



# Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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## President's Remarks – David Smith

Dear members,

June is one of the months of remembrance when we give thanks to all of the men and women in the Armed Forces who served in the Second World War and to the many that made the ultimate sacrifice on D-Day.

*"The 1944 Battle of Normandy — from the D-Day landings on 6 June through to the encirclement of the German army at Falaise on 21 August — was one of the pivotal events of the Second World War and the scene of some of Canada's greatest feats of arms. Canadian sailors, soldiers and airmen played a critical role in the Allied invasion of Normandy, also called Operation Overlord, beginning the bloody campaign to liberate Western Europe from Nazi occupation.*

*Nearly 150,000 Allied troops landed or parachuted into the invasion area on D-Day, including **14,000 Canadians at Juno Beach**. The Royal Canadian Navy contributed 110 ships and 10,000 sailors and the RCAF contributed 15 fighter and fighter-bomber squadrons to the assault. Total Allied casualties on D-Day reached more than 10,000, including **1,074 Canadians, of whom 359 were killed**. By the end of the Battle of Normandy, the Allies had suffered 209,000 casualties, including more than 18,700 Canadians. **Over 5,000 Canadian soldiers died.**"*

Source Canadian Encyclopedia

Take time on June 6th to remember the fine men and women of the Armed Forces and let us never forget the sacrifices they made to give us the freedom that we all enjoy today.

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Well things are looking brighter as far as the pandemic goes. Cases are way down, only 699 cases at the time of this writing. Unfortunately, the provincial step program for reopening looks to keep the MDVA closed to indoor patrons until the end of July. We will continue to follow the news on this and will provide additional updates as they become available.

In preparation of reopening, the MDVA has installed two high-end air purification systems, one in the Unionville room and one in the Club Room. These units remove all sorts of airborne germs and allergens providing our members with clean air.

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We still have a few Members who have not paid their membership dues for 2021.

While we appreciate that the closure of the Club due to Covid-19 provincial requirements is disappointing to our Members, membership dues fund our ongoing operational expenditures and ensure a reserve for large expenditures that can occur at any time, which are incurred whether or not the Club is open. Simply put, without this revenue the Club would cease to exist.

Because of the Covid 19 provincial closures, the Board has been very flexible to date in not enforcing the membership dues requirements as stipulated in the Constitution.

However, we are now almost halfway through the year and have reminded delinquent Members on a number of occasions. As such, and out of respect for the majority of members who have paid, we would appreciate receiving payment of the outstanding memberships immediately.

We anticipate that if all goes well the Club will be able to re-open sometime in late July, pending the provincial government framework timelines.

As of Club opening, we will reinstate levying late fees to overdue memberships. Memberships not paid by 30 days once the Club has re-opened will be terminated and those Members will not be able to use the facilities. Membership reinstatement will be by written request to the Board and may require additional late fees to be paid at the Board's discretion.

If it is your intention to not renew, we remind you to please let the Membership manager know at [markhamveterans@rogers.com](mailto:markhamveterans@rogers.com).

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Please get vaccinated to protect yourself as well as your loved ones and let us keep the faith that the end of this pandemic is near and we can soon gather again to enjoy the company of our many MDVA friends.

Until then, stay safe, stay healthy and stay tuned for future announcements.

.....**David**

### **Secretary – Bridget Wells**

June Board meeting highlights are as follows:

#### **Secretary Report**

- Correspondence received:
  - None
- Correspondence sent:
  - None

#### **Treasurer Report**

- Treasurers report attached – separate document

#### **Club Re-Opening:**

The Board discussed the future re-opening the Club once the provincial framework permits. At present, the government has indicated that indoor dining could take place as of "Step Three" beginning sometime in July. It was agreed that as this is a fluid situation, the Board would discuss this further in July once we have an updated picture of timelines from the government.

#### **Overdue 2021 Memberships:**

David continues to reach out to Members who are overdue for 2021. We continue to reinforce with those Members that membership dues are required to cover operating expenses whether or not the Club is open.

### Air Purifiers:

Two air purifiers have been purchased for the Club Room and the Unionville Room are are now operational.

### Helen Stuart Donation:

Once again, the Club is indebted to Helen Stuart for another donation she has so generously made to the Club. Helen has made 4 quilted chair blankets which Karen Kearns will ensure are passed along to Members who can use them.

### MDVA Flags at Half Mast:

Our flags were lowered this week in recognition of the remains of 215 children, some as young as three years old, who were found at the site of a former residential school for indigenous children, the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, that closed in 1978. The Board observed a moment of silence in their honour.

.....Bridget

### Publicity & Communications Director – Karen Mooney

Well, we're in June again, & another June will go by where we can't gather to commemorate & remember the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944, D- Day with a service. Best we can do is take a few minutes of the day, to reflect & remember those lost on this day 77 years ago.

The **Normandy landings** were the [landing operations](#) and associated airborne operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied [invasion of Normandy](#) in [Operation Overlord](#) during [World War II](#).

Codenamed **Operation Neptune** and often referred to as **D-Day**, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history. The operation began the [liberation of France](#) (and later western Europe) and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the [Western Front](#).

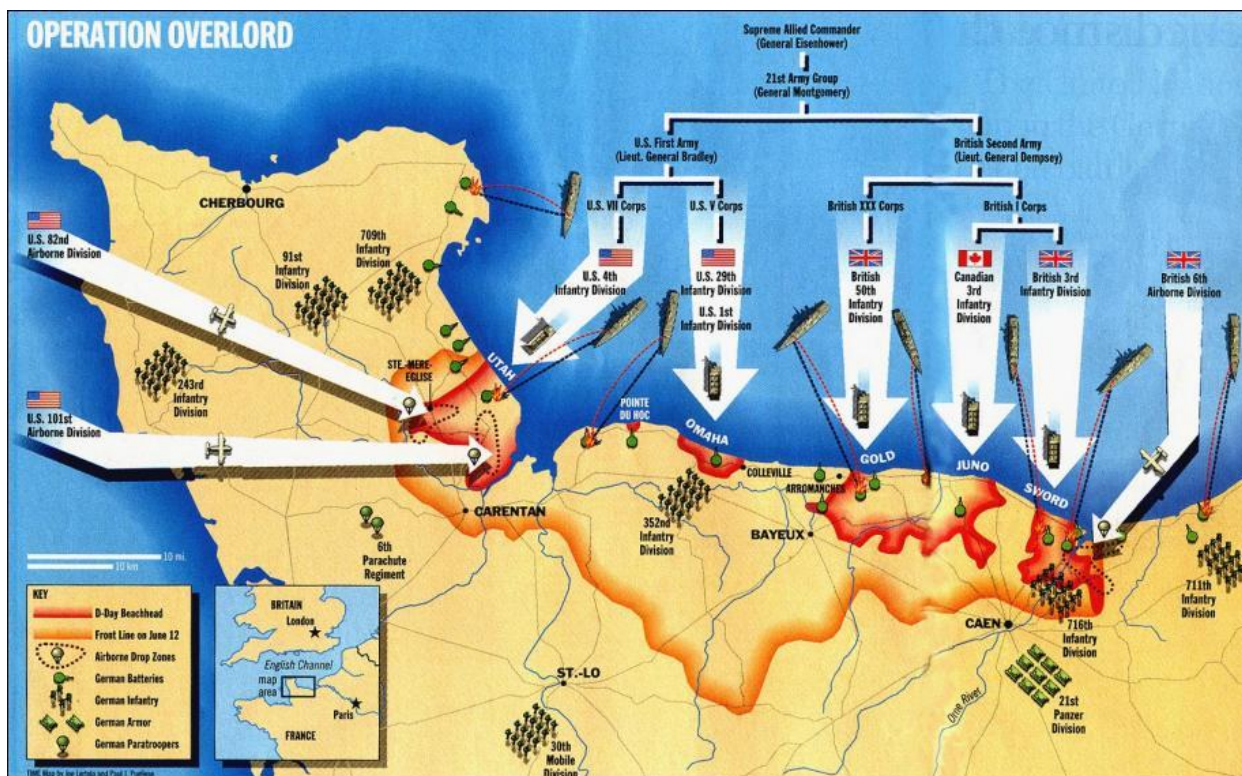






Image of Canadian  
landing at Juno Beach



Photo of these poppies was  
submitted By Betty McInnes  
from Betty & Bobby's garden.

*We will remember them .....*



Image of one of the  
Canadian  
cemeteries'  
not far from Juno  
beach – taken in  
June of 2018 – by  
Dirk Mooney

**Birthday's & Anniversaries !** As the MDVA doesn't publish newsletters in July & August of every year, I thought we should recognize those members with Birthday's or special events for those months as well as June !

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Sean Chalmers  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Lawton  
June 4<sup>th</sup> – Dave Therres  
June 6<sup>th</sup> – Ellen Racey  
June 7<sup>th</sup> – Lianne Klinck  
June 9<sup>th</sup> – Ann Folco  
June 12<sup>th</sup> – John McQuade  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – John Chalmers  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bridget Wells

July 7<sup>th</sup> – Brian Fazackerley  
July 7<sup>th</sup> – Evelyn Lillie  
July 12<sup>th</sup> – William Ko  
July 29<sup>th</sup> – Sonny Bessant

Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> – Rick Nicholson  
Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Karen Mooney  
Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – Chester Sadeki  
Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> – Joginder Gei – will be 99 !  
Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – Dianne Shortt  
Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> – Paul Aspinwall  
Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – Betty McInnes  
Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – Michele O'Sullivan

I would like to thank all of you who have taken the time to communicate with me by sharing moments or photos of special days – let's keep them coming in !

***Do you have a special day, Birthday or Anniversary in coming up ? please let me know !***  
***[mooneykaren@hotmail.com](mailto:mooneykaren@hotmail.com) OR [markhamveterans@rogers.com](mailto:markhamveterans@rogers.com)***

**Up- coming Dates in June, July & August to remember !**

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Remembering D-day WWII

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Happy Father's Day

June 21<sup>st</sup> – National Indigenous Day

June 24<sup>th</sup> – St. John the Baptist Day

July 1<sup>st</sup> – **CANADA DAY !!!!**

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Civic Holiday !



## JUNE CALENDAR

June is the sixth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and its predecessor, the Julian calendar. It is believed that the month is named after the Roman goddess Juno, who is the wife of Jupiter and is also equivalent to the Greek goddess Hera. Another belief is that the month's name comes from the Latin word *iuniores* which means "younger ones".



## JUNE ZODIAC SIGNS

**Gemini – May 21<sup>st</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Cancer – June 21<sup>st</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## JUNE BIRTH SYMBOLS

June's birth flower is the rose or the honeysuckle.

June's **birthstones** are the pearl, the moonstone, & the Alexandrite which all symbolize health & longevity.

**Best wishes** to all those with Birthday's falling in July & August as well !  
Zodiac Signs for you :

Leo – July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Virgo – Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

**What have you been doing over the past few months to keep busy ! please share !**

## **Service Bureau – Karen Kearns**

As Summer approaches and some of our restrictions are lifted please be Smart and stay Safe.  
Congratulations to Bob Williamson and wife Pina on the birth of a beautiful baby  
Granddaughter , Mother and baby are doing well.

If you know of anyone who need anything in the summer please call. Take and enjoy the warm weather.

Please Stay Safe and if you need anything please call.

**416 885-0908**

***Karen***

**Membership Director / Sgt. @ Arms – Larry Lau**

Dear Members,

As of today (5/31), we have a total of 245 paid members out of 276 active members on list; the break down (paid) as the following:

Associate:	86
Relative:	91
Regular:	44
Life:	17
Hon:	7

.....**Larry Lau**

**Cadet Corner !!**

The 748 Army cadets just completed a full year of virtual training.

On May 27 the cadets had their second virtual Cadet Review with 50 people attending.

The cadets will be standing down until September when hopefully we will be back with our boots on the ground.

I would like to say thanks again Members of the MDVA for your proud support of RC748 (Army) CC Markham .

The cadet Corps have been supported by the MDVA for over 48 years.

Thanks again  
Capt Carlsen CD

Web site .. [748armycadets.weebly.com](http://748armycadets.weebly.com)

Stay safe everyone !  
Cheers !  
CO Capt R.Carlsen CD  
RC748 (ARAMY) CC



**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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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

A promotional graphic for Karen Rea, Ward 4 Councillor. It features a smiling portrait of Karen Rea against a background of green trees and a blue sky with clouds. The text 'Happy Summer Days' is written in a large, blue, cursive font at the top. Below it, a quote reads: 'I hope you have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer.' To the right of the portrait, the name 'Karen Rea' is displayed in large, bold letters, with 'Karen' in red and 'Rea' in blue. Below the name, it says 'Ward 4 Councillor' and 'Tel. 905.479.7751'. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text: '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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