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## Meeting Highlights :

- As his first task as President of our Club, Bruce Taylor called the meeting to order.
- He informed the membership that the meeting format would not follow the usual order of business so that the traditions that mark the importance of Remembrance Day could be observed.
- Next he informed the membership today's optional luncheon would be at the Grand Experience Restaurant and asked Bob Barkwell to take a count of those planning to attend.
- He continued by stating that it was a huge honour for him to introduce our first President and today's speaker, Bruce Faulkner. President Bruce commented, that even from early childhood, Bruce had a keen interest in our Canadian Military forces and their conquests, as indicated below ;
  - Bruce's parent's gave him a huge map of Western Europe, and each night, after reading the old Toronto Telegram, he would look for the most recent warfront in the newspaper's map and trace it onto his own map;
  - By doing this, he felt that he was following his Uncle John, who was a frontline trooper and a soldier who was accredited with the title of "Liberator" of a town in Northern France;
  - Later on in his life, Bruce kept his interest in the military with a brief stint in the Royal Canadian Air Force Reserve.
- Bruce commenced his presentation, titled "The Return To Juno Beach" :
  - o before he started, he requested the membership rise and sing our National Anthem, and to remain standing to observe the "2 minute" silence following the Remembrance Day protocol ;
  - o next he informed the membership that there were a total of nine of our members that were enlisted in the military forces during their earlier years, and asked them to stand and be recognized at that time :
    - Don Huff (RCN), Wayne Brumwell, Rich Brien, Ken Pizer, Gary Schulte-Derne (CDN Army), Bruce Faulkner, Gordon Lindsay, Ray Smith (RCAF) and Tom Crowe (British Army);
  - o in 1998, he read an article in the Globe and Mail about some veterans in Burlington who had an idea to build an information centre at the very spot where troops landed on D-Day;
  - o he contacted the leader of this group and informed him that he would like to be involved in this very important task or adventure;
  - o for today, he then informed the group that his focus of his presentation would be on the City of Lindsay and certain individuals or citizens involvement in the process of constructing the information centre at Juno Beach;
  - o but first, he wanted to reveal the real truth or "Secret of D-Day";
  - o he proceeded by passing around a small bag of sand and a few grey stones that had been collected some time earlier by himself and John O'Reilly from the beach head at the landing locations;
  - o he stated, the secret concerned these two items and how they effected the decisions that took place at that time :
    - the Dieppe location, was not the ideal place for the forces to land because their tanks and landing equipment would have difficulty operating/moving around on the stone base shoreline;
    - but the Juno Beach location was ideal, because of its hard sand base on the beach head at the unloading location;

## Important Notice

***There will be no regular meeting on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, due to our annual Christmas Luncheon taking place on that date.***

## Next Guest Speaker

**No  
Guest Speaker  
has been scheduled  
for the month  
of December.**



**Club member Rodger Smith (second from left), thanking Bruce Faulkner (M) and John O'Reilly (far right) for their presentations.**

**Words of Wisdow To Reflect On**

*Watch your thoughts; they become words.  
 Watch your words; they become actions.  
 Watch your actions; they become habits.  
 Watch your habits; they become character.  
 Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.*

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*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. – Maya Angelou*

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*When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.  
 – Helen Keller.*

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- o then he interrupted his presentation to introduced our second guest speaker, John O'Reilly;
- o Bruce stated that John was going to present a brief outline of the lengthy process, that he played a large part in, to obtain the funding required to build this centre as directed by his peers (funding amounted to 12 million dollars upon its completion).
- o After John was finished with comments, Bruce continued by explaining how Lindsay and its council were also directly involved in the project at that time.
- o Bruce took upon himself, to directly approach the council at that time, and make a verbal presentation and ask them as community to get involved in this extremely important event.
- o The council agreed to contribute and presented him with a donation of \$2500 to aid in construct this new facility at Juno Beach;
- o Also as a note, Lindsay was the first documented municipally to be a part of the project or process.
- o He continued by presenting a slide show that highlighted picture images of the Juno Beach Centre (inside areas and exterior views); along with a number of adjacent German bunker installations and their tunnel networks that were uncovered during the construction phase.
- o He concluded his presentation by reading a poem that he considered quite appropriate to finish with, its title " The Final Inspection ".
- o After he had finished reading, the last thing he requested was that the membership stand again with him and sing the anthem, "God Save The Queen".

- Next President Bruce called upon club member Rodger Smith to thank Bruce and John, on behalf of the membership, for their presentation and present them with small honorarium.
- Next President Bruce informed the group that we would forego the usual break format today and immediately commence with the business agenda.
- He informed the membership that there was no Management Committee meeting held since the last meeting in October, so there was no items of interest to report at that time.
- He stated that our newly elected Program Committee, chaired by Richard Graham, held a recent meeting and has pretty well compiled a listing of guest speakers for the following year.
- He talked about the upcoming **Christmas luncheon at Konstantine's on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, that will take the place of our regular meeting that was to be held on that date. If any members have not purchased tickets for this luncheon, to please contact him by phone or e-mail as soon as possible and he would personally ensure them that they will be accommodated.
- Next he wanted to take the time and welcome back three of our members, Ron Richards, Neill McWilliams and Brian Devan, who have been absent from our recent meetings due to health related issues.
- He then passed on a gentle reminder to the membership that our yearly membership fees are now **DUE** and they still remain at **\$85.00**.
- Bruce then adjourned meeting and the members attending the luncheon, made their way to the Grand Experience for the optional luncheon.

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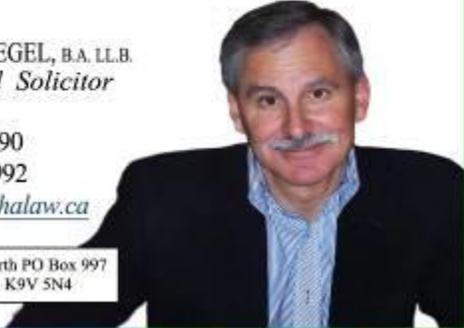


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