

**Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Command
The Royal Canadian Legion
FORTY-EIGHT BIENNIAL CONVENTION
June 10 - 12, 2017
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Hosted by St. James Branch No. 4

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 48th BIENNIAL CONVENTION
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Saturday, June 10th, 2017

The Official Opening Ceremonies were held on Saturday, June 10th, at the Brookside Cemetery, for the Act of Remembrance and a wreath placing ceremony. Delegates then returned to the Royal Ball Room at the Viscount Gort Hotel for the Official Opening.

Command President, Comrade Mel Willis introduced the platform guests.

Madam Annadee Erickson, President, Provincial Council Ladies' Auxiliaries presented a Loyalty Resolution to the Legion.

Comrade Bette Vance introduced Oliver Thorne and Dan Merlin of the Veterans Transition Program, guest speakers for the Convention.

Comrade Ronn Anderson made a special presentation to the Cupcake Girls; Ella Rumak, Katrina Johnston, Madi Sitka and Katie Sitka. These young ladies received a standing ovation.

Presentation bouquet was presented to platform guest:

Madam Annadee Erickson, President, Provincial Council Ladies' Auxiliaries

Sunday, June 11 - 9:00 a.m.

Regular session of the Convention was opened by the Command President Mel Willis and the gavel was then assumed by the Chairman, Comrade Bette Vance to carry out the business of the Convention.

Rev. Nimik led the delegates in the invocation.

Cde. Vance requested that if the need arose to deviate from the agenda, if permission would be granted.

It was MOVED & SECONDED - that permission be granted to deviate from the agenda if necessary.

MOTION CARRIED

The following guests were introduced and brought greetings from their respective Commands or other organizations;

Andre Paquette	Dominion Command
Chris Strong	President, Alberta NWT Command
Sven Leppik	VETS Canada
Rear Adm. Ret'd Elizabeth Stuart	VAC
Oliver Thorne	Veterans Transition Network

Sunday, June 11 - 9:00 a.m. continued

REPORTS

Credentials Committee Report – Monday, June 22nd, 2015:

Accredited Delegates	170
Proxies	160
TOTAL	330
Observers	4

VIDEO PRESENTATION from Dominion Command - Introduced by Andre Paquette

RESOLUTIONS REPORT - Presented by Cde. Bette Vance

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORT - Presented by Cde. Mel Willis

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

ACTING PRESIDENTS REPORT - Presented by Cde. Ronn Anderson

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

CONSTITUTION & LAWS & LEGISLATION REPORT - Presented by Cde. Jerry Lava

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

POPPY REPORT - Presented by Cde. Ronn Anderson

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

PILGRIM PRESENTATION - Presentation by Cde. Ken Milenko

HONOURS AND AWARDS REPORT - Presented by Cde. Jerry Lava

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Presented by Cde. Ernie Tester

A Membership Plaque was presented to the Kenora Branch # 12 for achieving the largest percentage increase of members in 2016, in this Command in Branches with over 100 members.

A Membership Plaque was presented to Lundar Branch # 185 for achieving the largest percentage increase of members in 2016, in this Command in Branches with less than 100 members.

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

Sunday, June 11 - 9:00 a.m. continued

LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT - Presented by Cde. Ken Milenko

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT- Presented by Cde. Ronn Anderson

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

CANADIAN LEGION MEMORIAL HOUSING FOUNDATION (MB) REPORT- Presented by Cde. Ronn Anderson

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

R.C.L.S.F. INC. REPORT- Presented by Cde. John Edwards

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

RECONVENED Monday, June 12th - 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Nimik led the delegates in the invocation.

No change in the Credentials Committee Report.

SPORTS REPORT- Presented by Cde. Dan Kidd

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

SERVICE BUREAU REPORT & VSS RESOLUTION – Presented by Cdes. Golding and Kidd

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES REPORT Manitoba - Presented by Cde. Joan Wright

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES REPORT NWO Section - District # 7- Presented by Cde. Wayne Baker

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES REPORT NWO Section - District # 8 - Presented by Cde. Robert Cutbush

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

HONORARY TREASURER'S / WAYS AND MEANS REPORT - Presented by Cde. Rick Bennett

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

- **FINANCE** – It was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED by Rick Bennett that G. D. HARMS, CMA LTD. be appointed as auditors for the 2017 and 2018 reviews for Provincial Command.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President	Ronn Anderson
	<i>Mel Willis</i>
1 st VP	Jerry Lava
	Ken Milenko
	<i>Ken Minty</i>
	<i>Lorne Tyson</i>
VP	<i>Phil Otis</i>
	Robert Penner
	Robert Cutbush
	Ernie Tester
	Tony Safronetz
Treasurer	Joan Wright
	Rick Bennett
Chairman	<i>Don Paullett</i>
	Bette Vance
Sgt. At Arms	Dan Kidd
	<i>Roger Oakley</i>
	<i>Len Johnson</i>
	<i>Dan Merlin</i>
	Ken Arsenault
<i>Tables - Declined the nomination</i>	

- President Ronn Anderson elected by acclamation.
- First Vice President Jerry Lava elected.
- Vice Presidents Robert Penner, Robert Cutbush and Ernie Tester were elected.
- Treasurer Rick Bennett elected by acclamation.
- Chairman Bette Vance elected.
- Sergeant-at-Arms Ken Arsenault elected by acclamation.

It was MOVED & SECONDED - that the ballots be destroyed.

MOTION CARRIED

The Honorary Chaplains for the ensuing TWO (2) year term are:

Rev. Ted Nimik
 Rev. Cathy Giroux
 Father Paul Bringleston

Monday, June 12th, continued

The following guests were introduced and brought greetings from their respective Commands or other organizations;

Madame Annadee Erickson	Ladies Auxiliary President
Dr. Sarah Dentry Travis	Invictus Games
Ken Box	President, Saskatchewan Command
Mark Fenety	Fenety Marketing
Kelly Smith	PIB Insurance
Janice Pampau	Legion Magazine

GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS

- Portage la Prairie Branch put forth a motion to change Convention dates. Provincial Executive Council will review at an upcoming meeting.
- Comrade Bennett advised members of fund raising ticket sales for the Dominion Convention being held in Winnipeg next year, August 25 to 29, 2018.
- The Chairman recognized all Veterans present.
- Fort Frances Branch # 29 will host the 2019 Provincial Convention.

Comrade Andre Paquette made the following presentations:

Mel Willis	Provincial Past President Medal & Lapel Badge
	Provincial Bar
	Public Relations Bar
Ronn Anderson	1st Vice President Bar
	Constitution & Laws & Legislation
Rick Bennett	Honorary Treasurer
Ken Milenko	Provincial Past Officer Medal
	Provincial Bar
	Vice President Bar
Ernie Tester	Leadership Bar
	Provincial Past Officer Medal
	Provincial Bar
	Vice President Bar
Jerry Lava	Membership Bar
	Provincial Past Officer Medal
	Provincial Bar
	Vice President Bar
Bette Vance	Honours and Awards Bar
	Provincial Past Officer Medal
	Provincial Bar
Dan Kidd	Chairman Bar
	Veterans Service Bar

Monday, June 12th, continued

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Cde. Andre Paquette, Dominion Command installed the following Officers:

Sergeant-at-Arms	Ken Arsenault
Chairman	Bette Vance
Honorary Chaplains	Rev. Nimik
	Rev. Giroux
Honorary Treasurer	Rick Bennett
District Commanders	George Fisher
	Joan Wright
	Gale Collinson
	Don Lemon
	Ken Morley
	Lorne Tyson
1 st Vice President	Wayne Baker
	Jerry Lava
Vice Presidents	Robert Penner
	Robert Cutbush
	Ernie Tester
Immediate Past President	Mel Willis
President	Ronn Anderson

Following the installation of the Officers, the newly elected President, Cde. Anderson thanked Cde. Paquette for being the Installing Officer. He also thanked the Host District Local Arrangements Committee for an outstanding job, and to all others concerned in the arrangements made in the hosting of the Convention.

There being no further business to come before the convention, ADJOURNMENT was declared on Monday afternoon, June 12th, 2017.

The new Officers being in their respective positions on the platform, the Convention was officially closed with the regular ceremony by the Command Immediate Past President.

Ronn Anderson
Provincial Command President

Dawn Golding
Executive Director

The 48th Biennial Provincial Convention 2017 proceedings booklet contains all reports and resolutions. All resolutions are to be marked Concurrence or Non-Concurrence in their final form, in accordance with the vote from the floor.