DISTRICT 2 MEETING
20 January 2024
Election of District 2 Commander
Branch #32, Bay Roberts

Provincial Command President		Gerald Budden	
Secretary		Nicole Badcock	
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Gordon Parsons	Past President
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Mark Vokey	
Branch 23	Carbonear	Ken Tucker	Executive Officer
Branch 23	Carbonear	Gary Davis	Secretary
Branch 23	Carbonear	David Hollett	Executive Officer
Branch 23	Carbonear	Hal Evely	Executive Officer
Branch 23	Carbonear	Paula Evely	Executive Officer
Branch 23	Carbonear	Rick Liddell	2nd Vice President
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Harold Brown	President
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Ernie Mugford	Executive Officer
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Ruby Barnes	Member
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Connie Mugford	Member
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Gary Badcock	Member
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	John Andrews	Executive Member
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Augustus French	Executive Member
Branch 39	Dildo	Gordon Reid	President
Branch 65	Brigus	Kevin Power	Vice President
Branch 65	Brigus	Gerald Mercer	President
Branch 65	Brigus	Melanie Ryan	Treasurer
Branch 65	Brigus	Gavin Ryan	Sgt at Arms
Branch 65	Brigus	Greg Hiscock	Member
Branch 65	Brigus	E. G. Forward	Member
Branch 65	Brigus	A. Scott	Member
Branch 65	Brigus	Tim Gushue	Member

1. Welcome:

At 10:01 Br 32 President Comrade Harold Brown introduces Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden. He invites all to stay around for soup, sandwiches, fellowship and comradeship after the meeting and then, he opens the meeting with the Legion ritual.

In order to finish his duties as District Commander, Former District Commander Comrade Harold Brown must pass on this important information:
- Sports: District Darts and Cribbage tournaments will be held here at Branch 32 on 17 February 2024 starting at 10:00hrs. The information will be sent via email to all.
- 16 March 2024: a very important event is the 100th birthday of WWII Veteran Comrade Johnny Pauls from Br 9 Spaniards Bay. There will be an open house in the afternoon and a

special function at night in his honour. If you can make it, he'd love to see you and we'd like to celebrate this phenomenal event.

- District Website: it is there for use, we have a person looking after it but unfortunately we are not getting submissions from the Branches in order to keep it updated. The Website is there for all to use, it only cost $30.ºº or so per Branch a year, but it does not contain any updated information because none is received from any of the Branches. The fate of this Website will be determined at the next District meeting. Comrade Al Evely comments about the Minutes being posted on the Website and declares his disapproval of it. Former District Commander Comrade Harold Brown responds by thanking Comrade All Evely for bringing up this point and invites him to attend and discuss it at the next District meeting.

- Former District Commander Comrade Harold Brown offers that it has been an honour and privilege for him to have served as District 2 Commander for the last 4½ years. He enjoyed the time he spend with people he met and Branches he visited. He thanks all for their support and asks that all provide this same support, respect and courtesy to the new District 2 Commander. "Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

2. Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden leads the meeting:
- Thanks Former District Commander Comrade Harold Brown for his leadership role here and especially at Provincial Command and for his dedication and hard work.
- Role of a District Commander: supervising the Branches in the District and representing Command as an Executive Officer.
- Information comes from Dominion Command to Provincial Command to District Commanders who have to send it to all the President of the different Branches who then send it to their members.
- The easiest way to run an organization is to observe to the best of your ability the rules and regulations, in our case the by-laws of the District, the by-laws of Provincial Command and the by-laws of Dominion Command. When you need clarification you must contact one Command Officer. If you want to change any by-laws: a motion must be made, this motion must be passed by a majority and move on as a new rule.
- I bring greetings from Provincial Command. We are looking forward to July 1st, 2024; all the upgrades are ongoing to our National Monument and the repatriation of our Unknown Soldier from the battlefield of France. It has taken a lot of time, a lot of efforts and a lot of meetings with a lot of different people because this will cost millions of dollars that the Government is paying. The Legion stays away from controversy, we want to make sure the job is done according to what we want and we hope that all the Branches in Newfoundland will be represented out there on July 1st. More information will come from Command office as time goes on. Involved: Government of France, the War Grave Commission and a lot of other organization. It will be a great day for Newfoundland when we bring home the remains of the Unknown Soldier. We appreciate all your support.
- District Commander duties require: two District meeting a year, to attend different functions when invited, as for a secretary some Districts have one and others will use the host Branch's secretary; the choice is the District Commander's.
- Explanations for the process of the Election:
  - I will ask for nominations 3 times.

- when nominated, the person stay seated.
- when the last nomination is made I will ask each one: "Do you want to stand?"
- when more than one is standing I will appoint 3 scrutineers.
- when only one person is standing I will declare that person elected then move on to the Installation of that person.

3. Election for the District 2 Commander position:
   ➢ Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden asks for nominations for the position of District 2 Commander.
      o Comrade George Forward nominates Lieutenant Commander Retired Comrade Gerald Patrick Mercer, President of Branch 65.
   ➢ Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden asks for nominations for a 2nd time.
      o No reply.
   ➢ Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden asks for nominations for the 3rd and final time.
      o No reply.
   ➢ Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden declares the nominations ceased.
   ➢ Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden asks Comrade Gerald Mercer: "Comrade Mercer, are you prepared to accept the nomination?" Comrade Gerald Mercer responds: "Yes sir, I am."
   ➢ Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden declares that Comrade Gerald Mercer accepts the nomination and on your behalf I declare him elected as District 2 Commander for the ensuing term. All applaud.
   ➢ Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden instructs Br 32 President Comrade Harold Brown to present newly elected District 2 Commander Comrade Gerald Mercer for his Installation.

4. Installation of the new District 2 Commander:
   - Former District 2 Commander Comrade Harold Brown marches the New District 2 Commander Comrade Gerald Mercer to the front of the assembly where Provincial Command President Comrade Gerald Budden is standing. After the Legion ritual is performed Br 32 President Comrade Harold Brown performs a traditional event in this District: he presents a pin that has been passed on from the old to the new District 2 Commander for many, many years and then, he marches District 2 Commander Comrade Gerald Mercer to the appropriate seat at the front of the assembly.
   - District 2 Commander Comrade Gerald Mercer offers: "It's an honour and privilege to take over the duties of District 2 Commander. Thank you for your support and for giving me the honour of being your District Commander." All applaud.
   - Br 32 President Comrade Harold Brown offers his congratulations and invites all to stay for a chat with coffee, soup, sandwiches and comradeship.
   - Br 32 President Comrade Harold Brown thanks the District membership for attending.

5. Closing:
   At 10:30 Br 32 President Comrade Harold Brown closes the meeting with the Legion Ritual and the signing of: "O Canada", "The Ode to Newfoundland" and "God Save the King".