

Legion Branches visit Camp Hill



On a recent visit to the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Halifax, the Debert Royal Canadian Legion Branch 106 presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Glendon MacBurnie who with the Band which he leads has for a number of years provided entertainment to the Veterans during visits by the Great Village and Debert Legions. From left: Debert Legion President Comrade Ron Eastcott, Comrade Sharon Kyle who arranged the visit, Glendon MacBurnie, Glendon's father Comrade Ron MacBurnie from Five Islands, Great Village Branch 72 President Logan Spencer. (Don MacQueen Photo)

Story and photos by Don MacQueen

On October 1st the Debert and Great Village Royal Canadian Legion Branches joined in a visit to the Veterans Memorial Hospital (Camp Hill) in Halifax.

The afternoon featured old time and country music provided by a band led by Glendon MacBurnie. This musical group has been a regular part of the Legions twice yearly visits to the



Debert Royal Canadian Legion Branch 106 President Ron Eastcott, right, visited with Branch member Veteran Dave Boutilier on a recent trip to the Veteran Memorial Hospital in Halifax.



Debert Royal Canadian Legion Branch 106 presented Certificates of Appreciation to (from left) Madeline Morris, Jessica Lewis and Chantelle MacBurnie for their ongoing help during a number of visits to the Veterans Memorial Hospital.

Veterans and it is a much anticipated and enjoyed by the Veterans. Glendon MacBurnie is the son of the Great Village Legion member Veteran Ron MacBurnie of Five Islands.

Following the musical entertainment, the Debert Legion provided home-made salads, hamburgers, hotdogs and fruit pizza dessert to those in attendance. During the visit Debert Legion members visited with Dave Boutilier, one of their members now living at Camp Hill.

At the end of the musical portion of the afternoon, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Glendon MacBurnie and Paulette MacBurnie and to young helpers Chantelle MacBurnie, Madeline Morris, Jessica Lewis for helping at Camp Hill. Paulette MacBurnie and the young girls helped to serve the food and the youth brought great enjoyment to the Residents.



On a recent visit to the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Halifax, the Debert Royal Canadian Legion Branch 106 President Ron Eastcott presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Paulette MacBurnie who has helped for a number of years during visits by the Great Village and Debert Legions to bring entertainment and treats to the Veterans.

Branch #72 Presents Awards at Annual Banquet



Fred Richard (right) presented Long Term Service Awards to- (left to right) Ed Langille (15 years), President Logan Spencer (15 years), Madeline MacBurnie (45 years), Arnold Williams (5 years) and Ron MacBurnie (20 years).

By Linda Harrington

Great Village: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #72 held their annual Remembrance Day Banquet on Nov. 11th at the Legion Hall. A delicious roast beef dinner was served to those in attendance.

Several Service Awards were presented by Treasurer Fred Richard. The Legion President usually makes the presentations but this year President Logan Spencer was receiving an award for 15 Years of Service. Service Awards were presented to Arnold Williams (5 Years), Ed Langille (15 Years), Ron MacBurnie (20 Years) and Madeline MacBurnie (45 Years).

President Logan Spencer told those gathered there are 33 members of Branch #72 but many others in the community have helped out over the years. The Branch decided to honor several of these volunteers with a special award.

Sally Richard was recognized for her many years assistance with the poppy and wreath sales in the

Londonderry area. Willem and Maja van den Hoek were thanked for the many years they held a special luncheon for area Veterans. Appreciation was shown to Robert Layton for his years of volunteer assistance, including mixing batter for thousands of pancakes at the annual Pancake Breakfast. Trudy MacNeill was recognized for taking on the position of Bingo calling, as well as her help with the canteen and other areas.

Awards were also presented to Bertha MacRae, Carl Williams and Toni van den Hoek who were not in attendance.

Several Toasts were offered up at the Banquet, to the Queen, to invited guests and Walter Perrin played a recording of "The Man We Never Knew" as part of his Toast to Fallen Comrades.

Harold Lowe was the guest speaker for the evening. Harold is a WWII Veteran who belongs to Legion Branch #34 in New Glasgow. He gave a very interesting account from his service overseas with the Royal Canadian Navy. He



Veterans of WWII and the Korean War posed for a photo following the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #72 Banquet. Left to right- Reg Myatt, Walter Perrin, Madeline MacBurnie, Harold Lowe (guest speaker), Neil Morash and Ron MacBurnie.



recalled a time when he was responsible for guarding 28 German survivors off a submarine. The Germans told him they were glad the Canadians had captured them and not the English, as they knew they would be treated much better. Harold said he asked some of them to sign their names on the back of a cigarette package and he still has the signed paper in his scrapbook.

Harold Lowe was present at the Invasion of Normandy, D-Day, on June 6th, 1944. He recalled it was supposed to take place on June 5th but the seas were too rough. He will never forget the visual images of the skies opening up with fireworks, ships burning and casualties all around and says he was trying to operate an anti-aircraft gun on deck but had to dive into the water to avoid the flames coming up.

Other WWII Veterans present at the banquet included Neil Morash, Walter Perrin, Reg Myatt and Madeline MacBurnie. Neil Morash was with the British Columbia LAD Detachment, 28th CAR.

He served in England, France, Holland and Germany and has been a member of the Legion for 65 years.

Walter Perrin served with the 4th Anti-Tank Regiment, 5th Division in England, Italy, Holland and Germany. He has been a Legion member for 54 years. Reg Myatt was a 2nd Class Navy Stoker for 2 years before WWII ended and has been a Legion member for 20 years.

Madeline MacBurnie was a member of the Canadian Womens Army Core (CWAC) for a year and she was just awarded her 45 Year Legion Service Pin. Ron MacBurnie served in the Korean War with the Signal Corps Artillery and has been a member of the Legion for 20 years.



Legion President Logan Spencer and Treasurer Fred Richard presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Trudy MacNeill.



Legion President Logan Spencer and Treasurer Fred Richard presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Robert Layton.



Legion President Logan Spencer and Treasurer Fred Richard presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sally Richard.



Legion President Logan Spencer and Treasurer Fred Richard presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Maja and Willem van den Hoek.

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