

## Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Command

### PROVINCIAL COMMAND RESOLUTIONS RECAP 2019

	Branch/Committee	Committee	Synopsis	Committee Input	Convention Floor
1	<b>Resolution of Loyalty</b>				
2	Brandon #3	CL&L	Cease to Operate Zones	Concur	Defeated
3	Charleswood #100	CL&L	Highlight Revisions to By-Laws	Concur	Carried
4	Edwin Switzer #78	M/Ship	Membership Drives produce Orphan Members	Concur	Defeated
5	Dryden #63	M/Ship	Membership Drives produce Orphan Members	Concur	Defeated
6	Ear Falls #238	M/Ship	New Members online	Concur	Amended & Carried
7	Henderson Highway #215	M/Ship	New Members online	Concur	Defeated
8	Charleswood #100	VSS	Abolish Rounding System for Disability Claims	Concur	Carried
9	Portage la Prairie #65	Poppy	Allow for Service Dogs	Concur	Carried
10	Birtle #55	Poppy	Allow for Service Dogs	Concur	Carried
11	Sports Committee	Sports	Provincial Command 8-Ball	Concur	Carried

## **2019 PROVINCIAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS**

### **1. Resolution of Loyalty**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the delegates in attendance at the 48<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Command of The Royal Canadian Legion, re-affirm our loyalty and devotion to Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second.

## **CONSTITUTION AND LAWS AND LEGISLATION**

### **2. Brandon Branch No. 3**

**WHEREAS** Membership is continually going down and per capita payments can be a hardship to the branch; and

**WHEREAS** The cost of doing business is always increasing; and

**WHEREAS** Input from Zone is minimal. There are two meetings per year and organization of the poster contest; and

**WHEREAS** There is a lack of volunteers to help, as well as a lack of willingness to participate in committees.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Zones be disbanded.

**CONCUR - DEFEATED**

**CONSTITUTION AND LAWS AND LEGISLATION - continued**

**3. Charleswood Branch No. 100**

**WHEREAS** The By-Laws of The Royal Canadian Legion Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Command are revised on a continuing basis; and

**WHEREAS** It is often difficult to find the changes to a specific section of the By-Laws; and

**WHEREAS** On occasion this has caused mistaken references and or decisions.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That all future By-Law changes/amendments, once approved, will be printed in a contracting font or highlighted so as to be easily recognized at a glance.

**CONCUR - CARRIED**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **4. Edwin Switzer Branch No. 78**

**WHEREAS** The Dominion Command is soliciting members through Membership Drives; and

**WHEREAS** New members signing up through said Membership Drives do not belong to an active legion branch; and

**WHEREAS** They are therefore Orphan Members who are not as likely to participate in legion branch activities.

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** That all Orphan Members be designated to the closest legion branch as determined by Postal Code.

**CONCUR - DEFEATED**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **5. Dryden Branch No. 63**

**WHEREAS** The Dominion Command is soliciting persons through advertising and online membership sign-ups and membership due payments; and

**WHEREAS** These persons signing up (Orphan Members) do not belong to an active branch; and

**WHEREAS** The Royal Canadian Legion branch members can/should be able to participate in comradeship, activities and/or volunteering.

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** That all Orphan Members be turned over to the closest active branch as per their Postal Code.

**CONCUR - DEFEATED**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **6. Ear Falls Branch No. 238**

**WHEREAS** New Members can now join The Royal Canadian Legion online at the Command level and are given a BR000 number; and

**WHEREAS** Royal Canadian Legion must do their due diligence when signing on new members; and

**WHEREAS** There are outreach opportunities that are missed at the local branch level for these new members that sign up online.

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** That Dominion Command will notify the appropriate nearest branch when an online member has joined at the Dominion level.

**CONCUR -**

### **AMENDMENT**

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** That Dominion Command will notify the appropriate nearest branches when an online member has joined at the Dominion level.

**CONCUR - CARRIED**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **7. Henderson Highway Branch No. 215**

**WHEREAS** Dominion Command is encouraging members to renew their yearly membership online with Command; and

**WHEREAS** Members paying their annual membership to Dominion Command is a change from the past practice of members coming to branches to pay their annual membership through their respective branches; and

**WHEREAS** This practice is discouraging members to come to the branches and thereby reducing much needed money for operating costs away from the Branches all across Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Branches rely on members to patronize their branches to generate revenue to operate and serve Veterans and the membership.

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** That the Dominion Command immediately stop the practice of allowing members to renew their annual membership through Dominion Command and rather Dominion Command should encourage Legion members to visit their branches to renew their memberships.

**CONCUR - DEFEATED**

## **VETERANS SERVICES AND LEGION SENIORS**

### **8. Charleswood Branch No. 100**

**WHEREAS** It is a stated policy of Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) that when there is doubt when awarding a Disability Claim, VAC will find in favor of the Veteran; and

**WHEREAS** VAC in determining the percentage value of a disability award uses a "rounding up" or "rounding down" system which results in some Veterans getting more or less than others; and

**WHEREAS** An example would be VAC awarding a 7% disability and rounding it down to 5%, leaving 2% not awarded. That 2% could be of significant dollar value to the Veteran. The 2% may be added to a future disability claim or may simply otherwise ignored; and

**WHEREAS** The current state of computer technology can easily determine percentages in dollar amounts to several decimal points and make very exact percentages.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That The Royal Canadian Legion Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Command make representation to Dominion Command to implore Veterans Affairs Canada to enact legislation to abolish the rounding system and replace it with actual percentages.

**CONCUR – CARRIED**



## **POPPY**

### **9. Portage La Prairie Branch No. 165**

**WHEREAS** The mandate of The Royal Canadian Legion is the welfare of our Veterans and families; and

**WHEREAS** The Royal Canadian Legion serves Veterans, members of the Canadian Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their families; and

**WHEREAS** Section 403 m of the Poppy Manual authorizes the use of "special" funds for the purposes of supporting costs associated with the purchase of service dogs; and

**WHEREAS** Donations or expenditures from Poppy Funds require prior approval by Provincial Command.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That Poppy Funds be released by Provincial Command to go towards the purchase of service dogs for Veterans including service dogs for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That up to 25% of the current balance of a Poppy Fund can be allotted to this expenditure or donation.

**CONCUR – CARRIED**

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### **10. Birtle Branch #55**

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**CONCUR – CARRIED**

## **SPORTS**

### **11. Sports Committee**

**WHEREAS** All sports are supposed to be self-sufficient and independent of per capita funds; and

**WHEREAS** The cost of running the 8-Ball Provincial Championship and sending a four (4) person team to the Dominion Championships is in the neighbourhood of \$1,500 - \$1,800; and

**WHEREAS** 8-Ball has never come close to breaking even in its history (most teams entered was 10 at \$60 per team).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That starting in 2020 events the branch registration per team be raised to \$100 (\$25 per person); and.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That if less than eight (8) teams register, the competition will be cancelled; and.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That if fifteen (15) or more teams register the competition will take place; and.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That if eight (8) to fourteen (14) teams register the Sports Committee will vote on whether or not the competition will take place.

**CONCUR – CARRIED**