**JANUARY 2020 MSRB DISTRICT COMPARISON REPORT**

Good Day Comrades

As you are aware, we are now well into year #7 of our Military Service Recognition Book Program and with only four months remaining, there is still a lot of work to be done. In fact, as of the end of January, we had only received a total of 453 submissions for year #7 of our program. And to keep our program going, we should receive approximately 700 submissions in each year of our program.

I do not believe that there is any need to panic, as we do have 104 submissions left over from year #6 of our program that were not published in Volume VI which gives us a total of 557 submissions presently available for publication in our Volume VII. However, we still have several Branches who have in the seven years of our program, not submitted any Veteran submissions. And there are many others who have only submitted the odd one or two submissions. In fact, so far in year #7 of our program, there are 334 Branches who have not submitted any submissions.

Comrades, this is not really being fair to our Veterans and their families, and there should be no reason why all Branches should not be involved in our program and continually promoting our Remembrance program and soliciting Veteran submissions. Our mission statement for The Legion is **"to serve Veterans, which includes serving Military and RCMP members and their families, TO PROMOTE REMEMBRANCE, and to serve our communities and our country."**

I commend those Branches who have submitted submission on a continual basis for our books. District wise, as you will note below, there are Districts that have sent in numerous submissions over the past seven years, while there are others that I would ask work on having their Branches become more involved in promoting our program. The same applies to those Districts that have Branches who have not sent in submissions for year #7 of our program to date.

Total to Date Totals Year #7 Totals

District A - 654 36

District B - 604 100

District C - 1158 189

District D - 195 3

District E - 538 54

District F - 688 10

District G - 450 43

District H - 362 8

District K - 231 10

I do not want this report to sound negative, but rather just want to point out that there is a lot of work to be done in honouring and Remembering our Veterans within our communities throughout our Command, through the continual promotion of our program.

Since the introduction of our program at our Provincial Convention in Kingston in 2013, our program has been most profitable for our Command as you will note by the attached Monthly Comparison Report. The income we have received has assisted us tremendously in supporting the various Veteran Transition Programs that we at Ontario Command support

This success of our program to date of course has not been accomplished without a lot of hard work. For it has been through the cooperative efforts of our Branches, our Zones, our Districts, our Command staff, our District Coordinators, and our Provincial Coordinators Carolyn and Mary Ann that have contributed to our success. So, I would just like to thank each of you for your support, cooperation and understanding with our program over these past six years.

Comrades, please remember that our books are all about Remembrance and to showcase the stories and pictures of our Veterans. It is therefore our responsibility to work in the best interests of our Veterans by obtaining submissions on an ongoing basis, so that we include as many Ontario Veterans as possible in our books for many years to come. And remember that our submissions are on a first come, first served basis. This means that the sooner we receive submissions from Branches, the sooner they will be published in one of our books. But please, do not promise anyone which volume their submission will be in.

I believe that you will all agree that to date our program has been most successful. Please continue to make it that way by having all of our Branches actively involved in this very worthwhile project.

Regards

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Chairman

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