



# Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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## **President's Remarks – David Smith**

Members, well fall is here and I hope that all of you are staying healthy and well.

The club had its soft opening start on September 17th and will be open Thursday through Saturday from 4PM to 8PM. "Thank You" to all of the members who have come in and supported the club. There are strict Covid Protocols in place for your safety. Please don't forget to sign in and out when you leave the club so we have a record in case contact tracing is required.\

The financial numbers after 2 weeks have not been great but we are hoping that we will see and uptick in the numbers now that the weather is getting cooler and we get through the Thanksgiving weekend.

As Covid continues to stay with us and the number of new cases is increasing, the Board will continue to conduct MDVA business following the guidelines as set out under the Ontario Corporations Emergency Rules, which allow us to meet via conference calls or video calls and decision making voting by email and/or telephone.

As you know, we conducted the vote on the Motion to Amend the Constitution via email and/or telephone during the 2 weeks ending on September 18th. The Motion passed with 56 approval votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions. The revised Constitution is now in effect and a copy will be sent to all members.

In the interest of everyone's health and safety, the Board has agreed to cancel all General Meetings through December unless there is a change in the Ministry of Health directives or the current State of Emergency is lifted.

## **2021 Board Election**

Normally we would have Board nominations for the coming year by the end of October with the vote at the November General Meeting. As we have cancelled the General Meetings through the end of the year, the current Board has agreed to remain in place for 2021 in the best interest of the MDVA.

That said, if there are any nominations for President, Treasurer, Secretary and Directors for 2021, then the nomination should be sent via mail or email to the Secretary by October 31st. The Nomination form is attached, which you can complete and mail to the attention of the Secretary. If you choose to nominate a person via email, please make sure you indicate the name of the nominee and the position that they are being nominated for. You must also have an email from the nominee agreeing to run and email that to the Secretary as well.. (Send to [markhamveterans@rogers.com](mailto:markhamveterans@rogers.com))

The Secretary will pass all nomination documents to the Nomination Chair (Past President). If there are any nominations received, then the Nomination Chair will conduct a vote electronically in November.

In addition to the newsletter each month, we will be sending out a communication to all members on what the Secretary usually presents at the General Meeting. A summary Financial report will be provided and a copy of the current financial statements will be posted at the MDVA for members review.

If there are any decisions that need membership approval, these will be requested via email.

The Secretary or Communications Manager will also send out any emails keeping members informed of specific happenings as well as updating the MDVA website and Face-book application.

There will be a Poppy Campaign this year and Rick Paci and Bill Guiler have coordinated these activities with their poppy volunteers. With Covid, there will not be a table at the Markville Mall this year. Rick and Bill have put into place protocols for the safe distribution of poppies to retailers, pickup of donation boxes and the handling of the monies.

Please stay safe and healthy and we will get through this together.

...*David*

### ***Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>:***



These photos show Cindy-Lou Jardine , MDVA member & member from RCL 459, & Murray Pattenden from RCL 459 (black golf shirt) along with David Smith presenting a cheque to Mike Bakewell, Executive Director, & Laurie McClelland - Foundation Director, of the Markhaven Home for Seniors.

Funds came from the RCL Charitable Fund. - Amount was for \$7,400.

### **Building Manager – Gary Bowerman**

Good Day Members,

Keep Safe and Keep Social Distancing. September has been an emotional month with the passing of members and the ongoing saga of more COVID-19 cases.

On the brighter side, we had the limited reopening of the Club. All the non-essential electrical equipment has been restarted including the all-important ice machine, glass washer, TVs and walk in cooler. So if you are able, come out and enjoy.

Good news.....we have a winner for the Large Flower Barrel Contest. Yes, I have congratulated Mother Nature for reseeding and maintaining the barrels. Hopefully, next year, when things start to return to normal we can re-invent the contest.

We have had a very important donation to the club. Bill Guiler has given us an excellent carpet shampooer. Thank you, Bill. We are still looking for a good vacuum cleaner if you are downsizing or just wanting something new.

.... Gary

**Publicity & Communications Director – Karen Mooney**

**October Dates to remember !**

- **Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving**
- **Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween**

Although Thanksgiving this year will probably be very different than most, let us try to think positive & count our blessings for what we have, in what has been a very difficult year.



We may not be able to share our time or meal together as a family unit, but we can still get creative & do other things. An example I can give, is setting up the dining room table, & make it look festive ! Then at a pre-arranged time, set up a phone call with the kids, grandkids, or other family or friends & take the time to wish each other well. One of my golf friends, has arranged to do this & have a zoom call on the I-Pad or Computer from the dining room which will all be set up & a glass of wine to say or give thanks to each other.

Whatever you plan, the MDVA Board wants to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Please check out the Thanksgiving “Word Search” on the last page ....



On another note – the recipe book is in its final stages – if you have anything that you would like to contribute, we’d love to include it, & the deadline date will be Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please stay safe, wear a mask & social distance !

..... Karen M.

**Service Bureau – Karen Kearns**

Hello everyone,

To start Paul and I took a long drive one day to take a look at nature at its best, what beautiful colors this fall we have all the reds, oranges, yellows mixed in with green it was wonderful to see with the sun on them.

Our Club has lost allot of wonderful members and close friends these passed months, the most recent being:

- Our condolences to Glen Maw and family on the passing of his wife Peggy & brother Jack
- Our condolences to Dolores Maw and family on the passing of Jack
- Jack Forsey passed, & condolences to his family
- Barb Leach, Mary Steele and many close friends on the passing of Faith Collins.

All of these members will be missed at the club and in our hearts.

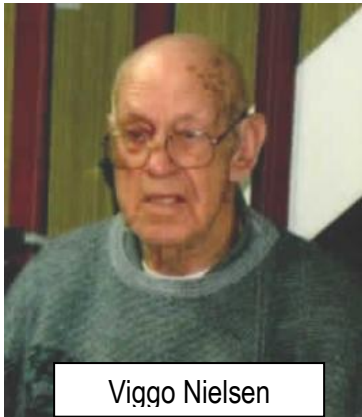
I have spoken to many of you during this time of COVID 19, & I KNOW IT IS REALY HARD BUT PLEASE STAY SAFE .

If you need anything, please call.

**Karen Kearns  
905-471-5913**



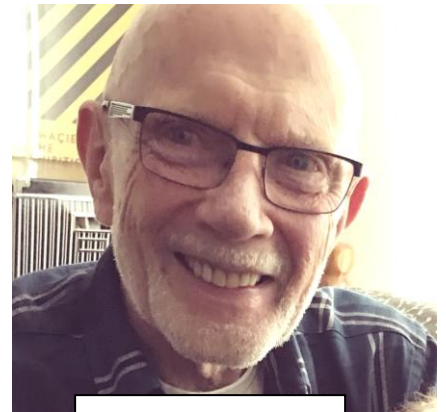
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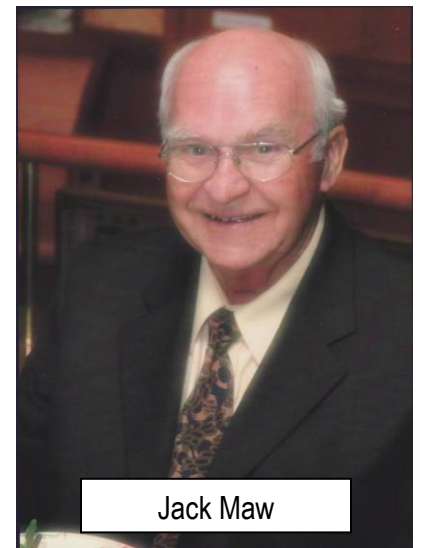
David Anthony



Peggy Maw



Jack Forsey



Jack Maw



Faith Collins

### **Cadet Corner:**

The cadets started back up virtually 3 weeks ago and the virtual training is going well averaging 40 cadets attending.

We have not had any in person gatherings yet.

Our HQ is not open to the public yet .

The corps has completed 3 virtual check lists for area and waiting approval.

Ottawa is preparing #003 Task Orders, which will be out Dec 1st giving further information moving into 2021 and summer camps.

As CO the health and safety of the cadets is my number one priority. I can't see our cadets getting back to in person training until the New Year...

The officers and cadets have been ordered to do no in person Remembrance Day Ceremony gatherings, we can attend in civilian attire.

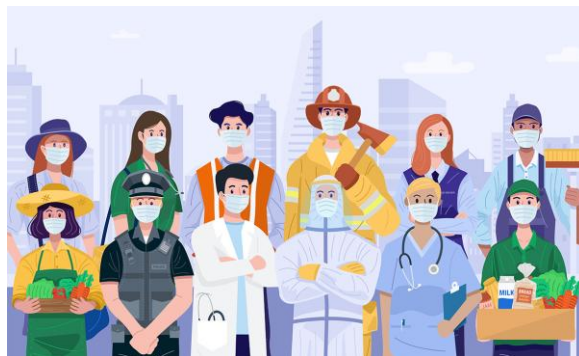
Captain | Capitaine Roger Carlsen, CD  
Commanding Officer, 748 Royal Canadian  
Army Cadet Corps

### ***So Cute in Their Costumes***



Children around the world owe a debt of gratitude to the small town of Blackie, Alberta, which is where the phrase "trick or treat" is believed to have originated. Historians concur that the earliest recorded mention of "trick or treat" is found in a 1927 edition of the town's local newspaper, The Blackie Times

***Thank you's again go out to our "Front Line" workers ! Here we are months later, & we're still giving our thanks to those who have worked endlessly on keeping us safe !***





**Markham District Veterans Association**  
**2020 Markham Remembrance Week**



**The Markham District Veterans Association will be observing Remembrance Week from Saturday, November 7th, 2020, without our usual services, parade and social gathering.**

**We will have 5 UNATTENDED WREATHS placed on the Cenotaph at Veterans Square for the entire Remembrance Week. (Saturday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**We welcome the many groups that have participated in past Remembrance Services and members of the general public to visit Veterans Square during Remembrance Week to place a poppy on the wreaths. "We Will Remember Them".**

**Please respect all the restrictions that are established to keep COVID-19 from spreading. The MDVA and The City of Markham had to adjust the protocols and procedures this year for all events. The Royal Canadian Legion is asking their members and general public to stay home on Remembrance Day and watch the services on television.**

**Gary Bowerman – MDVA 2020 Parade Marshal**



**Please - please support these businesses!**



# SOON.

We're so grateful for the efforts of our community when it comes to prioritizing the health and safety of our residents. When the time is right, we will once again open our doors to families and friends and to everyone interested in senior living at Amica Swan Lake and Amica Unionville. Until that time comes, we're here to answer any questions you may have.

**For the latest updates and re-opening information, please contact us.**

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A Thanksgiving greeting card. At the top, it says "Happy Thanksgiving!" in a large, orange, cursive font. Below this, in a smaller yellow font, it says "Wishing you hope, peace & good health!". The card features a portrait of Karen Rea, a woman with short blonde hair, smiling. To the right of her portrait, her name "Karen Rea" is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. The card is decorated with a wreath of colorful autumn leaves (red, orange, yellow) around the text. At the bottom, in a blue banner, it says "To keep informed on Markham and Ward 4 issues, visit: [www.karenrea.ca](http://www.karenrea.ca) or email: [krea@markham.ca](mailto:krea@markham.ca)".

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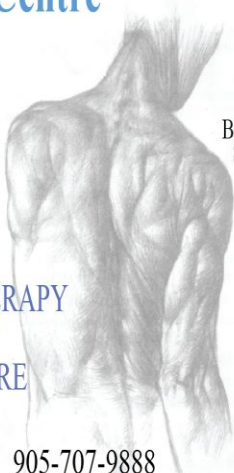

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