

BRANCH REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP

The National Association of Federal Retirees, or commonly **Federal Retirees**, is the largest national advocacy organization representing active and retired members of the federal public service, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and retired federally appointed judges, as well as their partners and survivors.

We believe every Canadian, today and in the future, should benefit from better retirement income security and a strong, sustainable health care system.

With your support, we can make retirement better for all Canadians.

President's message

As I write this in early October (to meet the deadline) I am taking a break from fixing the never-ending series of things around the house that break or malfunction. I do not recall in years past that I had so many essential things go pfft! on such a regular basis. My tool kit has not seen such use since I stopped doing my own car repairs.

The country is in full election mode, and NAFR is doing its utmost to get its message to the candidates. Much as I would like to air my views on the subject, I will not, for two reasons. First because by the time you read this the election will be long past, and the pundits will have stopped deconstructing the victory, or the debacle, depending on their viewpoints. And second because my frustration with its conduct by all parties is not properly voiced in this forum. Let it be known, though, that the response of your Association has been unprecedented in its energy, volume and reach. Bravo to those who have embraced our political process and taken part, rather than sit back and let others decide our future.

Your Branch is maintaining its viability, through the efforts of the volunteers in the Executive who care deeply about what we represent, and work to make the organization relevant to us retirees and the protection of the pensions and benefits we paid for throughout our careers. I follow several columnists who purport to know what the economy is about to do, and advise me to hold or sell, buy gold or stocks, buy bonds or go to cash under my mattress. My feeling is that my pension, tied as it is to the Canadian economy, is the best investment I ever made, so long as we can keep the government to its contract with us. So I am doing my best to support the Association.

As that is the best thing to do to ensure our future financial security, I encourage anyone who feels the same way to come to our monthly Executive meetings, held on second Thursdays at 10:00 in the office at the back of the Lions Club, 77 Campbell St in Trenton. No obligation, just sit and be part of the fun.



In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that we have learned of the passing of the following members. The heartfelt sympathy of the branch is extended to their families and friends.

- Dorothy Hilts**
- Elizabeth Jackson**
- Ron Kemp**
- Don Leslie**
- Barbara Norton**
- Kevin Hutchings**
- Jean Huycke**
- Barbara Sullivan**
- Gerald Tracz**
- Douglas Smith**

About the car repairs - I did try to figure out what was going on under the hood of the latest car in the garage, but realized that someone has decided to resort to magic, or something similar, to make the thing go. Might as well wave a wand over it as try to trace any of the hoses and wires that disappear into dark and scary places. My timing light and spark plug wrench are so much junk, but all the pliers and screwdrivers still work on the washing machine, fridge, shower and lawn mower, to name a few of the infernal machines that are colluding to drive me to despair. It is as if they are already part of that "network of things" they are warning us about, that are all connected to the internet and report on everything we do, and are having a good laugh.

Be sure to come out to our meetings and parties and share your thoughts on how to keep smiling while we bravely face the future.



Sincerely,

Tom Kupecz
Branch President

Branch Office



The office is located in the basement of the Lions Club Building at 77 Campbell St. Trenton. It is open every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month except July & August.

You can call us anytime at (613)394-4633 and leave a message we will call back.



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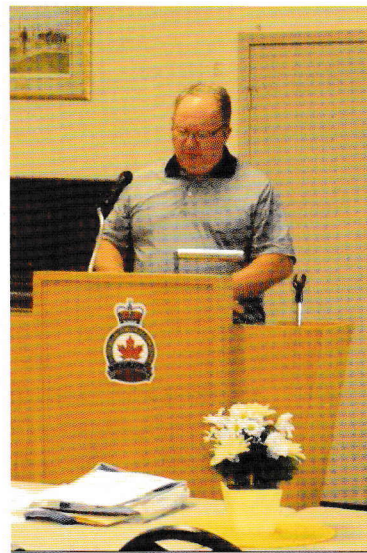


Spring Annual Branch Meeting

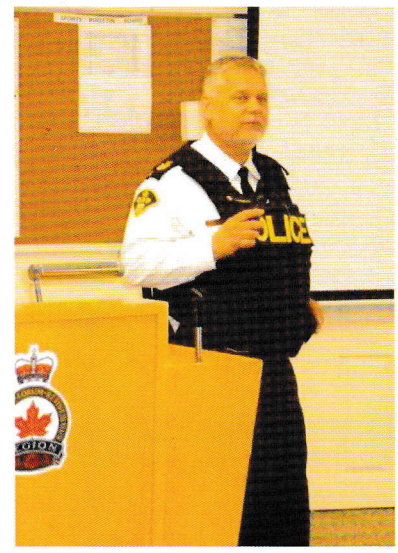
The Branch 's Spring Members Meeting was held on April 16, 2019 and the event was once again well attended. Our president Tom Kupecz welcomed everyone and steered the meeting through its many executive reports. All reports from membership through finances, well fare, health and senior issues as well as social events were well received. Our guest speaker for the event was OPP Staff Sargent Greg McLellan giving the members an insight into community services performed by our constabulary. The afternoon was capped off with a plentiful spread organized by our Branch Social Director, Gloria Johnson and prepared by the staff of the Trenton Legion.



Branch Vice president Hugh Mackay and President Tom Kupecz



Deputy Treasurer Gary Rodrigue giving treasurer's report



OPP Staff Sgt Greg McLellan our guest speaker

Branch June Member BBQ



The June BBQ, is one of the members' favourite meet and greet, while sharing a delicious luncheon meal with long time friends, retired co-workers and new acquaintances. With limited seating the Legion hall was filled to capacity with members their wives and friends

The event was once again held at the Trenton branch of the Legion and the meal served was well received.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Luncheon

December 6, 2019 - Friday
 Bar opens at 11:30 am
 Turkey Dinner served at 12:00pm
 Cost for Members: \$15.00
 Non-members: \$20.00
 Seating is limited book early

Spring Annual Meeting

April 21, 2020 - Tuesday
 Bar opens at 11:30 am
 Sandwiches at 12:00 pm
 Meeting starts at 1:00 pm
 Guest Speaker: TBA

June Steak BBQ

June 3, 2020 - Wednesday
 Bar opens at 11:30 am
 Meet & Greet at 12:00pm
 Steak BBQ served at 12:30 pm
 Cost for Members: \$15.00
 Non-members: \$20.00
 Seating is limited

Fall General Meeting

October 20, 2020 - Tuesday
 Bar opens at 11:30 am
 Sandwiches at 12:00 pm
 Meeting starts at 1:00 pm
 Guest Speaker: TBA

Christmas Turkey Dinner

December 4, 2020 - Friday

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 Branch Executive Directors**

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| Vice President | Hugh Mackay |
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| Treasurer | Ted Kasprzak |
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