

The Sunderland Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary this year. The members of the Branch were pleased and honoured to be able to host the Zone F4 "Drum Head Service" on Sunday May 28. This service was attended by Legionnaires and members of the Ladies Auxiliary from thirteen legion branches; from Haliburton in the north to Lindsay in the south and from Beaverton on the west to Omemee in the east, plus nine branches in between. We were pleased that members and officers of the 659th Brock Air Cadets were able to participate also.

The parade moved off from the parking lot on Park St. at 1:30 p.m. and proceeded to the monument in front of the town hall where a wreath was laid in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice during the three wars. Our Branch Padre, Rev. Eric Grundy offered a prayer on our behalf. From the town hall, the parade marched to the fair grounds led by the Haliburton Pipe Band.

Our Branch President, Comrade Mac Armstrong, extended a warm welcome to the district officers, the zone officers, the public and his fellow Comrades. The platform guests included most of the officers of Zone-F-4, our guest speaker District F Commander John Ryan and our

"Special Guest" Provincial President Horace Tudhope. The piling of the drums was performed well by the Haliburton Pipes and Drums accompanied by the Zone Colour Party from Haliburton. The Kawartha Brass Band supplied the music for the anthems and the hymns.

Following the "Drum Head Service", a special dinner prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary of Sunderland Branch and was enjoyed by the Legionnaires and the members the Ladies Auxiliaries. Our Master of Ceremonies, Past Zone-F-4 Commander Stan Moore, performed up to and even beyond his potential and our expectations. Greetings and best wishes were received from all of the head table guests including Zone Commander Ken Bell, Zone Commander L. A. Marg McLean, and President of the L.A. for Branch 141 Mary Lou Gerrow.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Provincial President Comrade Horace Tudhope. He made his address interesting and humorous. He emphasized that the present members of the legion must try to ensure that the good work being done by the legion will continue if we attract and enrole younger members of high calibre. A few of the highlights of the history of Brock Branch 141 were compiled by two long-term members of the branch, Comrade Carl

St. John and Comrade Don Christie. They made this into a short story and it was read by Comrade Mike Sheridan.

There are many to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for this memorable occasion, both within the branch and also throughout the Zone. You know who you are and to all of you, we say "Thank you very much." A few special mention above and beyond the call of duty: - Past Zone Commander Stan Moore, Zone Commander Ken Bell, Parade Marshall, Bob Clayton, Deputy Zone Commander, Sylvia Sisson, and Drum Head Chairman, Lloyd Taverner. Comrades Stan Vestby and George Avery devoted a great deal of time and effort to ensuring the success of this memorable day.

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