

# Military friends find themselves in same residence

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The two men served together in Oakville for two years before they were each transferred. John went on to Washington, D.C. with the Canadian Army Staff while Andrew attended the one-year course at the Canadian Army Staff College in Kingston.

Following a two-year stint on the staff at Army Headquarters in Ottawa, Andrew spent a year in the Korean War where he commanded the Division Provost Company. He returned to Canada in 1954 to command the Corps Training School at Camp Shilo, Manitoba. In 1960 he returned to Army Headquarters in Ottawa as Deputy Provost Marshal of the Canadian Army.

Since they were both constantly on the move, Andrew and John quickly lost contact with one another and didn't know the other's location for 13 years. But in July, 1963, their paths crossed again in North Vietnam, after both were hand-picked to serve on a peacekeeping tour with the International Commission for Supervision and

Control in Vietnam.

After completing that one-year tour of duty, they once again went their separate ways. Andrew was promoted to Colonel and was appointed as the first Director of Security and Intelligence for the Royal Canadian Navy, Army and Air Force before retiring in 1969. John continued on in the Canadian Army and rose to the rank of Captain. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration for exemplary service before retiring in 1968.

In 1969 the two friends were reunited once again at a reunion dinner for Indo-China veterans.

"Little did we know it was not to be for the last time," says John.

The two men, both now widowed, are delighted to have rekindled the friendship once again.

Although both spent their entire careers in the armed forces and have many war stories to share, neither man sees any glory in war.

"If you've been a soldier on a battlefield and seen the next day rise, you hate war more than anyone," says Andrew. "The only miracle of war is that you survive. I deplore it."

John, who will serve as master of ceremonies at this year's Remembrance Day service at the Kensington, feels it is imperative that school children be taught about the horrors of war.

"We're practically the only ones left," he adds. "It's important that young people are taught what it is really like."

Asked whether Remembrance Day still has meaning to people today, Andrew recounted his recent experience in a local mall where a veteran had set up a stand to sell poppies. He says he was amazed that men, women and children all seemed to go out of their way to buy a poppy and wear it.

"I was happy to see that," he adds. "If that is what is happening, I would say Remembrance Day is still very much alive."

# Resident says home is inviting trouble

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the site, staying for a maximum of 30 days until March 31, 2000, at which point the new owner takes possession.

The Town said the type of people who will be using the facility - administered by Halton Region with the Salvation Army looking after day-to-day operations - will fall into three categories: abused women with or without children and people suffering a marital breakdown; the working poor; and adolescents estranged from family or escaping an abusive situation.

Braddock said the configuration of Grace House allows for the accommodation of the diverse groups. A family, for example, can be put in a ground floor unit at the back of the house with its own bathroom while a wing on the south side can be used exclusively for women and the six rooms upstairs can be used for the men.

But Bob Livesey, who lives next to Grace House, questioned how abused women will be able to live under the same roof as single males with a criminal record.

"I think you are just inviting trou-

ble," said Livesey, who also wondered how adolescents who have been kicked out of their own homes for refusing to obey rules and using drugs will behave at the shelter.

Livesey would like to see a criminal check done on those staying at the house and 24 hour surveillance.

John Jagt, Director of Hostel Services for the City of Toronto, said misconceptions surrounding the homeless are common.

Jagt, who attended the meeting as a concerned resident of Oakville, said people start imagining things and become fearful because they do not know who they are talking about.

"The people who are going to stay here (at Grace House) are our neighbours," said Jagt referring to the fact the facility will only be open to people from Oakville.

Mulvale said the urgent need for temporary short-term emergency housing has intensified due to the loss of inexpensive hotels like the Pig and Whistle and the cottages next to Appleby College.

In any case, Mulvale said hotels have limited uses and are not suitable

for youths and families.

"I've had women with children living in a motel room with no kitchen and trying to feed a family with a two burner stove in the bathroom," said Mulvale. "Some of the situations these people are now in makes the rundown Grace House look like a palace."

Mulvale warned those at the meeting that if a place is not found for these people to go "we will see people pushing their belongings around Lakeshore or sleeping in doorways."

Mulvale said Oakville has a choice, it can either board up Grace House and let it stay empty for four months - something she said would definitely create problems for area residents - or it could give people a roof over their heads during the worst months of the year.

A staff report with recommendations will be filed at Town Council on Monday, Nov. 22nd at 7:30 p.m.. For more information, or to speak at the meeting, contact Oakville town planner David Nelson, at 845-6601, Ext 3039.

# Friends and neighbours gathered in support

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"I feel good about it," he says softly, "and I'll be filling out my donor card from now on. The Multiple Organ Retrieval Exchange will update us on the progress of his recipients."

"I would like to meet them some day if that's allowed," adds Yvonne. "Steven and I talked about it and I knew he would have loved it."

His gift is in keeping with the boy himself. Extremely popular and well liked; Steven's sunny disposition, generous spirit and impish smile will be sadly missed. Over 1,000 people visited Ward Funeral Home to pay their respects and 900 overflowed Walton Memorial Church at his funeral Sunday, Oct. 31st. Reverend Jim Gill remarked to Steven's parents he'd never seen such a large turnout.

They came in droves to pay tribute to the sparkling brown-eyed centre and captain of the Minor Oakville Hockey League team, the Lumberjacks, whose blonde mop was perpetually hidden by a backwards baseball cap.

Many of his teammates and coaches from previous hockey teams attended the funeral and all wore black arm bands and observed a minute of silence in his honour during recent games. His team, the Lumberjacks, had crests sewn

on their uniforms that read, "S.H. Captain."

At the funeral, his peers placed cards, letters and memorabilia in his coffin and penned heartfelt messages on the unfinished wood like, "we'll miss you and love you always", "our hearts are broken" and "hope you have some great hockey games up there." His family set up a memorial room at the funeral home filled with photos and Steven's favorite things - his hockey gear, skateboard, trophies and golf clubs.

This summer, the active youngster learned to water-ski and he and his brother loved tubing together at their grandfather's cottage near Gravenhurst.

"He loved life," his father says simply. "He was busy, but shared his time with everyone. He had lots of friends. Steven only lived to be eleven and a half, but he didn't miss out on much. He had a full life and enjoyed the best years of childhood."

"He was always smiling and rarely had a bad word for anyone," agrees his mom. "He was very affectionate and every night we tucked him into bed and gave him a kiss good night."

In their grief, the Hawke family is overwhelmed by the support they've received. Neighbours and friends deliv-

ered a constant stream of food and drink, arranged for a caterer and even cleaned their Bronte home from top to bottom in the days following Steven's death. Bryon was also showered with support upon his return to class at Brookdale Public School.

"Oakville is quite an amazing place to live. Despite its growth, it hasn't lost that small town community feeling," Brad marvels. "Our neighbors and friends have rallied around us. It softened our burden."

"My best friend, Kathy Hall, fielded 50 calls in just one day from people wanting to help," Yvonne notes. "She was wonderful and organized everything."

The family also has high praise for the medical communities at Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children, Halton Regional Police Victim Services Unit and Ward Funeral Home.

As a further tribute to Steven, the family will plant a butterfly bush bought by friends, at the Bronte Butterfly Park now under construction. A private memorial service was held in the Hawke's backyard Sunday. Steven's ashes were placed in a workable sundial in their perennial garden and a tree planted

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"The problem is not going to go away until we build the schools where we need them," added Marklew.

Meanwhile the parents look longingly at a brand new Catholic school that was built just down the street for students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. The school, however, is only open to Catholics and children are required to produce a Catholic baptismal certificate to attend.

"I know some people who have changed their denomination so their children can go to a new neighbourhood school," said Davies.

Further frustrating these families is the promise of a local school which has never materialized. The land designated for it on Caldwell and Grand Ravine still lies vacant and waiting six years later.

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