

New Memorial added to Park

By Maurice Rees

Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River continues to grow as an iconic attraction requiring a "must visit" by currently serving members and family members of those who have served in Canada's Armed Forces. In fact the park is rated as one of the best in Canada, and has evolved as a result of the vision of Dr Karen Ewing.

At first it started with a few memorials recognizing local veterans in World War I & II; Korean War, and some of the other major conflicts. Even from the beginning, the park gained traction and was soon becoming well-known across Canada and in military circles.

A few years later local teenager, Noah Tremblay lead a campaign to erect a "Forgotten Heroes" monument - dogs and other animals, who gave their lives during active service. Young Noah Tremblay was the driving force behind the creation of the monument

dedicated to the animals that helped people in times of war, conflict and peace. The idea originated from a heritage fair school project he did. It quickly became the 12-year-old boy's mission to raise enough money to build a monument.

He collected donations and sold beeswax lip balm and raffle tickets. He also designed the granite memorial, which was erected in 2012 "in memory of all animals and handlers who served in the military and police forces." The names of the animals and their handlers are also inscribed on it.

The Forgotten Heroes monument, located in a quaint quiet corner, is set aside from the other monuments. The Memorial to Forgotten Heroes is located in Veterans Memorial Park in Bass River, Nova Scotia.

In 2018 an additional monument for Non Combatants was erected. Three groups are represented on the monument:

Canada's Nursing Sisters;

3141 Canadian nurses volunteered with the Canadian Medical Corps in WWI, many serving close to the front line. The nurses were nicknamed "Bluebirds" because of their distinctive blue and white uniforms, were renowned for their professionalism and their care.

Canadian Forestry Corps: Created on November 14, 1914, the British Government concluded that there was no one more experienced or qualified in the commonwealth to harvest timber than the Canadians. Altogether some 35,000 Canadians served in the Forestry Corps in WWI. In emergency situations and particularly in the last 100 days of the war, the Canadian Forestry Corps

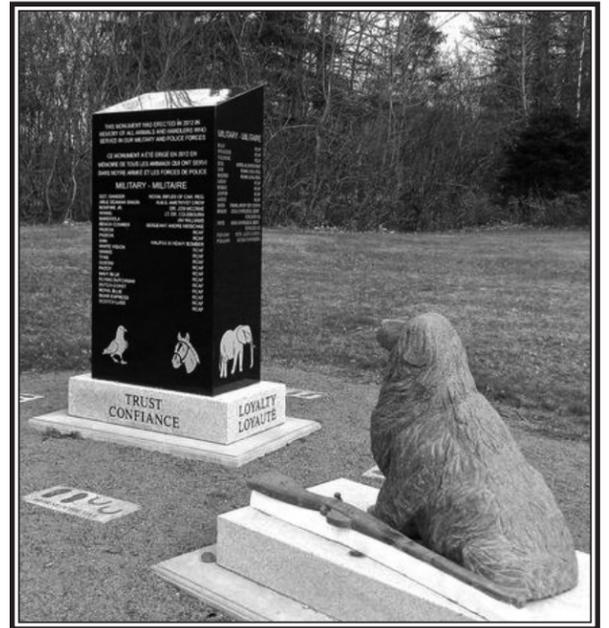
was called upon for service on the front line.

No.2 Construction Battalion: Also known as the Black Battalion, this unit was a segregated non-combatant unit. Many men of colour volunteered for military service in 1914, but were turned away, unable to fight in defense of their country in what they were told was a "White Man's War". After two years of appeals and protests, a segregated unit was finally authorized on July 5, 1916. The battalion built trenches, roads, rail tracks, bridges, defused land mines and removed the wounded from the battlefield.

Photos courtesy www.veteranmemorialpark.com



The newest addition to the Veterans Memorial Park, the new podium, constructed in the summer of 2015.



The Forgotten Heroes monument commemorates the animals that have helped people in times of war, conflict and peace. It highlights the Supreme Sacrifice of Sergeant Gander, the Newfoundland dog who served with the Canadian Armed Forces in Hong Kong during WWII. The monument, initiated and designed by Noah Tremblay, started as an elementary school project and has become an enduring monument to all of the forgotten heroes.



Garden of Sorrows

The Veterans Memorial Park consists of three gardens, which, when combined, take the form of a Celtic flower. The Garden of Sorrows is a sterile replica of the horrific trenches of WWI. Consisting of 1,100 sand bags which line this 100 foot area, it provides a unique opportunity for the visitor to experience the illusion of stepping down into a trench. An upturned soldier's helmet is a stark reminder of the sacrifices made by so many.



Debert Tree Lighting DECEMBER 2ND

By Mary Adshade

Well hello again, it's been a while. The busy time of year is here again, with the holidays right around the corner.

The Debert and Area Community Association has been busy recently while getting the Lodge ready for renovations. It's going to be nice when all is done. Once everything is done we will be having lots of activities for all.

With the holidays fast approaching, we are planning our 2nd annual tree lighting December 2nd with caroling to start at 6pm with Jackie Putnam and then tree lighting at 6:30pm and cookies and hot chocolate to follow at the Debert School until around 7ish.

Bring your Christmas spirit and join us across from the school by the river park where the tree lighting will be held each year. Again this year we are asking the community to decorate their houses, yards and light up the community...

Just a few things I would like to mention, the dog park is up and running, there are a lot of people using it, which is great to see. We have our weekly Chase the Ace every Thursday at the Debert Legion, it's a great fundraiser,

don't forget to get your tickets, \$3 each, and remember you don't have to be there, we will call you. Thank you to all who support this. We will be starting a chocolate bar fundraiser so get your chocolate for Christmas...yum yum!!!!

Also the Association has snowshoes for rent. What a great idea for a day out in the snow. There is a \$25 deposit for renting. Give it a try. You can contact Marie Benoit for further information (902) 956-1774.

We would love to hear from the community to see what people would like to have here in Debert. You can contact Marie at anytime to discuss. 2019 is going to be a great year. If you would like to attend our meetings, feel free to stop in. We try to meet for an hour or so once a month on Sunday nights. We are a bunch of hard working people who are trying to make things happen in Debert. Come on out and see what's happening.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday, and hope to see some people come out and take part. So until next month. Happy Holidays.

Many Wreaths Laid at Veterans Memorial Park

(Taken from Service program)

Remembrance Day ceremonies at Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River continues to show significant growth each year. This year was no exception. Even under blistering cold strong winds, the crowd was overflowing and parking was at a premium.

Since the park opened Veterans Affairs Canada has made significant contributions, but this year was special. 2018 was a first year a representative was in attendance. Each year the number of wreaths laid has also showed large increases. Here is a listing of the wreaths laid and in some cases, who performed the action: The Government of Canada; The Province of Nova Scotia by Dr. Karen Ewing; County of Colchester by Councillor Tom Taggart; Royal Canadian Legion; Veterans Affairs Canada by Patricia McAlister; UN/NATO Veteran Support Group; Royal Canadian Mounted Police; The Fallen, Forgotten Heroes; Remembering the Holocaust by Rena Kossatz; Remembering Unarmed Combatants by Michael & Kristell Collins, Colchester Community Funeral Home.

Family & friends of Canada's heroes in memory of: Cliff Lane; Emily Lane; Donald Delaney; Liz Voelkner; Madeline & Gordon McBurnie; McBurnie Family; Bernard Gamble; Joe, Peggy & Linda; Earle Rutherford; Darlene & Mary Jane; Claude Lewis;

Cheryl Boyd; Viril Bartlett; Bartlett Family; Hedley Trickett; Karen Ewing; Arthur Thomas; Karen Ewing; Edwin Edgar; Karen Ewing; Elder Doug Knockwood; Carol McNutt; Dawson Malcolm Gamble; Madeleine Gamble; Herman Gamble; Vina Jackson and Hilton Grue; Grue Family.

All Who Served from Victoria Hall, Bass River; All Veterans from Dominion Chair; Uncle Edgar Hoover KIA Vimy Ridge; Shanyn Coolen; Harlan Fulton; Carol Barkhouse & David Fulton; Earl McLellan; Alvin & Anita; Charles Campbell; Family; Jim Hood; Barbara Hood; Kennedy Brothers; Jane Kennedy; Harry Taylor & Bert Fulmore; Burchell, Lucia & Family; Glen Morrissey; Glenda Morrissey; Leroy Fife; Star Moore; Ray Wilson; June & Family; Corp. Douglas H.R. MacLean; MacLean Family; Royce Pettigrew; Bob, Merle & David Pettigrew; Robert Urquhart; Bob, Merle & David Pettigrew and Malcolm Smart; Patti Smart & Family.

Don & Jennie Fulton & P.G. Smith; Daphne Fulton McMullen; Bernard MacNeil; Catherine MacNeil; Chesley Fulton; George A. Fulton Sr.; George Fulton Jr.; Ralph Rushton & Ted Rushton; Lucille Adams; G. Wylie McLellan; Lloyd & Betty Taggart & Family; and Robert L. Taggart; Lloyd & Betty Taggart & Family.

Eric, Vincent, Hubert James, Hubert G, Lawrence & Bill Ryan; Patrick Ryan; Carl Smith; Linda Yorke; Royal Pettigrew &

other family members who served: Maureen Matthews & Family; Bond Robinson; Keith & Heather Robinson; Harry Clarke; The Family; Lester Douglas; The Family; Augustus MacLellan; McLaughlin Family; Bob & Dorothy Williamson and Jack Phillips; Phillips Family; Walter Grue; Randy Grue &

Family; Ralph Gamble; The Family; "We Remember"; The van den Hoek Family.

IN HONOUR OF: Those Who Served from B.R. District Volunteer Fire Brigade; IN HOPE Wreath for Peace; Karen Ewing.

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