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Introducing the Branch #122 Newsletter

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It has been a while since our branch has had a newsletter. The purpose of our branch newsletter will be to inform members (and non-members) of the various activities the legion is involved in, to report news from BC / Yukon Command as well as Dominion Command. There will be regular features and columns from the various Committee Chairpersons and a Calendar of Events.

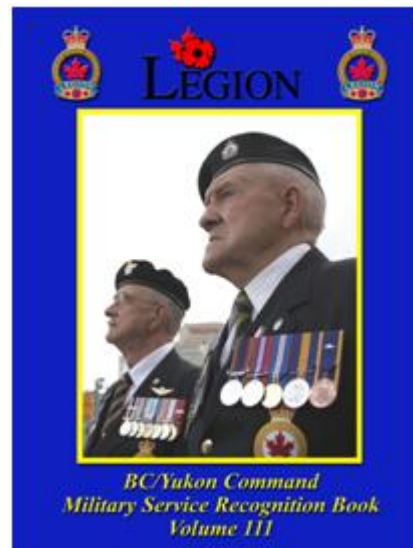
If you wish to become involved with the Newsletter or wish to contribute any article or to comment on anything, please e-mail me at thickey@rockies.net . If you do not have access to e-mail please submit it in typed format in an envelope to the office with "Newsletter - attention: Terry" on the front.

Military Service Recognition Books

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BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion in partnership with Fenety Marketing, produces an annual "Military Service Recognition Book", to capture the history and heritage of the Legion within this Command, as well as to honour the men and women who served with pride, in the cause of humanity.

The fourth book is now available free of charge at our Legion Branch. It is a wonderful tribute to those who have sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy in our lives. If you have a loved one who served in the military, take some time and share his/her story through a submission and be part of the next edition.



See back page for the form required to submit a story.

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Canteen – Deb Roskewich

Ways and Means – Deb Roskewich

Sick and Visiting – Charlene Fairchild

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Cadets and Youth – Garth Burlock

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Honours and Awards – Kathy Anderson

Deb Roskewich

Building – Terry Hickey

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Membership – Kathy Anderson

Cemetery – Ed Coon

Terry Hickey

Seniors – Jim Clampitt

Committee Reports

Each month we will feature a report from the committee chairpersons to keep the membership informed on the projects they are connected with. Most projects encompass more than one committee so we will try to not duplicate. Please contact them directly if you wish to contribute with volunteer time or offer advice.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY MEAT DRAW

PLACE LEGION

DATE: EVERY FRIDAY

TIME: 5:30 PM

Meat draw and 50/50.

SATURDAY MEAT DRAW

PLACE LEGION

DATE: EVERY SATURDAY

TIME 4:30 PM

Meat Draw and 50/50.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

PLACE LEGION

GAME TIME: 4:00 LOCAL TIME

Chilli cook off , games, prizes

Military Service Recognition Books continued.

This respected series of BC/Yukon Military Service Recognition Books, is becoming a living history legacy, to the men and women who served in the cause of humanity over the course of the past century. Through these heartfelt humble tributes, one can easily understand why Canadians are revered throughout the world, for our values, military service and humanitarian efforts.

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These unknown chapters of history, shared with the readers through these personal tributes, shed new light upon the significance of Remembrance. They remind one that we must never fail to comprehend the magnitude of duty, service and sacrifice, as it defines us as a nation and as a people. Through these books, BC/Yukon Command commits to those who served, that their legacies will live on and never fade from the memory of grateful Canadians.

These educational and interesting publications are distributed free of charge to Legion Branches, community centres, school libraries, seniors centres and well as Chambers of Commerce. It is a poignant tribute to sacrifice and accomplishment and reflects the military, historical development of British Columbia and the Yukon.

Proceeds raised from the advertising not only allows for the free distribution of this educational book but also supports the charitable and volunteer work of the Legion in the community. Anyone can submit veteran profiles!

If you have questions or require assistance please contact me (Terry) at 250-344-5362 or thickey@rockies.net.

Tidbits from "Out There"

Each issue we will include an interesting story concerning our Veterans or Legion Life. If you have a story that deserves to be heard contact the Newsletter Committee.

INTERESTING STORY ABOUT WW II

Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape.

Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter.

Paper maps had some real drawbacks -- they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush. Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever. At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort. By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly.

As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross, to prisoners of war. Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were located (Red Cross packages were delivered to prisoners in accordance with that same regional system). When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add:

1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass
2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together
3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!

British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set -- by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square.

Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POWS who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another, future war. The story wasn't de-classified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honoured in a public ceremony.

Anyway, it's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail Free' card.

