

Remembrance in Bass River

Over 250 attend Nov 11th service in Bass River

By Ken Jamieson

11 am on November 11th again brought the Veterans Memorial Park to silence, if only for a short while. Led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, veterans from various organizations marched to the gardens with pride, and joined more than 250 others to express their thanks to all those who have done so much for our country.

Shortly before the hour, church bells rang for one minute as they had done in London's town square on this day in 1918. The war was finally over. Ms. Anne Knight Gorman of the Nova Scotia Last Post fund addressed the guests,

telling of their lasting support for all veterans, until the very end.

She spoke of remembrance and the 10 names they have supported on the center stone, Supreme Sacrifice. All these men hail from Nova Scotia, all have lost their lives while serving in Afghanistan.

The Veterans Memorial Park grows 10 Royal Red Maples for each of these soldiers, now a place where family members can sit and remember. Thousands of people have visited the park over the season.

Following the wreath laying ceremony, all guests were invited to the WCCS for a full reception

put on by the students and staff at the school. All and all it was a huge success, and we thank all veterans from all areas of the military for taking part with us.

The Veterans Memorial Park Committee would also like to say thanks to Mr. Doug Hiltz for his great work with the sound system, Ms. Beverly Ryan the 2010 Military Mother recipient, Arnold Smith, a career military man who laid the wreath on behalf of all veterans, and the Bass River Fire Brigade who brought up the rear of the parade and remained close by for safety. Your continued support for the gardens is a testament to its success.



Veterans Memorial Park is becoming more popular each year. The Park not only displays five monuments, but also a variety of gardens and earlier this year 10 red maple trees were planted. (Betty Ann DeWitt Photo)



Constable Thorn of the RCMP represented local detachments at November 11th service in Bass River. Veterans Memorial Park continues to attract more people each year. This year it is estimated thousands visited the park. (Betty Ann DeWitt Photo)



Numerous wreaths were laid at the base of the Peacekeepers monument at Veterans Memorial Park. (Betty Ann DeWitt Photo)



During Remembrance Day Services at Veteran's Memorial Park those laying wreaths have opportunity to choose which monument they lay their wreath. (Betty Ann DeWitt Photo)



It is always a moment of serious Remembrance after laying a wreath on Remembrance Day. (Betty Ann DeWitt Photo)

Remembrance in Debert



Royal Canadian Legion Debert Branch #106 Sgt-at-Arms Earl Harvey (middle) after the Remembrance Day parade with his two sons in law, Warrant Officer Pat Bowers (left) and Captain Rick Delaurier (right). Earl's grandson, Adrian Deseniowski is currently serving in Afghanistan.



At the Debert Remembrance Day Banquet Comrade Dave MacPhee, left, Honours and Awards Chair, presented Comrade Adrien Murphy with his 50 year Legion Membership Pin. (Debert Legion)



Nova Scotia Commander District "C" Commander Comrade Jim Whitman spoke on "Armistice Day" and its change to "Remembrance Day". (Debert Legion)



Silver Cross Mother Virginia Roberts placing a Wreath. (Debert Legion)



Megan McLean read the poem "In Flanders Fields" while MC Comrade James Adshade held the program against the wind. (Debert Legion)



Mr. Don Davidson, left, the Guest Speaker at the Remembrance Banquet gave a very interesting account of the history of Debert and how the coming of the military base affected the Community. Legion President Charles Bordon, Jr. presented him with plaques honouring his brothers James who served in the Tank Corp and Frank who served in the RCAF. Frank E. Davidson was the only one of the large number of those from the Debert community who served overseas in WW II who died in battle. He was 21 when lost over the English Channel 18 September 1942. (Debert Legion)



Debert Legion Colour Party at ceremonies on November 11th. (Debert Legion)



Shawn McDonald played "O Canada," "The Last Post", "Reveille" and "God Save the Queen" for the Debert Remembrance Day Service. (Debert Legion)



From left: WW II veterans 88 year old Adrien Murphy (Merchant Navy) and 90 year old Gordon McCully (RCAF) took the Salute at the Debert Remembrance Day Parade. (Debert Legion)

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