

# THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE



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### Department of National Defence recognizes Canada Post's Mail to the Troops program

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*Royal Canadian Logistics Service presents commendation for outstanding support*

OTTAWA, ON, Oct. 30, 2020 /CNW/ - On Thursday, the Royal Canadian Logistics Service of the Canadian Armed Forces, recognized Canada Post's Mail to the Troops program, in operation for the past 15 years, as well as routine support of Canadian Forces Postal Service, awarding Canada Post a commendation. The presentation took place outside of Canada Post's head office in Ottawa.



Major-General Richard Goodyear, Senior Canadian Armed Forces Logistician (right), formally presents Doug Ettinger, President and CEO, Canada Post, (left) with a Royal Canadian Logistics Branch commendation, to commemorate 15 years of the cost-free mail program for deployed personnel and to recognize Canada Post's routine support of Canadian Forces Postal Service. Also featured: Captain Navy Francis Turcotte, Royal Canadian Logistics Service Advisor/Integrator (far right). Credit: Denis Drever (CNW Group/Canada Post) [Can](#)

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"This unprecedented year has reminded us just what Canada Post is all about: serving Canadians and connecting them to one another – and to the world," said Canada Post's President and CEO, Doug Ettinger in accepting the commendation on behalf of the Corporation.

"Our more than 60,000 employees do that through hard work, dedication, and pride. They also bring those ingredients to the holiday mail and parcel program, so that Canadian Armed Forces personnel overseas can receive mail and parcels from family and friends during the holiday season.

"This is Canada Post 'serving the Canadians who serve'", added Mr. Ettinger, "and it captures the great mutual respect between our military and our postal service."

"As we commemorate 15 years of the cost-free mail program for deployed personnel, it is important that we acknowledge Canada Post Corporation's support," said Major-General Richard Goodyear, Senior Canadian Armed Forces Logistician. "I would like to thank each and every employee of Canada Post, who has worked tirelessly to support the Canadian Forces Postal Service and Canadian Armed Forces personnel."

**Backgrounder on Mail to the Troops program**

For the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Canada Post is offering free delivery of letters and parcels to deployed troops from their family and friends during this holiday season. We understand how important these messages are to uplift the spirits of members of the Canadian Armed Forces serving overseas. The window for this free delivery of Lettermail™ and Regular Parcel™ items runs from October 13, 2020, to January 8, 2021, with Lettermail deliveries extended until December 2021.

Due to capacity limitations on military aircraft carrying supplies to deployed forces, this offer is restricted to family and friends of Canadian Armed Forces members serving overseas. You can find all policies related to sending mail to troops serving overseas on our website: <https://www.canadapost.ca/tools/pg/manual/PGcanforce-e.asp#1401892>.

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For further information: Media Relations, 613-734-8888, [media@canadapost.ca](mailto:media@canadapost.ca)



**You can send a Christmas card or even a letter to any deployed CAF member somewhere in the world by sending it, addressed to "Any Canadian Armed Forces Member," to a central address in Belleville, ON; the CAF will sort the cards and letters and distribute them among the various missions and regions around the world.** Nov 23, 2020



Canadian Armed Forces Operations  
<http://www.facebook.com/CAFOperations/posts>

The men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) have demonstrated time and again that they will rise to any challenge. Let your Canadian Armed Forces members know you appreciate their service by sending a message using this monitored message board.

## Facebook shout out to the Troops!

Click the link below to go to the CAF Operations Facebook page, and leave a Holiday message and/or a picture of your Holiday card in the comments section.

## Instructions for mailing overseas

If you would like to send mail or parcels to Canadian Armed Forces members overseas, see these [instructions](#).

## Contact us

For all other enquiries regarding the Canadian Armed Forces Postal Services, please email us at: [postal\\_question\\_postale@forces.gc.ca](mailto:postal_question_postale@forces.gc.ca).



*They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun,  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

***Lest We Forget***

**Your Royal Canadian Legion is committed to making a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families, providing essential services in our communities, and remembering the men and women who sacrificed for our country.**

### **Support Veterans year-round**

Become a member of the Legion and support Veterans year-round. You don't have to be a Veteran to join. Any Canadian citizen or citizen of an Allied nation who is 18 years of age or older is welcome to become a member of the Legion.

The Legion gives in many ways, and by joining, you give too.

[Join today!](#)

Thank you for supporting Canada's Veterans.

The names of Kae Demond and J.H.(Jack) Hamilton are synonymous with *The Brandon Legionnaire*. Therefore, sharing memories is important in order to accept the recent death of comrade Kae Demond and to remember a WWII Veteran and dedicated Legion member, Jack Hamilton.

In 1995, Jack sent the attached instructions to Kae when she became editor of the newsletter. This is a small example of only one part of our Legion Branch where they volunteered their time over many years of Legion service.

Comrades Kae Demond and J.H.(Jack) Hamilton left behind very strong heart prints in our Brandon Branch #3. And as Legion members, we should always remember them with perpetual gratitude.

### *KAE DEMOND*

#### NEWSLETTER                      ROUTINE LIST FOR DRAFTING ISSUES OF THE LEGIONNAIRE Royal Canadian Legion Brandon Branch No.3

January 3, 1995

#### ON THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW ISSUE OF THE LEGIONNAIRE:

1. After the ladies from the Ladies Auxiliary have completed their folding, addressing and mailing of the Legionnaire, distribute the remaining copies as follows;

- A. To display table in the office about 5" stack
- B. To daily draw table in centre of the lounge place a 2" stack
- C. See that Peter Saltel places about a 2" stack on the table in the entrance to the Banquet Hall for members on interested persons to pick up from that location.
- D. Balance of the copies can be placed on table in the main entrance to the lounge.
- E. At the office location and the lounge location please up date the revolving calendar header cards at the base of each pile of Legionnaires.

2. Remove the oldest dated Legionnaires (usually three months supply are kept on display in office and lounge entrance locations). The old or fourth month copies place on shelves in storage room off of the meeting room and once in a while alert the office personnel to have the recycle salvage unit to pick these up for the recycling process.

3. BE sure to change the months showing on the header cards as mentioned above, the dates are printed on a circle for the ten months that we publish.

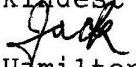
4. Remove excerpts or portion there of and place in the sections in the office binder as follows;
- Section I "~~Memories~~"
  - Section II "Gleanings from the current meetings of the Branch"
  - Section III "Miscellaneous" articles
  - Section IV PResident's Message
  - Section V The Ladies' Corner

5. Three hole punch a complete copy of the current issue and place this in the binder in the office for future reference use.

6. **IMPORTANT:**  
Get the return copies of material in the file from Star Printing for the recent issue and check this carefully for items missed or not printed due to lack of space.  
Take these left over items and re submit for printing in the next issue of the Legionnaire. Watch for broken continued stories, be sure to make a new header for and refer to previous section and what date of issue and volume number.
7. File the printer's copies when ~~thru~~ through checking over, in the Bulletin file in the filing cabinet in the office. Be sure and keep out for your future use and cuts or illustrations. Keep out and return photos to members who have submitted same for use of.
8. Mark any photos you receive with owner's initial or name on the back of photos so you may return same to owner. Be sure and do this as some are quite 'touchy' if photos do not get back to the right owner!
9. Commencing a new year draft a form letter to all Executive members of the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary so as to cover all chair persons and others to submit material to the Legionnaire and make good use of this new media which does much to hold our working Branch together! (This has been done for 1995).
10. IN December each year, draft up the new Deadline Date Schedule for the Legionnaire and circulate to all persons mentioned above in no.9. Post a copy permanently on the bulletin board, copy to the printers, copy to the office correspondence pouch and a copy to Shirley.
11. Currently 1,250 copies are being printed and some months not too many copies are left over, however you may adjust with the printers this figure if you feel it necessary to do so.
12. Printer at any time will accept the names of new supply firms we may secure time to time so that he can follow up for an ad for the Legionnaire. Star Printing does all the advertising contacting and sales but they do need help and leads from us.

If any other points are raised from time to time we will add to this list. In the meantime we wish you well in the change over and will assist wherever we can and into the future.

With kindest regards,

  
J.H. Hamilton

Original copy for comrade Kae Demond  
Copy to President comrade Charles Carlson

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A familiar sight for the past 3 weeks of the Poppy Campaign. L to R: Dunc Burman, who just happened to drop in and was put to work. Earl McPhail who has been busy unsealing cans and counting money, Gordon Somerset who also came in and was given a job of packing left over poppies, Helen Bell who records and counts money from each can, Marj & Russ Roney who do a multitude of tasks connected with the Poppy Campaign. K.D.



### LET'S HAVE A PARTY!!! NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE



LEGION BANQUET HALL - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2000  
BAND: "RANDALLS REVELLERS"

Party Favors

Door &amp; Bar open 8:00 p.m.

Dancing: 8:30-12:30

Food at Midnight

Tickets: \$18.00 each

For Tickets Phone: Kae Demond 727-1079, Jackie Jarvin 725-2538, Maureen Farrant 727-8958

Merry  
Christmas

*Ray*

The President and the Executive members of Brandon Branch #3 wish to extend sincere Happy Greetings to all members and their families. Thank you for your support during this past year. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from:

*Shelia* *Marion* *Jackie*  
*Marj* *Neki*

Happy  
New Year



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**LADIES' CORNER**

Due to a snowstorm and blocked roads, our November meeting was cancelled. Ladies remember the Early Bird Membership Draw with dues paid up by November 30, 2000. Dues are to be paid to or sent to Irene Cullen, Membership, #305-1321 - 13th Street, Brandon MB R7A 4S5. If membership card and receipt are to be mailed back, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope including postal code, along with \$15.00 dues for 2001. If presenting your dues in cash to Irene at a meeting, please put it in an envelope with your name on, so Irene knows who has paid her.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Faith Batt and family in the loss of her husband Bill. Sincere sympathy is also extended to Margaret McKinnon and family, in the loss of her husband Don. Our thoughts and prayers of support are with you all. Get-well wishes go out to Kay Ash recovering from hip surgery and Alice Stewart, who was also hospitalized.

Our Fall Social was held Sunday October 22nd in the hall. On behalf of president Maureen, the Executive and Auxiliary, a big note of thanks to Convenor Rene Shaw and Co-convenors Irene Cullen, Gwen Devos and Betty Demers for a job well done.

**A MESSAGE FROM CONVENOR RENE:**

"Rene Shaw wishes to thank her Co-convenors Irene, Gwen and Betty. Also Marie and Charles Carlson for carving the roast beef, Ed Farrant and Clem Jarvin our faithful bartenders, Marg Lundy for being responsible for ticket sales and selling, Mae Elder and Kae Demond for selling tickets, as well as the girls at the Bar in the Lounge, Mike and Joyce Linski for donating our potatoes, and all the others who donated and helped. Our attendance was down somewhat but all enjoyed the music and social time. Many thanks to all who attended."

Convenor Rene Shaw

Our Fall Tea & Bake Sale was held Saturday, November 4th in the hall and was well attended considering all the other Teas that were on the same day. On behalf of the Auxiliary, many thanks to Convenors Maureen Farrant and Jackie Jarvin for a job well done.

**A MESSAGE FROM MAUREEN AND JACKIE:**

"Thank-you to the members of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Legion who donated items of dainties, baking, crafts and items to the White Elephant table. Special thanks to those who helped Friday and Saturday. By all working together the Tea was very successful. Thank-you for your support."

Convenors Maureen and Jackie

At the conclusion of our Tea, our Raffle Draw was held under the Convenorship of Irene Cullen, with the following list of winners: 1. Grocery Hamper - Erin Mahoney, Brandon; 2. Toaster - Irene Cullen, Brandon; 3. Griddle - Jim McMurrich, Brandon; 4. Coffee Pot - Mary Wright, Brandon; 5. Grocery Hamper - Bill Tocker; 6. Stand Mixer - Kayla Mahoney, Brandon; 7. Corelle Dishes - Fred Waller, Brandon; 8. Bonus prize - Andre Usunier, Brandon.

**A MESSAGE FROM RAFFLE CONVENOR IRENE CULLEN**

"I would like to thank our Auxiliary for the help in taking the books of tickets to sell. Special thanks to Rene Shaw and Betty Demers for using their time and car to deliver tickets. Also thanks to Auxiliary member for donating items for the grocery hampers, to: Marg Lundy and Iona Smith for taking a couple of their free Thursdays to sell tickets at Bingo, to: Debbie McArthur for helping me the day of the Tea. You are all special, but these few were extra. Without these helpers, I could not have done it. Thanks to all."

Irene Cullen, Raffle Convenor


The annual Remembrance Day Service to honor our War Dead was held at the Centennial Auditorium, Saturday, November 11th, with a packed hall and overflow downstairs to watch the Service on closed circuit T.V. The Auxiliary assisted the Branch with the Color Party, ushering and handing out programs. Other Auxiliary members prepare and served lunch at the Branch after the Service. Our thanks to everyone who participated. Some Auxiliary members also assisted Comrade Kae Demond with the sale of poppies at the malls and downtown during the Poppy Campaign.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2000 - 7:30 p.m. in the hall. Members please remember to bring your Annual Reports to the meeting.

**A CHRISTMAS WISH**

*May this Christmas season bring you deep joy and many pleasant experiences. May the New Year bring you that peace that "passeth the understanding of men", and may it bring nothing into your life to cause anxiety or worry. May all your days be full of sunshine and your nights filled with pleasant dreams. May no dark cloud appear to shut out any of the beauties of life, or of nature, all about you. May you be able to see stars shining through any clouds that may appear on your horizon. May you have wisdom for all your problems, and help in every time of need, and may you have true friends all along the way, to the very end of life's journey. This is my wish for you and yours at this Christmas season.*

*Submitted by Marjorie Watt, Publicity*

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A big Thank-you to the following volunteers who helped with the 2000 Poppy Campaign. This is a massive undertaking, and it could not have been such a success if it were not for all you willing people.

Tom & Anne Allnutt	Bill Farmer	Peter Neufeld	Dennis & Lila Baker
Ted Fabian	Russ & Marj Roney	Ivan & Linda Baker	Bonnie Fletcher
Larry & Ruth Robertson	Jim & Marg Black	Doug Gordon	Howard Rourke
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Ralph Watson	Elsie Emond	Ozzie Pullaw	Bob Wright
Ed & Maureen Farrant	Eileen Pierce	Les Fraser	Frank & Edith Pierce

While most of these volunteers were Poppy Taggers in different establishments, there were 29 people canvassing the 23 routes in pairs, some doing 2 routes. Also there were 5 drivers for Cadets, and the volunteers in the office. A great group of volunteers, and my deepest gratitude for all your work!

Kae Demond, &  
Doug Gordon, Co-Chairman

*P.S. At the time of writing, (15th) all tallies are not complete, so a complete statement will be forthcoming in next bulletin. It was fairly successful, but there were 3 stormy days where canvassers could not go out so no doubt this will have an overall effect on the total outcome.*

## Ladies Shuffleboard

On April 26th, the Wednesday afternoon shuffleboard ladies league celebrated their wind up with a great day of fun, and then a delicious supper at the Chicken Delight restaurant. We have a new champion for the George Crompton shuffleboard trophy. Dorothy Moore, a very capable and excellent shuffleboard player is the recipient. Congratulations Dorothy. The trophy was presented to Dorothy by our friend and gentleman Comrade Jim Black. Again, thank-you Comrade Jim.

As the day progressed a little sadness plagued us as we

had to say farewell to a member of many years of our group, Phyllis Carlson who has left to take up residence in Alberta. Good luck Phyllis - we will miss you.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies for the beautiful gift and card presented to me. I'll treasure it always, also for the munchies brought in for our afternoon games from the ladies. Thank-you all for everything!

Our games have resumed October 11th, 2000.

Your convenor,  
Peg Vallance

**2020 Poppy Campaign Update (A complete statement of donations is not available at this time but will be published in the January newsletter)**

The success of any Poppy Campaign can be measured by the willingness of everyone to make a donation and wear a Poppy with respect and remembrance. Thank you to everyone who did this, and a big thank you to the following people who volunteered in the 2020 Poppy Campaign.

Ray Burgess\*  
Barry Mellin  
Agnes Messenger  
Linda Biel  
Geri Collister  
Jim Gibson  
Garry Andrew  
Loretta Hauser  
Erich Stumme  
Gary Everard  
George Haggerty  
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Lorrie & Colin Snelgrove  
Linda Wakefield \*  
Cindy Stumme \*  
Shirley Kernaghan  
Evan Dyson  
Richard McDonald \*

Note: the \* volunteers are members of the 2020 Poppy Committee

This year we were not permitted to have Poppy Taggers offering Poppies from within any of the business establishments as we have done in the past. However, the following Canadian Tire, Heritage Marketplace CoOp, Sobey's on 18th, and Sobey's West End stepped forward offering their customers an option to donate either at point of sale or by regular method. And this worked very well for this unusual year.

This year there were 26 routes in which 370 Brandon places of business accepted a Poppy box. All of the route volunteers deserve a special 'thank you' because of the unexpected confusion surrounding the fact Brandon was moving into a Covid—19 Code Red listing at 12:01 on November 12. An excellent job of retrieval was carried out by everyone.

A sincere thank you to one and all, for their dedication to the recent Poppy Campaign!

Colleen & Linda Poppy Campaign Chairwomen



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