

Membership

membership cards, I checked all cards with my records and found that I only 1 members card missing. On contacting Command Membership, I discovered that the missing card was for a member whom I had prepaid for 2009 and they do not send those out until September which I have now received.

Here are a couple of things I do regarding membership mailings. When I get back the list of paid members after a recent mail in, I cross reference their list with my list of member's cards or registration forms that I sent in with our Per Capita payment. If I find any errors or missing cards, I contact Command regarding the error, but for some time now, I have had none. Also, for the past year, when I submit a Registration Form for a member who requires a card, I have been indicating in the space in area "C", Membership Registration, where you check one of the 5 boxes, "2008 Card Not Previously Issued". Previously, I was submitting registration forms and some cards were not being issued. I'm not sure if adding this comment works or not, but it seems to work for me.

Finally, during the second week of September, I mailed all Branches in our Zone, a Membership Stats form to be completed prior to this Convention. If I sent them with too short of notice, I apologize. As of today, I have received stats from 6 of 10 Branches in our Zone. If you have your completed Membership Stats with you today, please pass it on to me prior to end of today's Convention. If not, please mail, fax or email your stats report to me as soon as possible. These stats need to be forwarded to District. Where to send your stats is indicated on the letter I mailed to each Branch.

Yours in Comradeship
Bruce South

Honours & Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Mike Fitzpatrick Br 322
John Greenfield Br 178

Life Membership

Steve Oke Br 178

Past President Medals	0
Bars Past President Medals	3
Past Officers Medals	37

Bars

1st Vice President	2
2nd Vice President	2
3rd Vice President	3
Executive Committee	37
Poppy	3
Service Officer	2

Legionnaire of the Year

Alan MacGregor Br 637

Honourary Memberships	2
Cerificates of Appreciation	23
Certificates of Merit	1
Poppy Certificates	0
Special Awards	0

60 Year Long Service Medal

Fuzz Brisebois Br 637

50 Year Long Service Medal

Mike Matwichuk Br 637

Long Service Lapel Pins

65 Yr Pin	0
60 Yr Pin	6
55 Yr Pin	0
50 Yr Pin	2
45 Yr Pin	0
40 Yr Pin	1
35 Yr Pin	6
30 Yr Pin	6
25 Yr Pin	6
20 Yr Pin	8

Ordinary Pins

15 Yr Pin	5
10 Yr Pin	6
5 Yr Pin	6

Associate Pins

35 Yr Pin	1
30 Yr Pin	6
25 Yr Pin	2
20 Yr Pin	6
15 Yr Pin	7
10 Yr Pin	11
5 Yr Pin	10

Yours in Comradeship
Marie Balsdon

The Veteran on Our Ten Dollar Bill



If you look at the back right-hand side of a Canadian \$10 bill, you will see an old veteran standing at attention near the Ottawa war memorial. His name is Robert Metcalfe and he passed away at the age of 90.

That he managed to live to that age is rather remarkable, given what happened in the Second World War. Born in England, he was one of the 400,000 members of the British Expeditionary Force sent to the mainland where they found themselves facing the new German warfare technique - the Blitzkrieg. He was treating a wounded comrade when he was hit in the legs by shrapnel. En route to hospital, his ambulance came under fire from a German tank, which then miraculously ceased fire. Evacuated from Dunkirk on HMS Grenade, two of the sister ships with them were sunk.

Recovered, he was sent to allied campaigns in North Africa and Italy. En route his ship was chased by the German battleship Bismarck. In North Africa he served under General Montgomery against the Desert Fox, Rommel. Sent into the Italian campaign, he met his future wife, a lieutenant and physiotherapist in a Canadian hospital. They were married in the morning by the mayor of the Italian town, and again in the afternoon by a British padre.

After the war they settled in Chatham where he went into politics and became the warden (chairman) of the county and on his retirement he and his wife moved to Ottawa. At the age of 80 he wrote a book about his experiences. One day out of the blue he received a call from a government official asking him to go downtown for a photo op. He wasn't told what the photo was for or why they chose him. 'He had no idea he would be on the bill, his daughter said.

And now you know the story of the old veteran on the \$10 bill.

Oshawa - BR. 043

Emil Baumgartner

As everyone has probably heard, Branch 43 has some serious financial problems. With the decline in membership, rising costs of maintaining our building and the loss of revenue over the past few years, we are in the process of putting our building on the market and downsizing to smaller quarters. The next few months will see us trying to find other accommodations. It will be a sad time to leave the location we are at, but out of necessity this will be a reality. We will be going through all the procedures with Ontario Command regarding the sale of our building and moving to new quarters.

We have been able to maintain our obligations to local charities from our Nevada Fund. Our Veterans have been well looked after from the Poppy fund.

During Legion week we hosted a luncheon for our Veterans and local Nursing Homes. We had a total of 194 visitors for this event and everyone had a very enjoyable time. Entertainment and lunch was provided for our visitors and all in all it was a great day.

We have maintained our Friday Night Karaoke, Saturday Meat Rolls, Saturday Night entertainment, Sunday Afternoon Pickers and Singers and with these events we have been able to squeak through another very slow summer. Unfortunately, our Mondays through Thursdays have been very slow and hopefully with the coming Fall and Winter seasons, things will pick up for us. Our weekday lunches from Wednesday through Saturday have proved to be a success with our members and these will continue. The donations from our Ladies Auxiliary have helped a great deal and many thanks to the L.A. for their hard work and support.

A motion approved by our membership, our General Meetings have been changed to the fourth Sunday afternoon of the month. Hopefully,

The Coalition