

"I don't believe I've ever seen him refuse to help on anything he's been asked to do — well, he did decline accepting a seat on the executive but we'll forgive him for that, for now."

"From helping to build the patio, laying sod, planting flowers, setting up tables and chairs, helping prepare food for dinners, serving dinners and cleaning up afterwards, he has worked unfailingly and cooperatively with his comrades to help this branch. He's quietly made donations in other ways he's preferred not to have brought to general attention."

This year, two special certificates of merit were also presented, to Ray and Marilyn Babcock.

Partners in life as well as in legion activities, both are "unfailing supports and worker in this branch," May said.

Marilyn Babcock has served as membership chair, is a longtime Ladies' Auxiliary member and currently serves on the ways and means committee. For the past two years, she has leant her cooking skills for the twice-monthly dinners.

Ray Babcock has served as second vice-president of the branch, bar chair and house and property chair. He currently is bar chair, volunteer bar steward and helps on the ways and means committee.



Photo by Marlene Harnden

Among those awarded certificates of appreciation at the May 3 annual honours and awards reception at Colborne Legion Branch 187 were: (front, from left) Mary Jackson, Gord Gray, Heidi Bachellier, Sandra Boland, Paul Coleman, Gerry Ivanski and Paul Kelly; (back) Howard Bested, Judith Howe, Jerry Howe, Buddy Bachellier, Ray Babcock, Marilyn Babcock and Ruth Kripp.

He fits people to jobs, locates resources and encourages all.

Colborne Legion Branch 187 Life members

Don Prentice, 54 years. Also recipient of the Meritorious Service medal, the highest award the Royal Canadian Legion awards.

Joe Nelson, 49 years
Patti May, 32 years. Of those

32 years, she has served on the executive 31 years.

Officer medals and bars

Presented by Zone F2 Commander-elect Greg Kobold

Paul Coleman: past officers medal and secretary bar

Scott Hickson: past officers medal and executive committee bar

Shain Godfrey: past officers

medal and executive committee bar

Bill Bachellier: veterans service bar

Marlene Harnden: membership bar

Ira Wile: legion seniors bar

Long service pins

60-year ordinary: Clifford Oliver

45-year ordinary: William

"Bill" Ball, Art Jackson

30-year ordinary: J.E. Elliott

20-year ordinary: Les Day, Walter Leigh, Allan Orr

15-year ordinary: Jim White, Ruth White

10-year ordinary: Blake McKinnon, Glenn McVein

35-year associate: Rex Dill-abough

25-year associate: George

Hockney

20-year associate: Marj Barlow, June Haywood, Jeanie Lindsay, Marilyn Post, Dennis Walker, Ira Wile

15-year associate: Darrell Day, Brenda Graham, Marlene Harnden, John Kernaghan, Gord McDonald

10-year associate: Billie Ball,

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Deaths

SLATER, Mary Adeline - Peacefully at the Golden Plough Lodge on Sunday May 10th, 2009 in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Cyril Slater, Loving sister of the late William, Alvin, Cecil and Viola Cornelius. Mary is lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to call at the **MACCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 11 King St., W., Colborne on Wednesday May 13th from 1-2 pm., followed by a funeral service at 2 pm. Interment in Castleton Cemetery. If desired donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or Heart & Stroke Foundation. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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OUT FOR BREAKFAST



Crystal Beudry took her two daughters, four-year-old Amilya and three-year-old Shekayla, to the Colborne Legion on Sunday for Mother's Day Breakfast. More than 300 people enjoyed the delicious meal. Mothers were treated for free by the Legion.

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