



Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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November 2021



President's Remarks – David Smith

Dear members,

Well we are on the road to a new normal and it feels good to see things starting to pick up again.

We have started Euchre back on Fridays, pool night is Thursdays, the meat draw and karaoke will be back in middle of November and of course we have Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph this Saturday at 10:30 AM – please arrive early, between 10:00 – 10:25 AM, as the service will begin promptly at 10:30 AM. Later in the day, there will an event starting at 3PM at the club with a challenge pool and the Breeders Cup horse races.

We hope to start movie night up again very shortly once we get the new TV in the Unionville room.

The annual Poppy Campaign is underway and Rick Paci, Bill Guiler, and team have distributed all of the Poppy boxes around town. Because of Covid, we will not be manning a table at the mall again this year.

This week and next, we remember all of the service men and women that have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting us and giving us the freedom that we all enjoy today. Please join us at the Cenotaph on Saturday to show our respect to the fallen.

Elections will be held at the November General Meeting so please come out and vote. Nominations closed on October 31st and the people running for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors are listed at the club and in this newsletter.

Covid protocols are still in place at the MDVA, so just remember if you are coming back for the first time in a while, then you will need to show your proof of vaccination to the bar steward.

Be safe and let us always remember the brave men and women who serve and protect us.

..... **David**



Secretary – Bridget Wells

November Board of Director Meeting Highlights / Secretary Report

Correspondence received:

- None

Correspondence sent:

- None

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurers report attached – separate document

Remembrance Day:

- The MDVA will hold a service on Saturday November 6, 2021 beginning at 10:30am
- The Club will be open after the ceremony should our Veterans and members wish to drop in
 - Please note there will be limited capacity and all COVID protocols will be in place
- A programme for the service will be sent to Members in advance of November 6th
- Representatives of the MDVA Board will attend the St. Andrews Presbyterian Remembrance service on Sunday, November 7th

Hall Rentals:

- Due to the impact of COVID on the healthcare system, the York Region Board of Health needs to secure non-traditional community locations for immunization (non-COVID) clinics in order to ensure that regular vaccinations continue
- The Region has rented our Upper Hall space for 3-4 days per week from November 15 to June, 2022 to run from 10:30am to 8:30pm
- These will be scheduled appointments - not drop-in - for all school children who need to be vaccinated (not covid)
- We are pleased to support York Region in this capacity
- In addition, many other hall rental bookings are coming in which is great news for the Club

2022 MDVA Board Nominations and Elections:

- Nominations closed on October 31st
- Many thanks to those who came forward to indicate their interest
- Elections will be held at the November General Meeting on November 8th

Hours of Operation

- Hours at the Club will be extended as of Monday November 8th as follows:
 - Monday - Wednesday 3pm - 9pm
 - Thursday - Saturday 3pm - 10pm (note - Club will open at 2:30pm on Friday for euchre players)

..... **Bridget**



Publicity & Communications Director – Karen Mooney

Well everyone, October saw the MDVA having the first “in person” General Meeting in I can’t actually remember when !

Very happy to see the turn out ! Next General Meeting is **Monday November 8th @ 7:30 pm** – a very important meeting as it is election night – please try to come out, as your vote counts !



Bar Director – Richard (Whiz) Kelly:

Hello members:

I am happy to say that the traffic in the club is picking up and as a result, we are extending the hours of operation as follows:

Effective Monday, November 08, 2021 the hours of operation will be:

Monday – Wednesday: 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Thursday – Saturday: 3:00 pm until 10:00 pm (**Note:** Friday opens at 2:30 pm for Euchre)

Sunday – Closed.

As we continue through the fall and winter season, we will address the hours of operation again and make any changes that are warranted. Please remember that Bar Steward with the backing of the board may close earlier depending on the number of patrons at the club.

Thank-you all for visiting the club and I look forward to a busy fall/winter season.

Take care and be safe!

.....*Whiz*

November is a very busy Month - Dates to remember !

- **Remembrance Week – Sat. Nov. 6th through Sat. Nov.13th –**
- **MDVA Remembrance Day Service – Sat. Nov. 6th at the Cenotaph – please arrive between 10:00 am & 10:25 AM – As the service will begin promptly at 10:30 AM**

M.D.V.A. Remembrance Day Program Saturday November 6th, 2021 Final

Time	Program	Action By
10:00	Gathering at Cenotaph	MDVA members & ALL
10:30	MDVA Members Fall in and in Attention	Parade Marshal Larry Lau
	Sentries Fall In	Parade Marshal call Sentries Commander
	March on the Colors Party	Parade Marshal call Piper Mr. C S Leung leads
	National Anthem of Canada (all stand if capable)	
	O Canada	Music
10:35	Poem: In Flanders Fields	Cadet RSM Law – 748 Governor General's Horse Guards RCACC
10:40	Prayer	
	All stand (if capable)	Capt. (Ret'd) Rev. Grey Bailey
10:50	Act of Remembrance (All remain standing)	
	Poem: The Fallen	President David Smith
11:00	Last Post (All remain standing)	Trumpeter CPO2 Margaret Birtch
	The Silence of Remembrance	ALL observe 2 minutes of silence
	Lament	Piper Mr. C S Leung
11:10	Reveille	Trumpeter CPO2 Margret Birtch
11:12	Laying of the Wreath	
	MDVA	President David Smith
	Other organizations	
11:25	Royal Anthem	
	God Save The Queen (all stand if capable)	Music
11:30	The Benediction	
	Benediction	Capt. (Ret'd) Rev. Grey Bailey
11:35	Dismiss	Parade Marshal Larry Lau

Members,

The Club will **be open** following the ceremony and will be providing light refreshments. Please note that all this is for **2021 paid Members only** and we will have limited capacity. All COVID protocols will be in place.

We hope to see you then!

- ***If you can't attend on Sat. Nov. 6th, PLEASE take the time, to go to the Cenotaph & place a poppy on one of the Wreaths that will be placed there on Nov. 6th, & will be there the whole week – Lest we Forget.....***



And – Sat. Nov. 6th – Breeders Cup Horse Race – don't forget to buy your square & which horse will win ?

The First pool race is not until 6/6:30 PM - There are early races but not part of this event.

Cheers Mike



- **November 7th – Don't forget to change your clock for Daylight Savings Time – they go back or “fall” back by 1 hour**



- ***Monday November 8th – MDVA General Meeting @ 7:30 pm – Upper Hall – Elections!***
- **Thursday November 11th – Watch “live” from Ottawa – Remembrance Day Services On CBC or CTV**
- **Friday November 19th – the First Meat Draw & Karaoke night of 2021 !!!! Don't miss out
A separate poster & e-mail blast will go out with the details next week !**

Note to Members:

Important Reminders !

REMINDERS

- 1). Masks must be worn at all times when moving about the club and when playing pool (unless you have medical exemption)
- 2). If visiting the club for the first time, you need to show your proof of vaccination to the bar steward.
- 3). 2022 Membership cards are now available at the bar. Members who have not yet paid their 2021 membership dues must pay them, plus the late fee of \$15, before they pay for their 2022 membership dues.



.....David

Welcome Back !

Welcome Back Euchre Players ! such a great turn out on Fri. Oct. 15th & wonderful to see your faces again – 19 months later !!!!



Birthday's & Anniversaries !

Happy Be-lated Anniversary to Helen & John Stuart – Oct. 3rd – Celebrated their 40th Anniversary

Happy Birthday to:

Nov. 9th – Ron Monk
Nov. 10th – Michele Chalmers
Nov. 19th – Stuart McInnes
Nov. 23rd – Barb Leach
Nov. 23rd – Larry Lau



Had to share a photo of the tree in our neighbours back yard which brings to mind that Winter will be upon us soon & we'll be looking for things to keep us busy !

So, for all of you readers & jigsaw puzzle lovers – please remember that several books & puzzles were donated over last fall & winter during Covid to keep us busy – we still have a great supply so if you're looking for a good book or puzzle please let me know !

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 !

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Remembering Passchendaele! October 1917

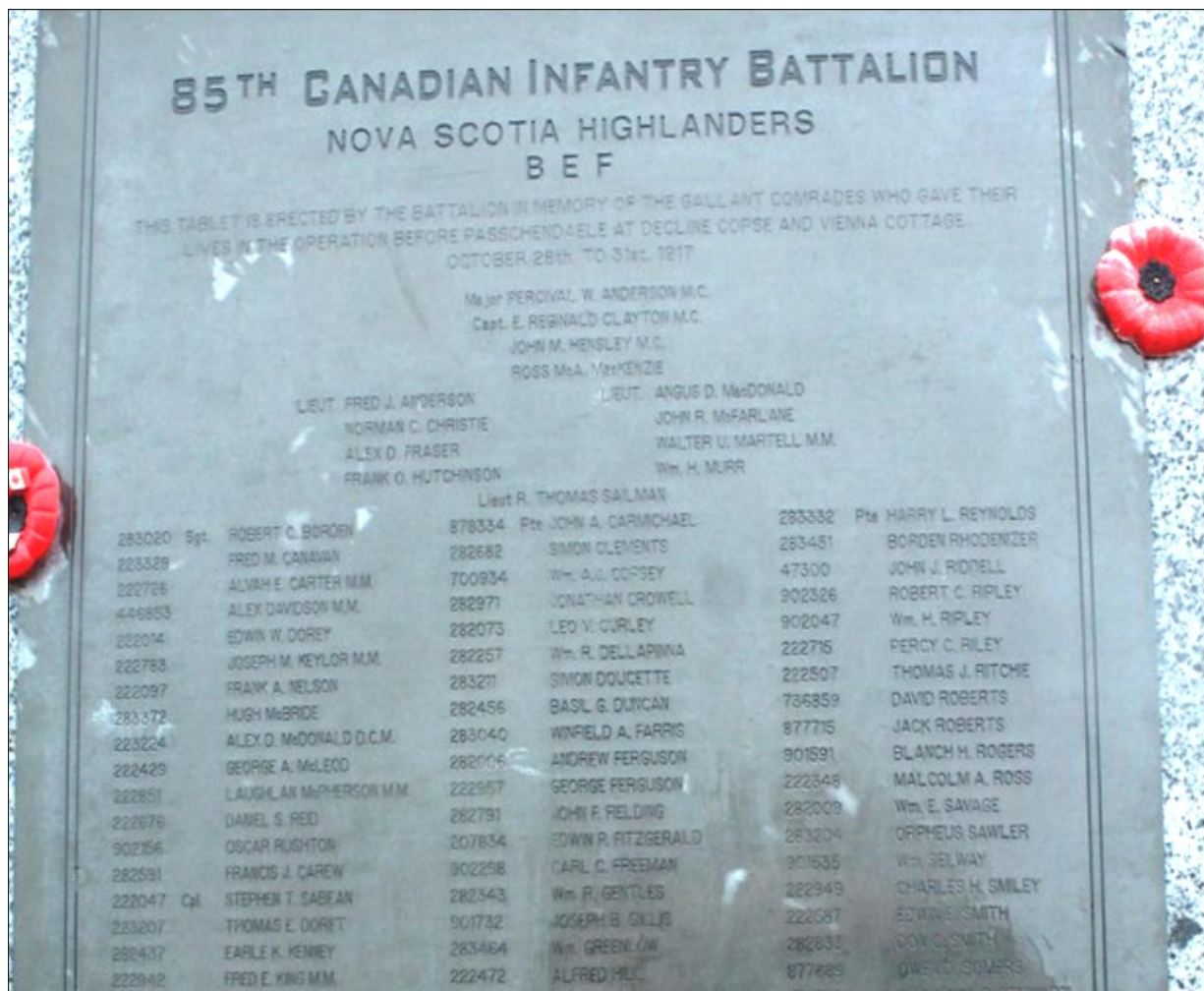
In the October newsletter, I did a little write up about Passchendaele & received this note from member Patrick King & thought we should share it

“A nice mention of Passchendaele – my grandfather was killed there on Oct 30th, 1917.

We have put up a banner for him this year and the other banner we put up was for my father-in-law who died many years ago but he was taken off of the beaches of Dunkirk in early Jun of '40 and survived the war.



This is from the memorial erected at Passchendaele. I think it's the only battalion with its own memorial. My grandfather's name is the bottom left MM “



Thanks for sharing Pat !

Michele Chalmers – Past President – Elections

Hello everyone,

Here is my update on the nominations received as of October 31st 2021:

President:

David Smith *Accepted*

Secretary:

Bridget Wells *Accepted*

Treasurer:

John Craig *Accepted*

Directors:

Accepted:

Carl Amyotte

Tom Farrar
Mike Felip
Karen Kearns
Larry Lau
Ron Monk
Karen Mooney
Rick Nicolson

Declined:

Mike Johnson
Richard (Whiz) Kelly
Cora Watson

.....**Michele**

Service Bureau – Karen Kearns

No news to report this month !

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Karen Kearns
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Going forward, as we announced in the September newsletter, we as your Board would like to have a “Celebration Of Life” at the Club when things open up more and it is safe to do so, just so all of you that are members, or families of a member know we have not forgotten your loss. This is being planned and we will be in touch with you individually, to see if you would like to participate the Celebration of Life, as it will be your choice.

Please take care and if you know of anyone that needs help with anything please call.

Service Bureau – 416-885-0908

..... **Karen Kearns**

Membership Director / Sgt. @ Arms – Larry Lau

Dear Members, The update membership numbers are as follows:

Associate 91
Relative 93
Regular 45
Life 17
Honorary 7

Total 253

.....**Larry Lau**

Remembrance Day

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In Flanders Fields

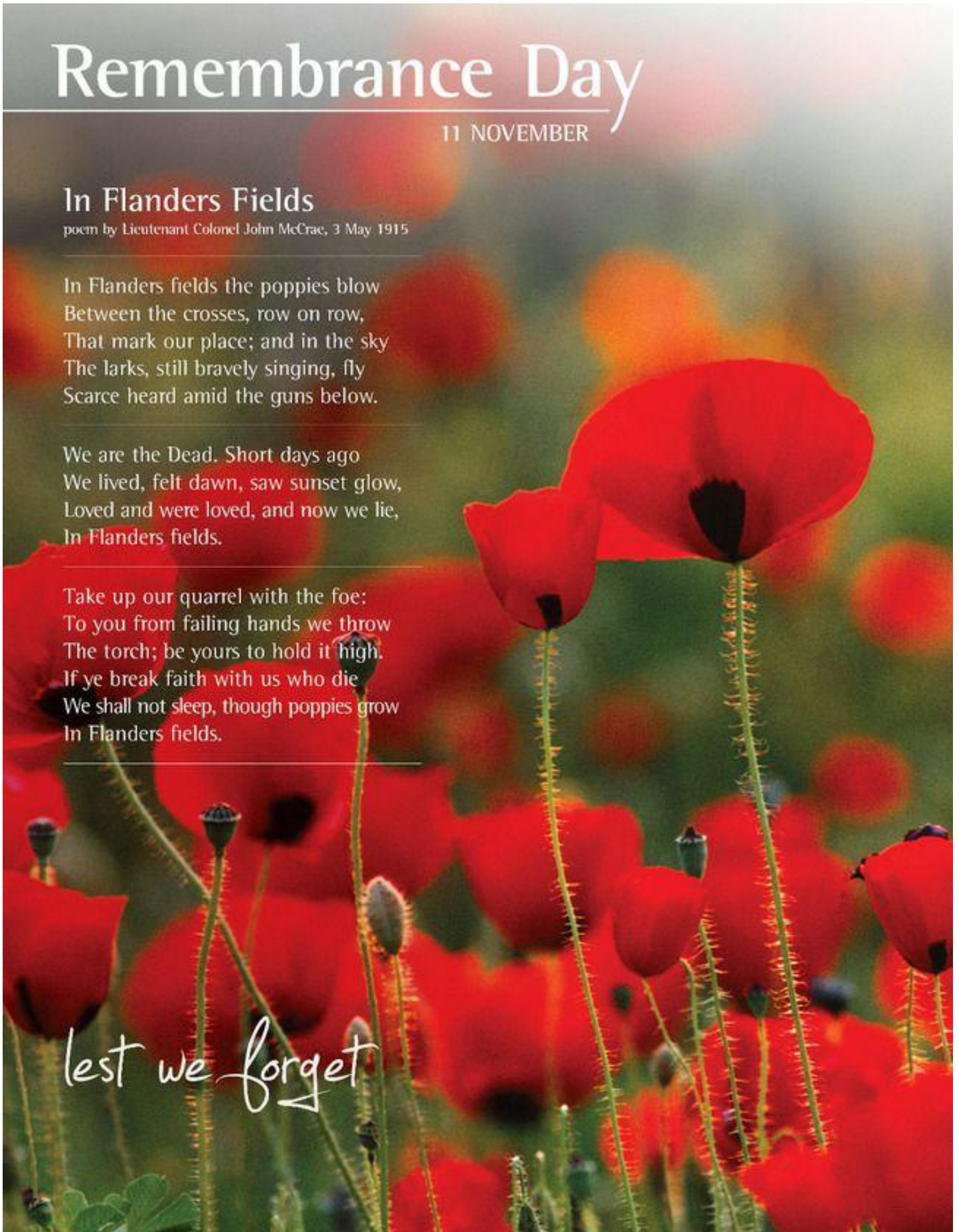
poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 3 May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

lest we forget



Cadet Corner !!!

748 Army Cadets

After the small ceremony at the cenotaph Saturday the cadets will walk to the Grace Anglican Cemetery at noon until 2pm..

The cadets will have centuries at the cenotaph and a flag party. Our RSM Law will be reading Flanders Fields at the Cenotaph for all.

The cadets are tasked to do research and find out where the 6 Veteran burial sites are at Grace Anglican Cemetery.

We will have 16 cadets participating in the clean up.

We will bring photos of the Veterans also to have in a group photo around the tombstone.

We have been told to also take photos of the event and post to social media.

If anyone knows of any of the Veterans please let me know. We know of 2 Veterans this stage.

Cadets are having Marksmanship practice and Rifle Drill at the MDVA Tuesday nights

Also still doing virtual training every Thursday night.

Thank you,

Capt Carlsen

Captain | Capitaine Roger Carlsen, CD

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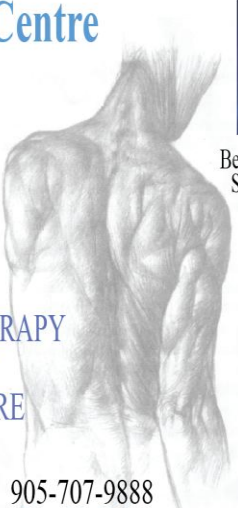


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