

New Member Gallery



Reg McKnight (V)



Ron Russell (V)



Carol Burgess (V)



Paul McLaughlin (V)



Paul Hickling (V)



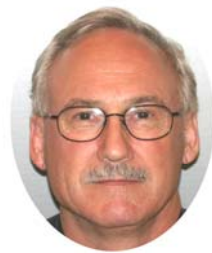
Howard Dixon (V)



Ed Ahrens (V)



Lynne Eibich (V)



George Williams (V)



Dawn Campbell (V)



***The Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 322, Ajax
2008 Membership Renewal Information***



Our 2008 Membership Renewal Program Begins

Saturday, September 1st, 2007

*Our Early Bird Campaign Runs from
September 1st, 2007 until November 30th, 2007.*



2008 Dues - \$55.00
Early Bird - \$50.00
(Ends November 30th)
Seniors - \$30.00



Each Month, During the Early Bird Campaign, Two draws of \$50.00 each will be made for those who have paid their 2008 membership.

Your chances of winning one of the draws increases the earlier you purchase your 2008 membership.

If you purchase your 2008 membership in September, you will be eligible for all 3 draws !!!!

October only 2 draws, November, only 1 draw.

The sooner you renew your membership for 2008, the better your odds of winning !!!!

During busy times at the Branch, membership committee members should be available to process your 2008 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.

It's Official! Highway of Heroes

It's official! The stretch of Highway 401 between Trenton and Toronto will now be known as the Highway of Heroes in honour of Canada's fallen soldiers. "We're going to do it," exclaimed Minister of Transportation Donna Cansfield speaking with the Cobourg Daily Star Friday.

Ms. Cansfield spoke at a caucus retreat shortly after the Premier held a media scrum to announce the decision. "The Premier wants this done, and done right away," Ms. Cansfield said. "I think it's wonderful. "Every time you go down the highway and a child

asks about the sign — they learn. It's a living legacy." CTV has said the highway will not lose its official designation as the MacDonald-Cartier Freeway, but signs designating the route as the Highway of Heroes will be erected along the route from Trenton to Toronto. Ms. Cansfield said everyone at the government retreat said positive things about the name designation. Members of the provincial government will now be consulting with members from two Legions group to work on the proper signage for the highway. It's expected the unveiling of the signs will take place at C.F.B. Trenton.



Red Fridays Foundation of Canada is organizing a “Repatriation Memorial Drive and Rally” to be held May 17, 2008. This event is for the honour of our fallen soldiers and a tribute to their families and all supporters of our Canadian Troops. The event will start with a rally in Trenton followed by a procession to downtown Toronto,

There will be a car with 2 large Canadian flags to represent each fallen soldier. Thousands of other cars will join the procession from Trenton all bearing a Red Friday support the Troop Car flag or decal./sticker.

People from the area and from around the country will be invited to watch from the overpasses of highway 401 as the procession proceeds with police escorts. Arrival in Toronto through a pre-selected route will be lined with spectators, emergency vehicles and supporters. A rally will follow for all participants.

A Military Tattoo with local pipe and drum bands / Regiments will begin the ceremony followed by a reading of the names of the fallen. Special guests will speak at the rally raising awareness for continued support of our Canadian Troops.

For more information, you can go to <http://www.redfridays.ca/>.

A note from Tim McGrath

Father of the wife of Cpl. Jordan Anderson, who was one of the six killed in Afghanistan on July 4, 2007.

"Our family was in one of those limousines in the motorcade. I would like to say thank you to each and every person on every bridge. As the motorcade pulled out of CFB Trenton and made its way towards Hwy 401, the driver of the limousine said "Watch the overheads." We had no idea! It was comforting, and everyone in the limo was truly impressed. The army Padre riding with the family said " Look, all these people are out here for Jordan, to say Thank You, because to them, he is a hero." That trip down Hwy. 401 was one of the most moving moments. It made us realize that "our heroes" were also heroes to everyday Canadians. We saw children waving flags, we saw old ladies with their hand over their hearts, we saw veterans standing in salute, we saw moms and dads with their children. Some bridges were so full, people were lining up on the ramps on both sides of the highway. We saw the firetrucks on every bridge with firefighters standing in salute, we saw the ambulances, we saw the police cruisers. Close to 50 bridges, a worthy tribute to our heroes! One of the drivers in the limousine took a video as we passed under the overhead bridges, as everyday Canadians took a moment and paid tribute to our Afghanistan heroes. The funeral director gave us a copy of the video. We made sure that the soldier who accompanied our fallen soldiers home, could get a copy to bring back to Afghanistan and show it to the other soldiers. Again, I want to say thank you to each and every person who comes out and supports our soldiers. The families of the soldiers truly appreciate the outpouring of emotion, knowing they have lost a cherished member of the family, but that everyday Canadians appreciate that the soldiers gave the ultimate sacrifice. We hold our head up proudly, just now our eyes are filled with tears."

Tim McGrath / Nanaimo, B.C.



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