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(Final Edition for the current Legion year)

## The President's Corner



*Comrades all:*

To all of my dear friends and associates, we have had an enjoyable blast this past year.

I wish to thank all of you for your continuous support and assistance. We made it happen didn't we? And I know we will continue to do all that we can to ensure a proud and eventful year for the new Executive Committee, headed by my friend and colleague, Ed Schelenz.

One of the first things one learns early, in taking over our great Barrhaven Branch 641, is that it is certainly not a popularity contest. Some folks will be pleased by most things you do, but there may be as many who disagree, to an astonishing degree, with just about everything.

However, what always must be borne in mind and a true concept, is that we must be ever vigilant that the decisions of the majority prevail, while we still respect and understand the rights of the minority.

It actually pleases a leader to hear the voices of those who speak softly and not too frequently. When they do voice their thoughts it seems everybody listens. I encourage all members to attend our meetings, voice their opinions and participate in the operation of the branch. We are taking great strides to increase and enhance succession planning in our leadership positions. To do so we need to be able to count on YOU!

It would be irresponsible to highlight a few persons who have been totally on-side, as it would result in some being left out who were amongst the many who made things work for the benefit of our mighty Branch 641. Therefore, I thank all of the members for doing whatever you could!



C.W.(Gus) Este

People wonder why and how come the Barrhaven Branch continues to grow and flourish? I guess the simple answers are we are a friendly bunch of folks, we often work outside of the box, we are open to all - irrespective of age, gender, race, class or religious persuasion. We are often in the press and other media, therefore, we have a high visibility and we project a healthy and helpful image in the community.

As you can tell by now this is my swan-song. Olive and I have enjoyed meeting with many of you and having enjoyable times. I can only echo the old tune; that went: "Thanks for the memories!"

*Teamwork work gets the job done*

**GUS**

C.W (Gus) Este, CD KStG  
President 2011-2012

## SENIORS SERVICES

· Legion's 1500 branches provide support to seniors and veterans including low-cost housing, health care and home support  
· Most Canadian communities have Legion branch and Ladies Auxiliary involvement assisted, at the national level, with resource material and advocacy for seniors' rights—approximately \$3million and over 300,000 volunteer hours

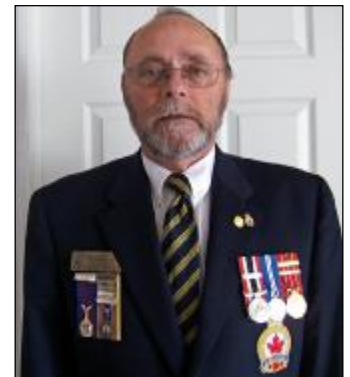
### · Home Support

Legion is dedicated to the principle of seniors living independently in their own homes. Legions works with municipal, provincial and federal agencies to augment official programs including Meals-On-Wheels, transportation, recreation, telephone support, home and visit programs, home support, escort, medical, dental and counselling services

## Community Service Resources

Legion branch commitments include health care, recreation and social activities, safety at home, crime-proofing, avoidance of fraud, elder abuse and con games.

The Seniors Chairman in Barrhaven Branch 641 is Comrade John Sielatycki. He works closely with our Branch Service Officer, in this capacity. John can be reached at: **613.825.2649** or e-mail [shej@rogers.com](mailto:shej@rogers.com)



*Our Illustrious President-Elect for 2012-2013, Comrade Ed Schelenz. Congratulations!*



*A great trio - our Branch Vice Presidents-Elect for 2012-2013 (l-r) Comrades David Sereda, Dave St Amand, Sheila Sielatycki*



## Reflections by Chaplain Ray Desjardins

A Year In Review

## Reflections May 2012

As I sit down to pen a few words I thought it timely to do a year-end review. Another year has gone by in which I have had the privilege of being your Chaplain, a task I take very seriously. And what a year it has been for both the Branch and me personally. I have participated in many wonderful events, some of them happy, some very sad as we remembered Comrades of past conflicts, supported our sick and said goodbye to current Comrades, both dear friends and family. What has touched me the most is the giving, caring and sharing of unconditional love by so many to those who were in despair and hurting deeply. That outpouring of genuine concern was a tremendous lift to everyone who experienced it, I am quite sure. Not only that, it showed for everyone to see that we as Comrades wear proudly the concept of fellowship and comradeship that has made our Branch one that people want to be part of. We have reached out to our community and helped where we could, from groups and causes down to individual families. As an example of volunteerism and humanitarian concern we are a beacon in Barrhaven.

Our members are a mix of Lions, Rotarians, on the Boards of many community charitable organizations and just plain good citizens, out there and working for the common good of all. The folks

we live with know it, not because we necessarily promote what we do, but they see our 'boots on the ground' everywhere they go. What a wonderful tribute we pay by our actions, not talk, to those of our Comrades who have served and are still serving and those who gave their all so that we might be free. My prayer is that we continue to display these virtues and values going forward. President-Elect Ed Schelenz has asked me to serve once again during his term of office and I am proud and honoured to do so.

There is no doubt that in the coming year we will have more glad times and sad times too and laugh and shed tears together. But I am certain that none of us will be alone, because we will be surrounded and comforted by caring Comrades who will be with us on our journey.

As we start a new Legion Year on June 1<sup>st</sup> may God grant you and your families His Peace and Comfort which passes all understanding.

In comradeship!  
Ray



## Editor's Comment

The Post-Election Edition continues on from the Election with messages related to learning and looking forward.

Elections always bring out questions as to why people want to run for election and while others run away from election to office. After the election comes the question of where do we go from here and luckily the chain of succession always includes hardened 'soldiers' so the learning curve is not so steep. The planning of a seminar which has as its output "The prime purpose of this seminar is to give everyone in attendance a better understanding of how the Branch is organized and how it operates" is a great leap forward

Regardless of the outcome, the day after an election is a time for reflection, appreciation and thanks to those that came and contributed before and commitment for those that wear the new shoes.

Sustainability for our mission / thrust is interesting as we had reached out to other "partners" and have had commitments for their views, however, we cannot be seen as always initiating the contact and reminders for input.

**Member Profile—Page 10**

This month's **profile** of our members is that of immediate past president -Ernie Hughes. Next month will, hopefully, be past President Gord Ley.

**New Contributors.**

This month on page 7, the new Chief of the Ottawa Police Service, Charles Bordeleau, shares his thoughts of his new assignment with us. Cst. Timothy Murray of the OPS (CPC) has graciously agreed to submit articles of interest on a monthly basis beginning next month. Additionally, various senior officers from the RCMP will also be sharing their perspectives on a variety of topics of their own choice.

**Stamp of the Month (Remembering):**

**Title: Canadian War Museum, Lest We Forget - Date of Issue: 6 May 2005**





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'Did you know' by Dave St. Armand. 2nd VP



### Japan Bombed Saskatchewan

If today was April 1st, this story would have made me very suspicious. It's mid-May, so I did some Googling and was surprised to learn that it's absolutely true.

In an 8 month period near the end of WWII, Japan released 9000+ bomb-carrying balloons against Canada and the United States. These paper balloons were designed to drift eastward on the prevailing winds and cause massive forest fires on our west coast. Pilots shot down 1000 or so, but some reached their targets and a few made it as far east as Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Michigan.

There were no reported cases of damage in Canada, but in the U.S., 6 people were killed when picnickers accidentally detonated one of these balloon bombs in the forests of Oregon.

### Today's laugh as witnessed by Debi Sereda

#### Wonderful English from Around the World

##### **In a Bangkok Temple :**

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMAN, EVEN A FOREIGNER, IF DRESSED AS A MAN.

##### **Cocktail lounge, Norway:**

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

##### **Doctor's office, Rome :**

SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.

##### **Dry cleaners, Bangkok :**

DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.

##### **In a Nairobi restaurant:**

CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE, OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER.

##### **On the main road to**

##### **Mombasa , leaving**

##### **Nairobi :**

TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.

##### **On a poster at Kencom:**

ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO WE CAN HELP.

##### **In a City restaurant:**

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS.

##### **In a Cemetery:**

PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS, FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES .

##### **Tokyo hotel's rules and**

##### **regulations:**

GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE, OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING

BEHAVIOURS in bed

##### **On the menu of a Swiss Restaurant:**

OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR.

##### **In a Tokyo Bar:**

SPECIAL COCKTAILS FOR THE LADIES WITH NUTS.

##### **Hotel, Yugoslavia:**

THE FLATTENING OF UNDERWEAR WITH PLEASURE, IS THE JOB OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

##### **Hotel Japan:**

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

##### **In the lobby of a Moscow**

##### **Hotel, across from a**

##### **Russian Orthodox**

##### **Monastery:**

YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY, WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY, EXCEPT THURSDAY.

##### **A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest :**

IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON OUR BLACK FOREST CAMPING SITE, THAT PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SEX, FOR INSTANCE, MEN AND WOMEN, LIVE TOGETHER IN ONE TENT, UNLESS THEY ARE MARRIED WITH EACH OTHER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

##### **And finally the all time classic:**

##### **Seen in an Abu Dhabi Souk shop window:**

IF THE FRONT IS CLOSED PLEASE ENTER THROUGH MY BACKSIDE...



## BRANCH 641 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

It is not too early to be thinking about golf season. The planning has already started for our sixth annual Barrhaven Branch 641 Golf tournament.



This year it will be Friday, August 17, at Cedarhill Golf & Country Club, so keep your eyes peeled for the signup sheets in the Clubhouse.

If anybody wishes more details about this event they can contact me directly.

[davidsereda@rogers.com](mailto:davidsereda@rogers.com)



## EUCHRE

Play continues all summer long in the Clubhouse. Start time 7:00 p.m.

*You're all welcome!*



**BR. 641**



The Seniors Committee, with the Branch Services Officer and the assistance of the Special Events Committee, have planned a Veterans luncheon. It is scheduled for June 13th, 2012, between 12 noon and 4:00 pm. All Veterans from the five homes in Barrhaven are invited to attend.

Branch 641 Veterans are also invited to the lunch. Signup sheets are on the board by the bar.

If you wish to attend please sign up no later than Monday June 11th at noon

## ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



Our Annual Mother's Day Breakfast was served to a sold-out crowd on Sunday the 13th of May. The Special Events/Hospitality crew with the assistance of Darrell Bartraw and sidekick Randy, prepared a lovely feast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausages and bacon to more than 126 people.

Special thanks goes out to Grant Webb and his crew from The Works for cooking our delicious home fries for us and the Court at Barrhaven Retirement Residence for cooking our bacon and sausages. We even had a champagne and orange juice fountain. It was a great day enjoyed by all.

We had an amazing team of volunteers who had everything running smoothly. Thank you Cathy Pearen, Joyce Barr, Ellie Schelenz, Dave Cole, Ken Blomquist, Doug Mason, Sandy Maveety, Tom Curley & Chrissy Maveety. You are the best.

Kathy Blomquist

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## BARRHAVEN LEGION BR 641 PARTICIPATED IN **CLEAN THE CAPITAL** MAY 12, 2012



**We gathered 47 bags of garbage and an assorted amount of other junk. We concluded our morning with pizza at the branch. Thank you to all those that participated and hopefully you will all be available for the cleanup in the fall.**

SEE Page 12 for more pictures.



**Ed Schelenz 1<sup>st</sup> VP**



## Helping the community, making a difference

**By Charles Bordeleau**

Since being appointed on March 2, 2012, as the Chief of the Ottawa Police Service, I've had an opportunity to reflect upon what this position means to me and what this role means to the Ottawa community.

In my career of 28 years, my goal has always been to help my community and make a difference. This will not change. As I lead the women and men of the Ottawa Police Service, this will always remain at the heart of our profession.

I know that this journey will be filled with great opportunities and some challenges — the police profession is not an easy one. At the end of the day, our organization is made up of human beings who strive to do their best, day in day out, often in very difficult situations. And while we are held to a higher standard of conduct, and rightly so, we need the ongoing trust and support from the people we serve in order to carry out our duties.

So what does the future hold for the Ottawa Police Service? Naturally, I'm concerned with issues of crime and disorder, violence and prevention, and ensuring a safe city for all. Having been born and raised in Ottawa, I know this city is nothing short of amazing. But, we have our work cut out for us at the same time.

I share the concerns of our officers and the community on issues such as women's safety, dangerous driving behaviours, and the presence of guns, gangs, and knives in our community. I also realize that crime prevention plays an important role in ensuring the safety of our residents, visitors and officers.

We need to work together when facing these challenges as our success will only come from inclusion - everyone matters.

As your Chief of Police, I intend to build upon our successes, enhance our strengths, expand public confidence, preserve our fiscal health and improve employee satisfaction.

I look forward to leading the Ottawa Police Service.



**Chief of the Ottawa Police Service**

**Charles Bordeleau**





## Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Presentation



**Comrade Barry Helman receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal from General (Ret'd) Paul Manson, O.C., C.M.M., C.D., at a ceremony at the Canadian War Museum Thursday, May 10, 2012.**



**Barry enjoying the moment**



**Barry & Betty-what a wonderful couple congrats!**





## Community-Inter-Branch/Association/Club activities



### The International Knightly Order of St. George Grand Priory of Canada and the Americas

#### Fundraising Dinner - Hosted by the RCL Barrhaven Branch 641

Ottawa, ON. April 30, 2012 -  
by Gord Haugh, KStG,

On Monday evening, the 30th of April, the Ottawa Commandery of the Order of St. George hosted a mess dinner in celebration of our Patron Saint's day. Some 50 guests attended the event hosted at the Barrhaven branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, including the Deputy Patron MGen (Ret'd) Lewis MacKenzie, KGCstG, Grand Master Gareth Green, KGCstG, Grand Chancellor, Gerry Nudds, KGCstG, Grand Treasurer Amerigo Sordi, KGCstG, and Grand Commander David Clark, KCstG, and Lieutenant General (Ret'd) Andrew Leslie, KCstG, Lieutenant General (Ret'd) Larry Ashley, and the Chaplin General of the Canadian Forces BGEN Karl McLean.

It was a doubly special occasion in that it was General MacKenzie's birthday which was celebrated with members of the Order and local community.

General Leslie gave a well received speech about the Canadian Forces, their future and the importance of the Order of St. George in supporting the Canadian Forces

and military families.

A veteran of the Siege of Malta, Mr. Bill Humphries, a distinguished veteran of the Second World War, was invested as a Field Knight of the Order of St. George, the first field knight in Ottawa.

The Ottawa Commandery owes a debt of thanks to the Barrhaven Legion, the Central Band of the Canadian Forces, Lolacher's Catering and to CWO David Cole, KstG, for his dedicated professionalism and loyalty to the Order in running a first class hallmark event.



Photos Credit - Steve Bogue



## Comrades in Arms at Barrhaven Branch 641

### Comrade Ernie Hughes

Ernie Hughes was born in Barrie Ontario as the son of a WWII veteran and grandson of a WWI veteran and lived in Rivers, Manitoba then to Kingston Ontario. Ernie and his brother Vaughn spent many enjoyable summers with relatives in Trenton and New Glasgow Nova Scotia where his Mother and Father were born. He graduated from Frontenac Secondary School and took many courses at St. Lawrence College, George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology, Algonquin College, University of Toronto and Queen's University. Ernie joined the then Canadian Penitentiary Service now called Correctional Service Canada in 1972 and completed over 35 years service. He worked at many institutions in Kingston including Regional Headquarters in the areas of Materiel Management and Security. Ernie also acted as Assistant Warden Technical Services at Kinston Penitentiary and Millhaven Institution before being posted to National Headquarters Ottawa as Chief of Procurement in 1979. Ernie held many positions as Manager and Acting Director with Technical Services and was assigned many times to assist Security and Audits & Investigations nationally. Ernie also carried out many special assignments over the years with the following government departments including RCMP, CSIS, DND, PWGSC, EC, TB, Parks Canada and NR of Canada.

Prior to Correctional Service Canada, Ernie served 28 years in the Canadian Army [Militia] joining at the age of 16. First with the Royal Canadian Engineers, 55 Field Squadron from 1963 - 1964 and the Princes of Whales Own Regiment from 1964 – 1967. Re- enlisted in 1987 as an Officer Cadet with the Cadet Instructors Cadre [CIC]. On 21 Sep. 1988 promoted 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant, 18 Nov. 1988 promoted Lieutenant, 01 Sep. 1990 promoted Captain and 01 Feb. 1994 promoted Major. Ernie served as Commanding Officer of the following Corps, 2951 Canadian Forces Station Leitrim, Army Cadets, 2870 Ottawa Service Battalion Army Cadets and 2332 Major Holland VC Army Cadets. Major Hughes had many call outs over the years to CFB Trenton, CFB Kingston, CFB Borden and CFB Petawawa to assist Director of Cadets at NDHQ and the Regional Cadet Officer. Major Hughes also served two year as the Senior Military Advisor to St. John Ambulance Federal District Ottawa.

Comrade Ernie has been an active member for over 45 years of the Royal Canadian Legion and has held many offices and chairs. Ernie is very proud of Branch 641 Barrhaven where he is now Past President and Chairman of Honours and Awards.

He has received many citations and awards from numerous government departments for his integrity, professionalism and outstanding contribution to his community, province and country over his life time as follows, Commissioning Scroll, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal of the Confederation of Canada, Canadian Forces Decoration with Bar [CD], The Correctional Exemplary Service Medal with Bar, Service Medal of the Order St. John with Bar, Knight of St. George [KStG], Priory Vote of Thanks Conveyed by The Governor General of Canada [twice], Fleet Wise Award from the Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, Duke of Edinburgh Pin, Top Commanding Officers Award and others.

Ernie has been married to Lynn for over 28 years. They have two married daughters, Karyn and Will Coxon, Deborah and Dale Cardiff. They are very proud to have a total of five lovely grandchildren.





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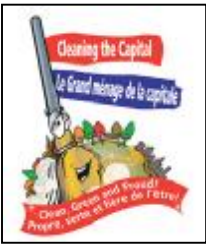


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## BARRHAVEN LEGION BR 641 PARTICIPATED IN **CLEAN THE CAPITAL** MAY 12, 2012



**On Saturday May 12th, Comrades gathered at the Legion at around 10 a. m. for the annual Spring Cleanup of our adopted roadway.**

