

# VOX POP

BRANCH No. 197 **LEGION NEWS** By James Hayes P.R.O.

**Did the deaths of six Canadian soldiers on Easter Sunday in Afghanistan change your feelings about Canada's involvement with NATO forces?**



**Brian Kentner, Acton**  
 "At first, I thought they were over there for a reason, but there just doesn't seem to be any end in sight, and if there's no end in sight, why are we sending people to die if they aren't going to accomplish anything?"



**Tania Spill, Acton**  
 "I truly feel we need to re-evaluate what we are doing there and what our motives are. I believe it is important to support our soldiers, but I think some of the people in government need to look at why we are there."



**Bruce Barrett, Acton**  
 "The Afghanistan government must decide whether they are going to do anything as well. It's like we're fighting a bunch of terrorists and it's sort of a no-win situation. Do the people really want our help, because there's more and more attacks on everybody...I really think that maybe we should pull back."



**Terry Kuipers, Acton**  
 "Honestly, I can't tell really tell you a whole lot how I feel about the war - I think it's silly. I think that we're fighting a war that's not ours. One of the soldiers that was involved, and may have gotten hurt, is one of my friend's brother."

## Carr appointed...

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 these important issues are addressed."

The GTTA's mandate is to ensure that all levels of government work together to develop a long-range transportation plan in consultation with a broad range of stakeholders including students, seniors, people with disabilities, businesses, and industry.

With nine transit systems handling more than 518 million annual passenger trips and more than two mil-

lion vehicles on GTA and Hamilton roads, the GTTA will play a vital role in developing a plan to tackle congestion and co-ordinate and improve transit systems across the region.

The agency is responsible for regional transit and transportation planning, purchasing transit vehicles on behalf of municipalities, the future management of GO Transit and ultimately the operation of the GTA fare card system for Greater Toronto and Hamilton

The Branch elections are on Tuesday, May 8. This year, the nomination board has been set up in the games room. Nomination forms are available at the bar, and must be returned to the stewards on completion. Please give serious consideration to getting involved; it requires a 12-month commitment and it is not a popularity contest.

To those who attend the election, I wish to remind you that the meeting is not over until the closing ceremonies are complete. Do the people who have been elected the courtesy of seeing them installed as officers of your Branch.

**Candlelight Walk**  
 The Candlelight Walk and Tribute is being held on Thursday, May 10, as in the past there will be two starting locations: the St. Alban's parking lot, and the olde Hide House parking lot. We were disappointed in the turn-out by students last year; we sincerely hope for a better response this time. In the past we have been overjoyed by their involvement.

**Entertainment**  
 If you have not already heard the buzz about the upcoming Legion Idol night on Friday, May 11, you need to drop into the Branch and get the scoop on all the details. Over the years we have heard a lot of talented members

do some great impromptu singing, so we know you can do it.

We already have a very funny M.C. in place, and three judges, but also will be giving the audience a chance to vote on their favourite entertainer(s). Performances do not have to be solos, so if you have a partner or even trios, who can sing, then come on out and strut your stuff.

**Sports**  
 The Monday night Snooker club could always use a few new members.

Why not drop by and try your hand?  
 Date for your diary: Saturday, April 21 at 2p.m., the annual Chili Cook-off.

*Yours in comradeship,  
 Jim Hayes,  
 Branch PRO.*



**VOLUNTEER HONOURED:** Acton's Deb Mills received the Janet Marshall Memorial Award for volunteerism from the Acton Figure Skating Club as it wrapped up the season with a successful carnival on Saturday. As well as being a skating mom, Mills produced this year's show program. - Frances Niblock photo

## Acton "Tanners" Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting

Will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2007 7:00p.m.  
 Acton Legion

**PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SLATE**

- President: Dave Eagan**
- Vice President Business Operations: Arlene Fritz**
- Treasurer: Kim Bandy-Bollert**
- Secretary: Debbie Duin**
- Vice President: Bill Curry**

For any nominations, contact the Acton Minor Hockey Association at 853-1200, before April 18th, 2007.

Voting Members include: parents of players, coaching staff and all volunteers within the AMHA.

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## Staying Alive Learning Series presents:

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- ✓ How to modify recipes with healthier choices in mind
- ✓ Products for you grocery list
- ✓ Food Samples!

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00am - 12:00 noon**  
**Staying Alive Fitness Studio**  
**ADMISSION FREE**  
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**Melanie & Lincoln**  
**Saturday, April 21 8pm**  
**Acton Legion**  
**Tickets at the door \$10 or call Kent 519-853-4678**