# AGENDA DISTRICT 2 MEETING

## 15 February 2020

# Branch #22, Upper Island Cove

- 1. Opening Ritual / Welcome Host Branch & District Commander
- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Branch 32 Bay Roberts
- 3. Business Arising
- 4. Branch reports:
  - a- Branch 09 Spaniards Bay
  - b- Branch 15 Harbour Grace
  - c- Branch 22 Upper Island Cove
  - d- Branch 23 Carbonear
  - e- Branch 32 Bay Roberts
  - f- Branch 39 Dildo
  - g- Branch 65 Brigus
- 5. New Business:
  - a- Updates/Up-Coming Events:
    - Dominion Command Convention Summer 2020
    - District Darts & Cribbage Feb 29<sup>th</sup> @ Branch 9 Spaniard's Bay
    - Provincial Darts & Cribbage Tournament Deer Lake (March 21<sup>st</sup>)
    - Future District Meetings June and September?
    - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of the Atlantic Parade Branch 23 Carbonear
    - Irving Energy Discounts
    - Other
- 7. Closing Ritual

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Commander		Harold Brown	Commander	Present
Secretary		Nicole Badcock	Secretary	Present
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Paul Sheppard	President	Present
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Don Hutchings	Sgt at Arms	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Paulette Morrissey	President	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Barbara Sample	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Bernice Coombs	President	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Pamela Neil	Treasurer	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Dorothy Adams	Secretary	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Jim Mercer	Member	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Nellie Mercer	Member	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Kim Roberts	Member	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Clifford Coombs	Member	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Peter Fry	Member	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Hal Evely	President	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Leslie Forward	Secretary	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Paula Evely	<b>Executive Officer</b>	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Ross Petten	President	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Gary Badcock	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Wallace Babcock	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Patricia Babcock	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Eric Mercer	Service Officer	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Rosalind Morgan	Member	Present
Branch 39	Dildo	Ira Halfyard	President	Present
Branch 39	Dildo	Gordon Reid	Treasurer	Present
Branch 39	Dildo	Don Reid	Secretary	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Gerald Mercer	President	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Mike Hedderson	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Dave Bennett	Charwood Rep.	Present
Charwood Manor Carbonear				Absent

#### 1. Welcome:

Before the meeting Commander Comrade Harold Brown asked all present to take a piece of paper and write the name of a person that needs to be remembered; it can be a Veteran dead or alive, it can be a family member or a friend that needs to be remembered.

at 10:00 hrs. Commander Comrade Harold Brown opened the meeting with the singing of "O Canada" and the Legion Ritual.

⇒ Comrade Bernice Coombs, President of Branch 22 Upper Island Cove welcomed all present and invited all to stay for lunch after the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Commander Comrade Harold Brown remarked that the Minutes of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting were sent electronically and that paper copies were also available at the back of the room therefore we could dispense of the reading of the Minutes. With no objection from the floor, Commander Comrade Harold Brown asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as presented.

Comrade Ross Petten
Comrade Paul Sheppard

moved to have the Minutes be accepted Seconded the Motion

MOTION CARRIED

#### 3. Business arising: none.

#### 4. Branch Reports:

#### ➤ Branch 09: Comrade Paul Sheppard, President, said:

- ✓ The Branch is doing well but would like to see an influx of money and new members.
- ✓ We have a great executive.
- ✓ To date we have approximately 100 members (95 paid-up) in Branch.
- $\checkmark$  Our Poppy Campaign was a great success; we raised \$1,500.00.
- ✓ We had a very successful Remembrance Day Dinner and Dance. It was a very special year as it marked the  $40^{th}$  anniversary of the Gary Churchill Memorial Scholarship.
- ✓ We continue to have an excellent relationship with Holy Redeemer School; 2 winners for Essay Contest from that school.
- ✓ We have revenues coming in through multiple ways such as: Bingo and Poker nights. It is the first year with only one Bingo so money is down a great deal because of it.
- ✓ Our functions have multiplied a great deal since last year as we went from having only a couple of functions last year to having 14 so far booked up for this year.
- ✓ This past week we held the Janeway Dart Tournament with 24 teams; it was a great fundraiser and the Branch did well.
- ✓ We had a very successful New Year's Eve Ball; the first one in a long time. We sold 197 out of 200 tickets.
- ✓ We have two great Dart Leagues this year; both the Women's and Men's.
- ✓ Our open Mic is a great draw; it's on the second Sunday of every month.
- $\checkmark$  As of February 2<sup>nd</sup> we haven't heard on the New Horizons grant yet.
- ✓ We will be hosting the second annual Heart and Stroke Dart Tournament on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>.in memory of his brother Harry
- ✓ March 14<sup>th</sup>: Orange dance with Orange juice served.
- ✓ We are hosting the District Dart and Cribbage Tournament on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ We are looking at new ways to bring in extra revenue and new members.

#### ➤ <u>Branch 15:</u> Comrade Paulette Morrissey, President, said:

✓ Last October: The Soccer tournament with St-Francis School that was scheduled did not happen as it was not approved by the School Board. We will keep going to find something that will work for all.

- ✓ Last <u>November</u>: the Poppy Campaign was very successful with the pins but not so much with the Poppies themselves. On the other hand, groups asking for our Branch's participation increased: 2x grade 7 classes, grade 8 classes, elementary students participated in the Poster contest; this year we had 141 entries in the Posters and Essays contest in a school of less than 300 kids.
- ✓ Our Remembrance Day Parade was the biggest one yet.
- ✓ We had the Election and Installation of Officers.
- ✓ We planted 75 Tulips in Memorial Park.
- ✓ Our Goods Bingo was a great success.
- ✓ Last <u>December</u>: We made a Float with Windmill for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands in the Harbour Grace Parade.
- ✓ We hosted a Fun Night with the Sea Cadets.
- ✓ Our NTV Bingo is going well.
- ✓ <u>Jan/Feb 2020</u>: we moved the winter meetings to afternoons as it accommodates more members to attend. Night driving is difficult for many members. Great turn-out.
- ✓ Journey to Health Challenge among members; a 13 week program with a retired Registered Nurse supervising participants. Very positive changes for all who participate.
- ✓ February 25<sup>th</sup>: Girl Guide Fun Night. Talk on the flag
- ✓ February 25<sup>th</sup>: CLB Pancake supper. We attend annually and give a donation to them
- ✓ March 21<sup>st</sup>: Goods Bingo in Tilton Hall.
- ✓ <u>April 18<sup>th</sup></u>: Murder Mystery: "Murder at Dead Wood Saloon", Tickets will be available for purchase soon. \$30.00 a ticket.
- ✓ May 09<sup>th</sup>: Moose Breakfast at Masonic Hall; tickets \$10.00 each.
- ✓ Events: one major event per month until July is scheduled already.
- ➤ <u>Branch 22:</u> Comrade Bernice Coombs, President, welcomed all present to the Branch, then said:
  - ✓ We did well with our Poppy Campaign; sales were up this year.
  - ✓ We gave awards to school for the Poster Contest
  - ✓ We continue to support our Army Cadets and the CLB. We gave \$800.<sup>00</sup> towards an outing and with them we will be having a cold plate sale to recover the funds.
  - ✓ We gave awards to St. Peter's students K-9 for our Remembrance Day Poster Contest.
  - ✓ We had our play downs for Cribbage and Darts and we have 2 teams of each going to the District Tournament.
  - ✓ We had a CEP Grant; we employed 7 people and were able to install 5 new windows, painted the club right through plus some other minor repairs.
  - ✓ We have 5 or 6 bookings for the coming months.
  - ✓ Over all we are doing good.
- ➤ <u>Branch 23:</u> Comrade Hal Evely, President, reported that
  - ✓ The Poppy Campaign was successful.
  - ✓ We sold all our Tulips.
  - ✓ Our finances are good; we try everything to make revenue; some work some don't.
  - ✓ We have 2 Dart Leagues.
  - ✓ The winter has been rough for snow clearing; very costly.

- ✓ Chase the Ace was won by Comrade Gary Laing; \$2,100.00. It was nice to see a member who always participate, win it.
- ✓ Jackpot Bingo, we're doing so-so.
- ✓ Senior Card games once a month
- ✓ Texas Hold'em Tuesday nights
- ✓ We support 2 Cadet Corps
- ✓ Cadet Mathew Slade will go to the Pilgrimage
- ✓ Ours is an old building to maintain and needs urgent repairs so at least 2 members that would have been at this meeting today had to stay back and do the repairs to the building. One cooler gave out yesterday, when unplugging it we found that we could have had a fire at any time.
- ✓ We have a great Executive Committee.

### ➤ <u>Branch 32:</u> Comrade Ross Petten, President, offered this report:

- ✓ Bartenders: we currently have 2 full-time and 1 part-time; they are working out very well.
- ✓ <u>Membership</u>: 170 paid-up members
- ✓ <u>Jam Sessions</u>: we hold one each month and they are very successful.
- ✓ <u>Matinees</u>: we hold several during the year and they always draw a good crowd.
- ✓ <u>BBQs</u>: we hold them each month from May to November.
- ✓ <u>Community Breakfasts</u>: are held a few times a year starting in May; they are always a delicious crowd pleaser.
- ✓ <u>Dinner and Dance</u>: we hold several during the year and especially over the Christmas Season. They are good financially and very popular with members as well as the public. Our New Year as well as our Old Christmas Day dinner and dance were very successful and all had a good time.
- ✓ <u>Chase the Ace</u>: we finally got our license so we will start it today February 15<sup>th</sup> with \$1500.<sup>00</sup>. Last August's winner received over \$4,000.<sup>00</sup>.
- ✓ <u>Seafood Festival</u>: we held it in May; a sold out event with very successful bar sales.
- ✓ <u>Santa Claus party</u>: for the kids of our Branch. We received donations for the contents of loot bags given to each child.
- ✓ Election: our election of Officers took place last Sunday; I am still President.
- ✓ New Horizons Project: we were awarded a \$25,000. Grant from the Federal Government last year. We were able to install a new Memorial Wall incased in glass, we did some repairs to the ceiling tiles, the floor of the bar area, the storage room and the kitchen. We also added a dishwasher to the kitchen.
- ✓ <u>Roof Repairs</u>: we now have a new roof. Wind damage last year caused major leak problems to our building so the insurance company paid for most of the repairs; we only had to pay \$3,900.<sup>00</sup> in order to get the whole roof done.
- ✓ <u>NTV Bingo</u>: we participated in February and October 2019 and it was very successful for us. Our Branch received \$1.00 for every card sold so we made \$15,000.00 on it. The Bingo has started up again for 2020 but unfortunately we lost 6 of our previous sales outlets: 3 to the Carbonear Branch last fall and 3 to the Harbour Grace Branch; we wish them luck.
- ✓ <u>Summer Student</u>: we applied and got a Summer Student last year. Lucas Smith did a lot of good work for us. We will again apply for one this year before 24 February.

- ✓ <u>Moose License</u>: we got a moose license and a moose this year. Thanks to Donnie Bradbury for getting the moose and cooking burgers at our Jam Sessions and Matinees.
- ✓ <u>Christmas Hamper</u>: was worth \$500.<sup>00</sup>; we sold tickets on it and drew the winning ticket on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. We sold 2150 tickets and Carl Mercer won the Hamper. I especially want to thank Comrade Eric Loveless for selling most of those tickets at the Mall.
- ✓ <u>Finances</u>: our Bank account is healthy; we ended 2019 with no monies owed to any supplier. Our net income has increased due to the additional income from the Bingo, the Chase the Ace and increased VLT sales in 2019. The Bar sales, special event sales and ticket sales have performed well during the year. The Marina continues to add good revenue to our Branch. 2019 was better due to Launch Fee and management of Invoices to customers. We are now getting ready for 2020; Comrade Frank Hawe and his team are getting invoices out to the returning boat customers. Thank you to Tom Harris, Karen Johnston-Fowler and Catherine Armiger for keeping our finances in check.
- ✓ <u>Dart & Cribbage</u>: the playoffs at our Branch was held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending 8 teams for Cribbage and 8 teams for Darts on February 29<sup>th</sup> to the District Tournament.
- Marina: Over the summer we had a fishing boat whose owner tied up to the outside of our wharf without paying his fees. Eventually the fees got paid but not before a strong easterly wind came up and caused the boat to beat against the wharf causing a lot of damage. When Spring comes we will be able to investigate the damages closer.
- ✓ <u>Poppy Campaign</u>: was successful again this year; we raised \$19,000.<sup>00</sup>. Thank you to all the volunteers for manning the booths twice a day throughout the campaign. We had 4 stations: the Mall, Shoppers Drug Mart, Dominion and Powell's.
- ✓ <u>Cribbage game</u>: every Friday at 13:30hrs we hold open cribbage games; the cost is \$5.<sup>00</sup> a game per person.
- ✓ <u>Pilgrimage to Beaumont-Hamel</u>: Comrade Keith O'Brien from our Branch.
- ✓ Upcoming Events:
  - this afternoon, February 15<sup>th</sup>, we have a Jam Session at 3 p.m. and Comrade Ernie Mugford's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party from 5:00-7:00pm.
  - February 22<sup>nd</sup>: from 3:00-7:00pm, is a fundraiser for Margaret Dawe who is suffering from Cancer. Also, there will be a dance that night starting at 9:30pm. Garfield Pilgrim, all proceeds will go to the cause
  - March 7<sup>th</sup>: our Installation of Officers Dinner and Dance. Music by Bob Hiscock, all invited to attend.
  - March 14<sup>th</sup>: our St-Patrick's Day celebrations with the Conception Bay Showband.
  - March 21<sup>st</sup>: Jam Session and Open Mic starting at 3:00pm.
  - March 28<sup>th</sup>: Matinee with Garfield Pilgrim, DJ (All request Saturday!)
  - April 18<sup>th</sup>: Jam session and Open Mic starting at 3:00pm.
- ✓ Website and Social Media: we have a website <a href="www.rclbranch32nl.ca">www.rclbranch32nl.ca</a> and a Facebook Page. We advertise our events through these Medias. Thank you so much to Comrades Gary Badcock, Wallace Babcock and Patti Babcock for keeping these up to date and thank you also to our bartender Dawn Butt for posting our events through other venues.

- ➤ <u>Branch 39:</u> Comrade Ira Halfyard, President, introduce his Comrades: Don Reid, Secretary and Gordon Reid, Treasurer, then said:
  - ✓ Members: we have 34 members; no new member joined the Branch in 2019.
  - ✓ <u>Meetings</u>: our next AGM is next Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. We hold our meetings in the basement of the Society of United Fisherman. We use that facility for other events hosted by our Branch for which we pay a yearly rental fee.
  - ✓ <u>Finances</u>: The Branch's finances are in good shape as we use the invested funds we acquired from the sale of the building in Blaketown.
  - ✓ Remembrance: We had a busy fall, especially with the Remembrance Activities.

    Members from the Branch attended School programs at 5 schools and our Colour Party attended Crescent Collegiate. Members also attended a program at the Newfoundland & Labrador Youth Correctional Centre. Our Members were well received and recognized at these programs. Some members attended the Heart's Content Masonic Annual Remembrance Program and the collection from the evening was donated to the Poppy Fund. We also attended 2 church services: the Salvation Army and the United Church.
  - ✓ <u>Remembrance Dinner</u>: the Branch held its Annual Remembrance Dinner. Although the number of participants was lower than in previous years, all who attended gave great feedback.
  - ✓ <u>Poppy Campaign</u>: was a success again this year with great support from Local Business, Cadets and the General Public.
  - ✓ <u>November 11<sup>th</sup></u>: our Members represent our Branch at 6 different ceremonies so this stretches our numbers. The highlight this year was the unveiling of a new War Memorial in the town of Whiteway. Our Colour Party attended and the Chaplain was given the honour of dedicating this beautiful Memorial. After the Ceremonies, our Branch hosted a luncheon for the public as well as for 68 members of the Canadian Armed Forces from St. John's who stopped by the Branch for an hour of comradeship.
  - ✓ <u>Death of a Member</u>: we lost a long time member in December. The Branch conducted the Legion Ritual with a good number of Comrades present.
  - ✓ <u>Long term care home</u>: many visits were made to some of our members living there.
  - ✓ <u>Poster Contest</u>: our Youth and Education headed by Comrade George Brown and his committee received entries from students of 5 schools and the NL Youth Centre in the Poster, Poetry and Essay Contest with over \$900. <sup>00</sup> in prizes given. The Branch gave 3x \$1,000. <sup>00</sup> Scholarships and 1x \$250. <sup>00</sup> Bursary to qualifying students at Crescent Collegiate. We look forward to continue our service to our Veterans and our Youth.
- ➤ Branch 65: Comrade Gerald Mercer, President, cited that:
  - ✓ Membership: 38 paid-up and 4 waiting to be sworn in.
  - ✓ Finances: are good
  - ✓ New extension to the building: is all completed with new classroom and washroom and ready for use.
  - ✓ Poppy Campaign: we collected \$650.<sup>00</sup>.
  - ✓ <u>Cadet Corps we support</u>: Sea Cadets RCSCC 249 E.M. Morrissey with 35 cadets and Naval Cadets NLCC 119 Vickers Vimy with 20 cadets.

- ✓ <u>Group using our building</u>: Zumba classes twice a week, Monday and Thursday, Cadets Monday and Wednesday.
- ✓ Grants applied for:
  - Summer Student
  - ACO for \$21,000.00 to construct patio and overhang on the new part of the building. Deck 10'x42'.
  - Community Enhancement for approximately \$32,000. 00 from the Provincial Government for materials, administration cost and the labour of 16 workers.

#### ✓ <u>Activities</u>:

- Several Weddings and Anniversary Parties booked for this year
- Two dances booked with Lloyd Snow.
- Fund raiser for Cancer.
- ✓ VLTs: are doing really well so revenues are up over last year.
- ✓ Building:
  - All new LED lights through the building
  - New Fire Alarm System
  - Upgraded Security System; it is now hooked into the Fire Alarm System
  - After this grant is completed, the inside of the building will have a complete new and fresh look from top to bottom.
  - Wi-Fi in building
- ➤ Provincial Command, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Comrade Philip Wood offered:
  - ✓ Comrade Nathan Lehr is the Provincial President
  - ✓ Comrade Berkley Lawrence holds the position of Past-President of Provincial Command
  - ✓ Congratulated District 2 as each and every Branch are represented
  - ✓ Many branches from different District are struggling a lot more than District
  - ✓ Variety of activities are great and keep the communities together
  - ✓ The Legion's presence in the communities is vital in order for all to remember Veterans from the past, honouring the present ones and striving for the future members and Veterans.
  - ✓ Membership is key to any organization
  - ✓ Congratulation to Comrade Keith O'Brien of Branch 32, the Veteran who was chosen to go and Comrade Gerald Mercer from Branch 65 who was chosen to go as a Chaperon for the Pilgrimage to Beaumont Hamel. There were 15 Veterans who applied and there were 15 members who applied for the Chaperon position this year so it was great to have 2 positions filled by District 2.
  - ✓ For the Pilgrimage, there was a need for 2 male and 2 female chaperons; it is always great for members to apply for those positions but make sure that each application is completed fully and that the application goes through the Branch.
  - ✓ Thanked Branch 22 for hosting this District meeting.

- ➤ District Commander's Report: Comrade Harold Brown conveyed:
  - On September 14<sup>th</sup>, I became Commander of District 2 and, at this point, six months into the term of this position, I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this new role. In this rather short time, I have been inundated with the many emails that have come my direction for distribution to the branches and am quickly realizing that dissemination of information is a major part of the job! In addition to this form of electronic communication, I have been trying to visit all branches in the District to better familiarize myself with information pertinent to each Branch. I have managed to visit:
    - Branch 9 Spaniard's Bay to be a part of their ongoing Gary Churchill Scholarship Program initiative in conjunction with Holy Redeemer School (Spaniard's Bay). This initiative celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year this year.
    - Branch 22 Upper Island Cove on October 9<sup>th</sup> to be present at an executive meeting.
    - Branch 65 Brigus during which Poppy Campaign Opening Program for this year was put in place.
    - Branch 32 on November 9<sup>th</sup> to emcee the Remembrance Dinner & Dance.
    - Branch 23 Carbonear on November 16<sup>th</sup> for their Remembrance Dinner and Awards.
    - Branch 15 Harbour Grace on November 5<sup>th</sup> to conduct the Branch's election and installation of Officers.
    - Charwood Manor in Carbonear I spent an enjoyable evening sharing a meal with residents and Board Members; been active at the Board's monthly meetings.
    - On Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at Tim Hortons in Bay Roberts I hosted an informal meeting with most Branch Presidents and discussed the individual needs for each Branch.
  - ✓ Overall I feel it's a good start and I look forward to the rest of the term as Commander. My initial assessment is that this new role is, and will be, interesting and challenging. I look forward to what the future brings in, working with members and serving Veterans.

#### 6. New Business

- <u>Convention</u>: Commander Comrade Harold Brown informed all present about the Dominion Command Convention that will take place in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on August 22-26<sup>th</sup>.
- <u>Dart & Cribbage District Tournament</u>: at Branch 09 Spaniards Bay on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Make sure all teams are registered with Branch 09 by February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- <u>Dart & Cribbage Provincial Tournament</u>: at Branch 03 Deer Lake on March 21<sup>st</sup>, you must reserve rooms by February 20<sup>th</sup> as accommodations are limited.
- <u>Battle of the Atlantic Parade</u>: will be hosted by Branch 23 Carbonear on Sunday, May 03<sup>rd</sup>.
- Irving Energy discount: 3¢ for Oil and 5¢ for Propane; it is worth it. The code for the discount is 8791, this code is good for one year but it is suggested to call back in June or July to make sure that the code is still active for you as the company erases all the codes at that time of year.
- <u>Insurance</u>: it is advisable to phone your Insurance Company for a **2%** discount when you use winter tires on your vehicle. You must call and ask for it in order to get this discount.
- <u>Pin</u>: to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the end of WW11 can be worn on the uniform until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.



- Pilgrimage to Beaumont-Hamel: 2 members of District 2 were chosen for it.
- <u>Meetings</u>: Branch 65 Brigus will host the District Meeting in June and Branch 39 Dildo will host the meeting in September.
- Responsibilities of the District Commander: what would you want the District Commander to do or take part in for your Branch. It can be done privately as you wish.
- To accentuate the Reason for the Legion: District Commander noted that we have a certain obligation as members of the Legion to inform all as to why we exist not just on November 11<sup>th</sup> but all year long. One suggestion is to play the "Last Post" every day at the same time inside and outside de Branch at same designated time every day was discussed at length. Points were made concerning the possible electronic problems, the who will do it and when, the monetary implication, the lack of history information given to students in schools, the rest of the year and the lack of knowledge and pride in the general population.
- Provincial 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Comrade Philip Wood:
  - o is pleased with the support that all Branches give to Command with the 50/50.
  - o invited all Branches to verify their addresses with Command. Their structure is important and changes in address make it difficult for everyone to receive information.
- Comrade Leslie Forward from Branch 23 Carbonear requested that all the Branches provide her with their correct email addresses so she can send the information concerning the Battle of the Atlantic as Branch 23 will host that event.
- Commander Comrade Harold Brown informs all present that he has not received anything yet from the Poster and Essay Contests.
- <u>Prayer</u>: Commander Comrade Harold Brown asked Comrade Hal Evely to say a prayer for all the people who are sick or died and that we need to remember because they are important to us. Comrade Hal Evely complied with the request whole heartily.
- Opening of the Poppy Campaign of 2020: Branch 9 Spaniards Bay volunteered to host this event.
- <u>Cadets Corps</u>: intense discussion concerning their non-participation for parades and other important events. The Officers accept the funds given to them by the Legion Branch; they are getting paid for their services and look forward to their paid retirement but refuse to accompany their troops to official events organized by the Legion. This issue must be addressed and resolved to alleviate the frustrations. Branch 15 has Legion members now who have applied for Navy league Officer and on the Navy list. Branch 22 divulged that the new CO of their Cadet Corps is stricter with them and has a policy that if a Cadet does not participate in a parade or help in an event, that Cadet will not participate in their next fun outing. Comrade Hal Evely from Branch 23

- added that their Branch has no problems with their Army and Air Cadet Corps as they always come to all the services and help with the clean-up plus, they do their own fund raising.
- <u>CLB</u>: A comparison between the attitudes of the Cadet Corps and the CLB troops was made; the CLB is always ready, happy, willing and able to participate with all the events with no funding from the Legion.
- <u>Cadet Report</u>: Provincial 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Comrade Philip Wood advised all Branches that a Cadet Report should be sent to the Branch who supports them. The Report is important as it tells the Branch to which event the Corps participated in.

#### 8. Closing

At 11:35 Commander Comrade Harold Brown closed the meeting with the Legion Ritual and the singing of the "Royal Anthem".