

Veterans Honoured with Londonderry Banners



By Linda Harrington

A year ago Nov. 11th, Londonderry resident and Veteran Ed Langille had a dream to see local Veterans honoured with banners lining the roadway from Londonderry to Great Village, a tradition he had seen the last few years in other communities.

"I wanted to put up a banner for my own father but didn't want his to be up there alone," says Ed. "I thought maybe we might get five or 6 up there for this year."

Ed spoke to Jack Patriquin after last year's Service of Remembrance about his idea and Jack thought it was a great idea, too. They started to put together a plan to see if other's might be interested. Ed had some health issues this last year but was still anxious to be involved.

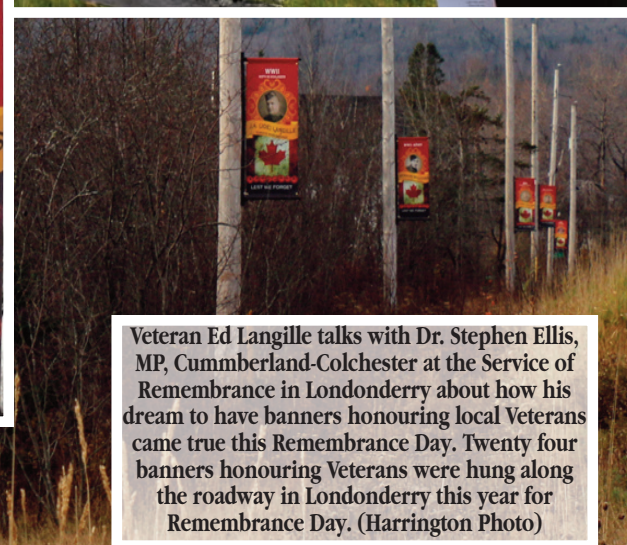
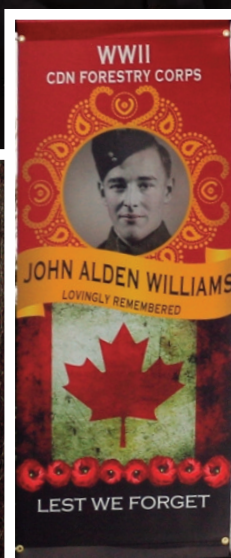
"After the article about the banners ran in the Shoreline Journal last June, we had calls from the US and across Canada," says Ed. "People were excited to order banners in memory of their relatives."

Larry Hunter Signs, Springhill produced the banners. Warren Scott looked after welding the brackets. Sally Richard and Jack Patriquin looked after the orders, with Ed helping out wherever he could. Great Village & District Fire Brigade put the banners on the telephone poles and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 72, Great Village is looking after storing the banners throughout the year.

Ed's dream came true, and he had a huge smile looking at 24 banners lining the roadway this Remembrance Day, with three in Great Village and the rest in Londonderry.

"The calls are still coming in and we would like to see even more go up for next year, but we need a few people to step up and help make this happen," says Ed.

Anyone who may have a bit of spare time to help keep this project going can phone Jack Patriquin at 902-668-2112, or email jpatriquin@gmail.com



Veteran Ed Langille talks with Dr. Stephen Ellis, MP, Cumberland-Colchester at the Service of Remembrance in Londonderry about how his dream to have banners honouring local Veterans came true this Remembrance Day. Twenty four banners honouring Veterans were hung along the roadway in Londonderry this year for Remembrance Day. (Harrington Photo)

The poster features a central portrait of a man with a beard and short brown hair, wearing a black V-neck shirt. To his left, the event title "NEW YEAR'S EVE" is written in large blue letters, with a stylized rocket graphic integrated into the word "EVE". Below it, "FEATURING JOHNNY REID" is written in large yellow letters, followed by "WITH SPECIAL GUEST" in white. Above the title, "RATH EASTLINK COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS" is written in smaller white and yellow text. A small bottle icon with "19+" is next to "FEATURING". In the top right corner, a red diagonal banner contains the text "ON SALE NOW!" in white. Below this, "THERECC.CA" and "DECEMBER 31" are listed in yellow and white. The address "625 ABENAKI RD TRURO, NS" is in yellow. Event times "DOORS OPEN | 8PM" and "SHOW STARTS | 9PM" are in white and blue. At the bottom right, "VISIT TICKETPRO.CA FOR TICKETS" is in blue. The bottom section has a yellow background with the "RECC" logo (stylized letters in red, green, purple, and orange) and the full name "RATH EASTLINK COMMUNITY CENTRE" in bold black letters. Logos for "Events Truro Colchester", "RE Events THERECC.CA", and "ATLANTIC VENUE PARTNERSHIP" are in the bottom left.