Good Evening To All

As I had mentioned in a previous email, each month I send out a Military
Service Recognition Book District Comparison Report along with a brief
update regarding our program. Attached you will find the final monthly
District Comparison Report for year #9 of our program that ended May 31,
2022.

At our Provincial Convention held in North Bay in May of this year, I
presented a detailed Military Service Recognition Book report in the
Convention Book. However, it was somewhat outdated since the report was
written in February, so I gave a verbal update as an addendum at the
Convention. So, I am including what I had in that addendum in this report
along with updated figures to the end of May.

As of the end of April, we had only received a total of 242 Veteran
submissions for publication in Volume IX. However, through the efforts of
some of our Branches, and extending the deadline to the end of May, we
received an additional 180 submissions during the month of May. That along
with an additional 12 submissions left as carry-overs from year number eight
of our program, we now have a grand total of 434 submissions that will be
published in our Volume 1X book. Well done and congratulations to those
Branches who sent us submissions during the month of May as well as
throughout year #9 of our program.

Regarding proceeds that we have received through this program, we have
received a total of $187,173.81 for year #9 of our program which gives us a
grand total of $1,591.179.37 that we have received at Ontario Command over
our nine years of being with this program.

 It is our mandate to donate funds we receive through this program towards
Veteran Transition Programs, and we will continue to do so. At the end of
May we had donated a total of $204,910.00 towards 9 various Veteran
Transition Programs. And through these various programs, we have assisted
many of our Veterans in transitioning from their military life into a
civilian life.

Those nine programs include: Ad Astra Stables; Project Trauma Support;
Project Healing Waters; Operational Stress Injury Spouses Retreat; County of
Grey Frontline Family Wellness Day; Heroes Mending On The Fly; Warrior
Adventures Canada; Veterans Transition Network and Writers Collective of
Canada.

Each year, our MSRB Committee reviews the top three winning Black and White
and Colour posters in our Provincial Youth Education Literary Competition.
We do this to select a poster to be utilized for the front cover of our next
MSRB and then the second choice is the Introductory Poster used in our
Introductory Package to introduce each year of our program. This process was
once again completed this year.

The winner this year for the image that will be on the front cover of our
Volume IX is from a young girl who attends the West Carleton Secondary
School in District G. Her entry was the 2nd place winner in the Intermediate
Colour Poster Competition, and she originally competed in the Kanata Legion
Branch #638 competitions.

The winner this year for the image that will be on our Introductory Poster
to introduce year #10 of our program is another young girl who attends the
Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School in Scarborough in District D. Her entry
was the 1st place winner in the Senior Black and White Poster Competition,
and she originally competed in the Scarborough Centennial Legion Branch #614
competitions.

And Comrades, just to make you aware, since the number of Veteran
submissions for our Volume #9 is down this year, we will be publishing other
student poems, posters and essays in this book. It was felt that since our
Provincial Youth Education Literary Competition is centered around Veterans
and Remembrance, we would showcase these amazing entries by our students by
publishing the top three winners in our Provincial poems, posters and essay
competitions.

Comrades, I thank you for all of your efforts to date in promoting our
program and ask that you continue to do so. Our program would not be the
success that it is without the dedication and hard work of all of you. So I
thank you for all that you do in making our program the success that it is.
There is still work to be done in ensuring that our Branches continue to
promote our program on a regular basis throughout this year and 2023.

Keep up the good work.

Ron Goebel
Chair
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