDERS FIELDS

A sepia-toned photograph of World War I soldiers in a trench, wearing gas masks and carrying equipment. The scene is hazy and somber.

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 2012/2013 EXECUTIVE

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LADIES AUXILIARY

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PRESIDENT:	PATRICIA DICKENSON
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Generally speaking, we had a slow summer, but after going to the recent Zone Meeting in Ridgeway, our branch seems to be the norm after listening to their reports, the fact is that members have many choices to make of where they can go during nice weather and along with holidays and family functions, it is hard to attract people to the branch. All said and done, we put on several bar-b-ques and had entertainment a few times.

Our Labour Day Parade was a success again and many thanks go out to all those that took time out of their busy schedules, to march with us and enjoyed a day in our yard featuring a great band.

Now we are entering our most important time of the year.

The Poppy Campaign.

We start off October 26th with our Pen Centre annual "kick off" day along with the Thorold Pipe Band, and later on we have our banquet on Friday night the 8th, followed by the church parade to Elm Street United on Sunday the 10th and then our Remembrance Day ceremonies on the eleventh.

Please join us in any of these activities and take a couple of hours out to help poppy for the branch. There are lots of things going on, so it is the best time of the year to show as a member your support. Volunteering is rewarding at any-time, try it.

Our community room upstairs is currently under construction, so please be supportive of us, as we complete renovations.

Yours in comradeship

Wayne Haslam

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Comrades;

The Early Bird campaign started September 1st and it is doing well with 28 member renewals. The campaign runs to November 30th and posters are up around the Branch to remind us.

There is incentive to renew early as your name will be entered in a draw for a free years membership as well as five free drinks. Once again Bocchinfuso Funeral Home is donating that prize to the fortunate person that has their name drawn.

Here's the breakdown for 2014 dues as passed by the members at the January General Membership meeting:

Seniors = \$35 (with ten years service at our Branch and age of 70 or over)

Regulars = \$45

Cards can be laminated for \$2 (about same price as large coffee)

There will be \$5 added to the prices after the Early Bird campaign.

In addition to the financial aspect, the majority of your dues are forwarded to Dominion Command to provide support & assistance to Veterans, currently serving military and RCMP members and their families.

You will enjoy Branch privileges, maintain your years of continuous service and ensure continued delivery of your Legion magazine.

As the Membership Chairman I invite you to renew during the campaign. I will make myself available for those wishing to renew on Fridays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm and then I'd like to socialize.

I did accept the volunteer position as your Membership Chairman and pledge to do my best for you. I am open to suggestions as well as constructive criticism in order to serve you best.

See you at the Branch.

Kevin

FROM THE EDITOR

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I'M BACK

Time to stir it up again.

Well all Reno's are well under way in the upstairs hall.

Thank you to the Hall Rental Committee for doing such a great job in getting the funds in place.

Thank you to the Executive for taking it to the next level like a Responsible Executive should. Things are now moving along.

I wish I could have gotten this Bulletin out sooner but trying to get Reports from our busy Executive is like pulling teeth. Almost had to bribe for the reports I did get. Maybe better next for the next one.

Not going to stir up anything this time around but you just never know what might come up :)

If anyone has anything they would like to see in their bulletin, please let me know and I will try to get it in.

Thank you

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WHATS HAPPENING

Euchre

Beginning Thursday October 3 rd, 2013 at 7:00pm

Our new season begins for a fun night of euchre. It is open to anyone who wants to get out to have some fun. Only \$2.00 to play.

We have pizza once a month
we have cash prizes, we have 50/50 draws
Be sure to arrive before 7:00pm as we begin to play at 7pm

You will meet many new friends and enjoy your evening

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

WHATS HAPPENING

ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING

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THURSDAY EUCHRE GROUP



AND SOME WERE MISSING IN THIS PHOTO

As you can see from the photo, our Euchre Group had a very successful Summer Season. Just to think, this group started with only 4 tables (16 people)

Congratulations to Sandy for taking off with this and making it the huge success we see now

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Submit Your
Recipes



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Get Baking !

Fruit Cocktail Cake

Ingredients: Cake:

2 eggs
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 Cups fruit cocktail
2 cups flour

To make cake:

Beat eggs. Add all ingredients, except flour, and mix. Add flour and mix again. Grease a 9 x 13" pan greased pan and pour in mixture.

Mix 1/2 cup of brown sugar and 1/2 cup of chopped walnuts and spread over the batter.

Bake at 325F for 45 minutes.

Sauce: Have ready to pour over HOT cake

14 lb (or 1/2 cup) margarine or butter
3/4 cup white sugar
1/2 cup canned milk

Mix together, boil for 2 minutes and add some coconut.

Pour over hot cake.

Enjoy !

**THIS SEEMS TO BE A REAL FAVORITE SO I HAD TO DO IT
AGAIN**



Just Clowning Around

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WARNING !

DO NOT wash your hair in the shower!!

It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful!!!

IT INVOLVES THE SHAMPOO WHEN IT RUNS DOWN YOUR BODY WHEN YOU SHOWER WITH IT. WARNING TO US ALL!!!

I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME."

No wonder I have been gaining weight! Well! I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn Dishwashing Soap. It's label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE"

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EMAIL WORTH SHARING

If you don't know GOD, don't make stupid remarks!!!!!!
A United States Marine was taking some college courses between assignments. He had completed 20 missions in Iraq and Afghanistan . One of the courses had a professor who was an avowed atheist, and a member of the ACLU.

One day the professor shocked the class when he came in. He looked to the ceiling and flatly stated, "GOD, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform... I'll give you exactly 15 min."

The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am GOD, I'm still waiting."

It got down to the last couple of minutes when the Marine got out of his chair, went up to the professor, and cold-cocked him; knocking him off the platform. The professor was out cold.

The Marine went back to his seat and sat there, silently. The other students were shocked and stunned, and sat there looking on in silence. The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the Marine and asked, "What in the world is the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The Marine calmly replied,
"GOD was too busy today protecting America 's soldiers who are protecting your right to say stupid stuff and act like an idiot. So He sent me."

The classroom erupted in cheers!

LAST POST

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For those who fought for our freedom
LAST POST



LIFE:

CATHARINE FINCH

ORDINARY:

ASSOCIATE:

AFFILIATE:

AFFILIATE VOTING:

**All Canadian Soldiers from all conflicts past and present who
have lost their lives for the benefit of us and others.**

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



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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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COMMENTS . SUGGESTIONS

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

Street Dance and Music Trivia are just 2 of them

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

HAVE AN EVENT IDEA? LET US KNOW. WRITE IT DOWN

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HAVING A PARTY? STAG & DOE? LET US KNOW !!!

MERRITTON LEGION UPSTAIRS HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR FUNCTIONS

NOW COMPLETELY HANDICAP ACCESSABLE.

CONTACT THE BRANCH FOR AVAILABILITY AND BOOKINGS.

PHONE: 905-227-1821

Please don't discourage our Volunteers.

They are doing the best they can..

IF YOU CAN DO BETTER, PROVE IT AND VOLUNTEER FOR SOMETHING.

IF YOU 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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