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Meeting Highlights

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- President Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. He conveyed a warm welcome to Harry Newton, Darcy McGee (potentially new members) and also to number of spouses who were in attendance.
- He then introduced Mr. John Hunter – piper and Mr. Jim Lindsay – trumpeter who would be taking a very important part in the service to follow.
- He then called upon Milt Battersby to inform the membership about any health related issues concerning our membership. Milt informed the group that Don Sindrey's was still improving quite well and as far as he knew, all the rest of our membership was still in good health at the present time.
- Next item Stewart addressed was our annual Christmas Party which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 14th. (starting at 12:00 pm) at Hobart's Restaurant, which is located on the main street in the Kent Street Mall.
- President Stewart introduced four very special guests that were also in attendance and had been invited to take part in the service that was to follow :
 - Major Leo Phillips, Administrative Commander, 22nd Wing, North Bay;
 - Sergeant Terry Wickens, a veteran who served in Korea, Egypt, Cyprus and Suez conflicts and presently is the National President of the Korea War Veterans Association of Canada;
 - Inspector Mark Mitchell, a police officer of 22 years, to represent the men and women of the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service;
 - Mark Pankhurst, Assistant Fire Chief, to represent the men and women of the City of Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service.

Note :

-  No official meeting for December because of our annual Christmas Party which will be held at Hobart's Restaurant on Tuesday, December 14th starting at 12:00 pm.

Special Guests – Christmas Party

- Rev Bob Quick with a Christmas message;
- Bob May to provide the musical entertainment.

- President Stewart noted that as was our custom we choose to use our November meeting to recognize and show our respect for the men and women who serve in our armed forces; for the veterans of peace keeping missions; for those who fought in recent conflicts and to honour and respect those who gave their lives in the service of our great country. We also like to recognize the men and women who serve at home, - the police officers and firefighters who all too often are required to lay down their lives in service to the community.
- First item on the program agenda, Past President Bruce Faulkner was introduced and asked to come forward to commence the service.
- Bruce started out his address by bringing every ones' attention to the three flags that were all on display at the front of the room beside him. They consisted of, the Union Jack, a WWII Air Force Banner and our Canadian National flag. He then elaborated on their some of their history and what importance they represented to our country, today and in the past.
- Next he called upon President Stewart to come forward and take part in a Navy "MAKE IT SO" bell ringing exercise /procedure that signified it was 11:00 am and time to start the service program.



**Major Leo Phillips Administrative
Commander of the 22nd Wing.**



**Major Leo Phillips and Terry Wickens , a
Veteran of the Korean War and
presently National President of the
Korea War Veterans Association of
Canada.**



**Terry Wickens, Assistant Fire Chief
Mark Pankhurst and Inspector Mark
Mitchell.**



**John Hunter (piper) and Jim Lindsay
(trumpeter).**

- The order of service for the Remembrance program consisted of the following :
 - the group singing of our National Anthem;
 - the last post played by trumpeter Jim Lindsay;
 - the lament, played by piper John Hunter;
 - the two minutes of silence;
 - the reading of "In Flander's Fields" by Major Leo Phillips;
 - the reveille by Jim Lindsay;
 - closing, group singing of "God Save The Queen".
- Upon completion of the service, Bruce introduced Major Leo Phillips.
- A brief outline of Major Phillips military background :
 - joined the Canadian Forces in 1986;
 - served in support of Task Force Afghanistan 2005 thru 2006;
 - former Adjutant of Camp Mirage near Dubai, UAE. Camp Mirage was Canada's forward base regarding the Afghanistan conflict;
 - Landstuhl regional medical centre 2009;
 - presently, the Administrative Commander of the 22nd Wing out of North Bay.
- A brief outline of his presentation :
 - January 12, 2010, earthquake disaster that struck Haiti and Canada's relief effort, then and now;
 - Canada's and the other 36 countries involvement in Afghanistan;
 - working with Afghan and international partners;
 - the theme through-out his presentation – "Making A Positive Difference" in Afghanistan ;
 - Accomplishments :
 - Education – six million children in school;
 - Woman – 65 projects funded;
 - Economy – per capita income has doubled (2003 to 2006);
 - Health – 8 out of every 10 Afghans have access to basic health care;
 - Infrastructure – 5000 km of roads have been built or refurbished nationwide.
 - Adoption of new constitution and first presidential election;
 - A functioning, elected Parliament;
 - Millions of registered voters;
 - Support for local government;
 - Reforms to justice, police and correctional systems.
 - forces living accommodations (sleeping, eating and recreational);
 - troops everyday activities and service equipment used;
 - "Remembrance" – his reflection on the Canadians and their efforts and sacrifices towards making a positive difference throughout the years worldwide :
 - "Liberators" and "Guardians of Peace and Justice";
 - "Defenders of Democracy" and "A Country that Cares"!
 - last topic, the "Diary of a Six Year Old".
 - a heart breaking reading of diary that was written by a little six year old girl whose father was killed performing his duty as member of the Canadian Armed Forces.
- Following the presentation, Major Phillips was thanked on behalf of the membership by Vice President Max Radiff.
- In closing, President Stewart also thanked the Major, special quests, and all the wives that had attended and help make our meeting a very special "Remembrance Service"; he then adjourned the meeting.

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