



**Dominion First Vice President Jack Frost** joined The Royal Canadian Legion as an Associate Member of Ontario's Port Elgin Branch 340 in 1976 and is a life member of the branch. In June 2002 he was elected as a Dominion Vice-President at the 39th Dominion Convention held in Edmonton, Alta. He was elected Dominion First Vice-President at the Dominion Convention in London, Ont., in 2004.

Mr. Frost was first elected to the executive of the Port Elgin Branch in 1980 and served in several capacities including Branch President. He then moved on to become a Zone Commander, a District Commander, a Provincial Command Vice-President and eventually the President of Ontario Command. In 2004 he received the Legion's highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal.

A member of the Legion's Dominion Executive Council for eight years, Mr. Frost has served on the Membership, Leadership, Development and Youth, and Sports Committees.



**Dominion Vice President John Alger** was elected as a Dominion Vice-President of The Royal Canadian Legion at the 40th Dominion Convention in London, Ontario. In June 2004. The Lindsay Ontario, native joined the Lindsay Legion Branch # 67 in 1969, transferring to Aurora Branch # 385 in 1974.

Mr. Alger held numerous positions at the Branch in Aurora from 1977 to 1985 including Second and First Vice-President. Having been elected President for 1986 and 1987 he moved on to Zone and District command positions which he held until 1997 when he was elected as a Vice-President of Ontario Command. In 1995 he was awarded a Life Membership by his Branch and in 2003 he was awarded with the Meritorious Service Medal.

In 1999 Mr. Alger became the First Vice-President of Ontario Command and he was elected as President in May 2001 at the Provincial Convention in Kingston, Ont. He is a strong believer in the role of the Associate Member of the Legion and promotes and encourages their participation at all levels of the organization

The Dominion Vice-President served with the 42nd Medium Regiment of The Royal Canadian Artillery in Canada's Militia from 1956 to 1962.

**Dominion Vice President Wilfred Edmonds** of Donkin, Nova Scotia, was elected to the position of Dominion Vice-President at the 38th Dominion Convention in Halifax, N.S. in June 2000, re-elected at the 39th Dominion Convention in Edmonton, Alta. in June 2002 and re-elected at the Dominion Convention in London, Ont., in June 2004. The former member of the Canadian Army's Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps has been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion since joining the Donkin, N.S. branch in 1958.

Mr. Edmond retired from the Cape Breton Development Corporation in 1991 after 36 years of service as a manager with the preventative maintenance department. He is also a 35 year member of the Donkin Volunteer Fire Department. He is an avid singer and was a member of the "Men of the Deeps" choir.

He was elected as his branch's President in 1966 and served in that position until 1979. Two years later he was elected to command Nova Scotia's Zone # 4. Having served at various levels on the Provincial Executive Council for 14 years, he was elected to the position of Provincial President in 1993. He has served on the Legion's Dominion Executive Council since 1995 and held positions on all major committees. He is a life member of his branch and has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Palm Leaf.

On his election to his first term as a Dominion Vice-President, Mr. Edmond was appointed Chairman of the Dominion Command Public Relations Committee. On re-election he was appointed as Chairman of the Membership Committee. In 2004 he was appointed Chairman of the Sports Committee.

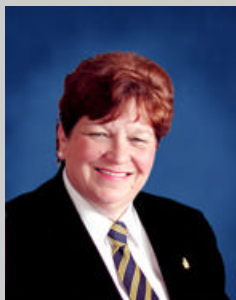


**Dominion Vice President Robert Gray** is a 40-year Ordinary Member and a life member of The Royal Canadian Legion's Forest Lawn Branch in Alberta/NWT Command. In June 2002 he was elected as a Dominion Vice-President at the 39th Dominion Convention in Edmonton, Alta and was re-elected at the London, Ont. Dominion Convention in 2004. He has served as a police officer in the Canadian Army Provost Corps, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and on city forces.

Prior to his election in June 2002, Mr. Gray held a variety of posts at his branch including Treasurer and President. He moved on to become President of Alberta/NWT Command and has been a member of the Legion's Dominion Executive Council for seven years. At Dominion Command he has served as the Vice-Chairman of the Veterans, Service and Seniors Committee and on his election was appointed Chairman of the Leadership Development and Youth Committee. In 2004 he became Chairman of the Membership Committee

Mr. Gray has served the community in a number of capacities ranging from Director of the Calgary Native Women's Shelter and President of the Alberta Safety Council to Board Member of the Alberta Drive Control Board. He has a diploma in Public Administration from the University of Western Ontario and a Diploma in Senior Business Management from The University of Calgary. He is also a recipient of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award.

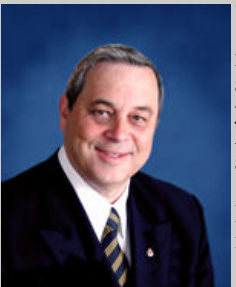
**Dominion Vice President Patricia Varga** joined the Marshall Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion in Saskatchewan in 1980 as an Ordinary Member following service in the Royal Canadian Navy. In June 2002 she was elected as a Dominion Vice-President at the 39th Dominion Convention held in Edmonton, Alta. and was re-elected at the London, Ont. Dominion Convention in 2004.



Since joining the Legion, Mrs. Varga has served in a variety of offices at her branch including Treasurer, President, Membership Chairman and Service Officer. She was first elected to the executive of Saskatchewan Provincial Command in 1991 where she served as a Zone Commander, District Commander, Vice-President, and first Vice-President attaining the office of Command President in 1999 and serving there until 2001.

A member of the Legion's Dominion Executive Council for eleven years, Mrs. Varga has served on the Dominion Command Poppy Committee, Membership Committee, Leadership and Development Committee and was Vice-Chair of the Public Relations Committee. On her election in Edmonton she was appointed Chair of the Dominion Command Public Relations Committee and in 2004 became Chair of the Liaison Committee and a member of the Poppy and Remembrance Committee.

**Dominion Treasurer Michael Cook**, was elected to the position of Dominion Treasurer at the 38th Dominion Convention in Halifax, N.S. in June 2000, re-elected at the June 2002 Convention in Edmonton, Alta. and elected for a third term at the London, Ont., Convention in 2004.



A former President of his branch, he has risen through the ranks of the former Pacific Command to become its President and a member of the Legion's Dominion Executive Council. His seven years of service at the Dominion level includes time on the 60th Anniversary Committee, Ways and Means and the Constitution and Laws Committees.

Mr. Cook has received the Legion's Certificate of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Palm Leaf to that medal signifying a second award in 2001.



**Dominion Chairman Tom Irvine**, was elected to the position of Chairman Dominion Command at the 40th Dominion Convention in London, Ont. in June 2004. He is from Montreal, Que. and is a member of the Hemmingford Branch #244 in Quebec Command.

Mr. Irvine works for TD Canada Trust and served more than 23 years with the Third Battalion of The Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment of Canada in his home town of Montreal. While in the service he saw active duty in the Middle East and earned the Canadian Forces Decoration. During his 16 years with The Royal Canadian Legion he has served as a Sergeant-at-Arms, Second Vice-President and two years as President of Quebec Command Branch # 196 in Ormstown, Que. He has also served as a Vice President, Vice-Chairman and three terms as the Chairman for Quebec Command.

Mr. Irvine is a five-time Past Master of the Argyle Elgin Lodge #7 and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec A. F. and A. M.



**Immediate Past President Allen Parks**, joined The Royal Canadian Legion's Dartmouth Branch in 1978, later transferring to the Miscouche Branch, Prince Edward Island, where he rose to the level of branch President. The first Associate Member of the Legion to be elected to the office of Provincial President, Mr. Parks had the added distinction of being the youngest elected officer at the Dominion Command level.

In June 2000 he was elected as Dominion First Vice-President at the 38th Dominion Convention in Halifax. He became Dominion President on the death of Bill Barclay in February 2002 and was acclaimed in the position at the 39th Dominion Convention in June 2002 in Edmonton, Alta. He is the first Associate Member and the first member of P.E.I. Command to attain this office. He became the Immediate Past Dominion President at the London, Ont. Dominion Convention in June 2004.

Mr. Parks was first elected as a Dominion Vice-President in 1992 at a Dominion Convention in Québec City and was re-elected at the Calgary Convention in 1994, the Toronto Convention in 1996 and the Winnipeg Convention in 1998. He has chaired Dominion Command's Poppy and Remembrance, , Membership and Veterans, Service and Seniors Committees. He also serves on the Canvet Publications' board of directors.



**Dominion Secretary Duane Daly**, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force under the Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP) in 1963. After graduating with a BA from St. Patrick's College, Ottawa University, he completed training as a Navigator at RCAF Station Winnipeg in 1967.

During his military career Mr. Daly served in a wide variety of appointments which included Commanding Officer of 415 Maritime Patrol Squadron, Greenwood, Nova Scotia; Base Commander of Canadian Forces Base Summerside, Prince Edward Island; and Area Commander of Canadian Forces Northern Area with headquarters in Yellowknife, the Northwest Territories. He also served as the Air Force's Director of Air Requirements at National Defence Headquarters and chaired the NATO Information Exchange Group on Maritime Aviation and Anti-Submarine Operations.

Mr. Daly is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, the Canadian Forces Aerospace Systems Course and the Royal Air Force College of Air Warfare. He has served on the Provincial Councils of United Way and St. John Ambulance in Prince Edward Island and on the Northwest Territories Council for St. John. He is a member of The Venerable Order of St. John and currently holds the grade of Officer (OSTJ). He also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Canadian War Museum, is a Vice President of the Valiants Foundation, a Director of the RCAF Benevolent Fund.



## ***A Canadian Military Hero***



### ***Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Currie***

***Born:*** December 5, 1875

***Died:*** November 20, 1933

***Place of Birth:*** Napperton, Ontario

After finishing high school, he moved to Victoria, BC where he taught school and sold real estate. He enlisted in the militia and quickly rose up to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery.

When WWI started in 1914, Currie was given command of the first Canadian unit to assist Britain. He won distinction at Ypres and Saint-Julien in Belgium and at Vimy Ridge in France.

Currie could see the advantage of keeping the Canadians under Canadian leadership. He was a real soldier and a keen commander who planned and trained the units under him. Currie was put in command of four divisions and replaced British General Sir Julian Byng.

Because of his successful leadership, he became the first appointed General of the Canadian Army. He took part in every major action of the Canadian forces on the Western Front.

Along the way, he picked up the nick-name "Guts and Gaiters". It was Currie's warfare theories that literally won WWI for the allies. Currie received many distinctions but none higher than being knighted by Great Britain.

In many ways, he was respected as a true leader and he stood for what Canada was all about.