

## ***2009 Membership Renewal Information***

***Our Early Bird Campaign Runs from  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 until November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.***



**2009 Dues—\$55.00  
Early Bird—\$50.00  
(Ends November 30th)  
Seniors—\$30.00**



***Each month, during the Early Bird Campaign, 2 draws of  
\$50.00 each will made for those who have purchased their  
2009 membership.***

***Your chances of winning one of the draws increases  
the earlier you purchase your 2009 membership.***

***The sooner you renew your membership for 2009,  
the better your odds of winning !!!!***

During busy times at the Branch, membership committee members should be available to process your 2009 dues. During other times, you may pay your membership dues to the on duty Bar Steward. Please include your name (please print clearly), membership number and phone number along with your dues in the envelope provided. You can pick up your new membership card and key card after processing by the membership committee, at the Bar. This should only take a couple of days.

George  
Watson (V)



Wally  
Young (V)



Robert Kinghan (V)



Roy Hebb (V)



John Vaniterson (V)

# Sports

I as the new sports officer would like to ask the members that without the help of volunteers nothing gets done. So I wish to thank those who now and in the future will help me have a successful term doing what we all enjoy whether it is darts, snooker, shuffleboard, horseshoes, cards or golf.

I am available to anyone with concerns and or suggestions to continue the friendship brought out at the upcoming events of the next year.

Please remember that this is new to me and I will do what I can so that you will enjoy playing in your legion with members and guests.

Thank you.  
Norman Duncan.  
Sports Officer

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## **JUST FOR TODAY**

Decide to be happy today, to live with what is yours – your family, your business, your job, your luck. If you can't have what you like, maybe you can like what you have.

Just for today, be kind, cheerful, agreeable, responsive, daring and understanding.

Be your best, dress your best, talk softly, look for the bright side of things. Praise people for what they do and don't criticize them for what they cannot do.

If someone does something stupid forgive and forget. After all, it's just for one day. Who knows, it might turn out to be a nice day.

Provided by Comrade Jacqueline Greenshields

# Just a Common Soldier

He was getting old and paunchy  
And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion  
Telling stories of the past,  
Of a war that he had fought in  
And the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies  
They were heroes, every one.

Tho' sometimes to his neighbours,  
His tales became a joke,  
All his Legion buddies listened,  
For they knew whereof he spoke,  
But we'll hear his tale no longer,  
For old Bill has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer-  
For a soldier died today.

He'll not be mourned by many,  
Just his children and his wife,  
For he lived an ordinary,  
Quiet and uneventful life,  
Held a job and raised a family,  
Quietly going his own way;  
And the world won't note his  
    Passing -  
Though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,  
Their bodies lay in state,  
While thousands note their passing  
And proclaim that they were great,  
Papers tell their life stories from  
The time that they were young,  
But the passing of a soldier  
Goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution  
To the welfare of our land  
A guy who breaks his promises  
And cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow who,  
In times of war and strife  
Goes off to serve his country  
And offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the  
Style in which he lives  
Are sometimes disproportionate  
To the service that he gives,  
While the ordinary soldier  
Who offers up his all  
Is paid of with a medal,  
And perhaps a pension, small.

It's so easy to forget them,  
For it was so long ago  
That the "Old Bills" of our country  
Went to battle, but we know  
It was not the politicians,  
With their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom  
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger  
With your enemies at hand,  
Would you want a politician  
With his ever-shifting stand?  
Or would you prefer a soldier  
Who has sworn to defend  
His home, his kin and country,  
And would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier  
And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us  
We may need his like again,  
For when countries are in conflict  
Then we find the soldiers' part  
Is to clean up all the troubles  
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour  
While he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage  
At the ending of his days,  
Perhaps just a simple headline  
In a paper that would say;  
"Our Country is in Mourning -  
For a Soldier Died Today."

Courtesy of Barney Powers

# Governor General Unveils Sacrifice Medal

SUN NEWS AUGUST 30, 2008

OTTAWA -- The Governor General has announced the creation of a new medal, equivalent to the U.S. Purple Heart, as a way of acknowledging soldiers and civilians killed or wounded by hostile fire.

For the military, the Sacrifice Medal will replace the understated army tradition of awarding wound stripes - small strips of gold braid worn on the left sleeve - which dates back to the First World War.

"Our soldiers deserve our utmost respect and deepest gratitude," Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean said in a statement. "This medal recognizes the valued contribution of those who sacrificed their health or their lives while serving Canada."

The round, silver medal is 36-mm across, has a clasp at the top of it in the form of the Royal Crown and is attached to red, black and white ribbon.

There's a profile of the Queen on one side wearing a crown of maple leaves and snowflakes and an image from the Vimy Memorial on the other side with the word "Sacrifice."

Eligibility for the medal has been backdated to Oct. 7, 2001, meaning it will be posthumously awarded to the 93 soldiers and one diplomat killed in Afghanistan since the war began. Hundreds of wounded soldiers are also eligible.

Recognition for those who made the ultimate sacrifice was a major consideration when criteria were established, said Marie-Paule Thorn, a spokesman for the Governor General

