

**Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Command
The Royal Canadian Legion
FORTY-NINTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
June 14 - 17, 2019
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Hosted by Fort Frances Branch No. 29

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 49th BIENNIAL CONVENTION
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Saturday, June 15th, 2019

The Official Opening Ceremonies were held on Saturday, June 15th, at the Fort Frances Cemetery, for the Act of Remembrance and a wreath placing ceremony. Delegates then returned to the Voyageur Room at the La Place Rendez-Vous Hotel for the Official Opening.

Command President, Comrade Ronn Anderson introduced the platform guests and presented the Resolution of Loyalty which was motioned and carried.

Comrade Bette Vance introduced members of the 908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, guest speakers for the Convention. Comrade Ronn Anderson made a special presentation to the cadets.

Presentation bouquet was presented to platform guest:

Madam Val Anderson, President, Provincial Council Ladies' Auxiliaries, Kerry Harper, Silver Cross Mother and June Caul, Mayor, Fort Frances.

Sunday, June 16th

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

Rev. Giroux led the delegates in the invocation.

Madam Val Anderson, President, Provincial Council Ladies' Auxiliaries was a Guest and presented the Ladies Auxilliary Loyalty Resolution to the Legion.

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;

Angus Stanfield	Dominion Command
Daniel Ludwig	American Legion
Mark Fenety	Fenety Marketing
Lisa Heshka	VAC
Pamela Sweeny	Provincial Executive Director Ontario Command

Chairman Vance read a letter from ANAVETS who were unable to attend.

Sunday, June 16th continued

REPORTS

Credentials Committee Report – Sunday, June 16:

Accredited Delegates	118
Proxies	196
TOTAL	314
Observers	7

VIDEO PRESENTATION from Dominion Command - Introduced by Angus Stanfield

RESOLUTIONS REPORT - Presented by Cde. Bette Vance

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

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. Gordon MacKenize

HONOURS AND AWARDS REPORT - Presented by Cde. Ken Arsenaault

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Presented by Cde. Ernie Tester

A Membership Plaque was presented to the Gladstone Branch # 110 for achieving the largest percentage increase of members in 2018, in this Command in Branches with over 100 members.

A Membership Plaque was presented to Robert Frost Branch # 133 for achieving the largest percentage increase of members in 2018, in this Command in Branches with less than 100 members.

On hand from Dominion Command, Randy Hayley, Deputy Director, Member Services to present a PowerPoint presentation developed specifically for our Command.

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

Sunday, June 16th - continued

LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT - Presented by Cde. Robert Penner

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. Sheila Babian

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

L.A.C. REPORT – Presented by Cde. Rick Bennett

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

RECONVENED Monday, June 17th - 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Giroux led the delegates in the invocation.

Credentials Committee Report – Monday, June 17:

Accredited Delegates	117
Proxies	189
TOTAL	306
Observers	8

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

Kelly Smith	PIB Insurance
Garry Pond	President Ontario Command
William Trefry	PR Presentation
Angus Stanfield	RCEL Collection
Robert Cutbush	Host of 2021 Provincial Convention

SPORTS REPORT- Presented by Cde. Rick Bennett

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

Monday, June 17th, continued

SERVICE BUREAU REPORT & VSS RESOLUTION – Presented by Cde. Robert Cutbush

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES REPORT Manitoba - Presented by Cde. Ken Morley

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

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

*Note an error was noted in this report. 'Scholarships from Poppy Funds for \$1,000' should have been General Funds.

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES REPORT NWO Section - District # 8 - Presented by Cde. Gary MacDonald

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

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

- **FINANCE**

It was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED by Rick Bennett that G. D. HARMS, CMA LTD. be appointed as auditors for the 2019 and 2020 reviews for Provincial Command.

It was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED by Rick Bennett that the Command Poppy Day Trust Fund year-end be changed to December 31, from the current march 31, effective 2019.

Report was MOVED, SECONDED & CARRIED

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President	Jerry Lava
	<i>Ronn Anderson (declined)</i>
1 st VP	Ernie Tester
	Robert Cutbush
	Robert Penner
	<i>Wayne Baker (declined)</i>
VP	Robert Cutbush
	Don Lemon
	Wayne Baker
	Robert Penner
	Joan Wright
	Ken Milenko
	Ken Morley
Honourary Treasurer	Rick Bennett
Chairman	Bette Vance
Sgt. At Arms	Ken Arsenault
	Jason Lava

- President Jerry Lava elected by acclamation.
- First Vice President Ernie Tester elected.
- Vice Presidents Robert Cutbush, Wayne Baker and Don Lemon were elected.
- Treasurer Rick Bennett elected by acclamation.
- Chairman Bette Vance elected by acclamation.
- Sergeant-at-Arms Ken Arsenault was elected.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

Rev. Cathy Giroux
 Father Paul Bringleston
 Rev. Chuck Ross

Monday, June 17th, continued

GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS

- The Chairman recognized all Veterans present.
- President Anderson recognized all Command Past Presidents.
- Port Arthur Branch # 5 will host the 2019 Provincial Convention.

Comrade Stanfield made the following presentations:

Ronn Anderson	Provincial Past President Medal & Lapel Badge
	Provincial Bar
	Public Relations Bar
Jerry Lava	1st Vice President Bar
	Constitution & Laws & Legislation
Robert Penner	Provincial Past Officer Medal
	Provincial Bar
	Vice President Bar
Robert Cutbush	Leadership Bar
	Provincial Past Officer Medal
	Provincial Bar
	Vice President Bar
Ken Arsenault	Veterans Service Bar
	Provincial Past Officer Medal
	Provincial Bar
Ken Arsenault	Sergeant-At-Arms

Monday, June 17th, continued

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


Sergeant-at-Arms	Ken Arsenault
Chairman	Bette Vance
Honorary Treasurer	Rick Bennett
District Commanders	John Mensch
	George Fisher
	Joan Wright
	Gale Collinson
	Ken Morley
	Gail Conrad Davey
	Gary MacDonald
1 st Vice President	Ernie Tester
Vice Presidents	Robert Cutbush
	Don Lemon
	Wayne Baker
Immediate Past President	Ronn Anderson
President	Jerry Lava

Following the installation of the Officers, the newly elected President, Cde. Lava thanked Cde. Stanfield for being the Installing Officer.

There being no further business to come before the convention, ADJOURNMENT was declared on Monday afternoon, June 17th, 2019.

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.


Jerry Lava
Provincial Command President


Dawn Golding
Executive Director

The 49th Biennial Provincial Convention 2019 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.