

# Former mayor says Rockwood flag ceremony ignored proper protocol

To the editor,

*Re: Raise new flags in solemn Cenotaph ceremony*

That ceremony was not held "to recognize past and present soldiers and their sacrifice," it was held to recognize three members of the council of the Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa - Chris White, John Scott and Doug Breen as well as one or two other members of the Twp. heritage, one being Robert Edwards who singled out two names out of 24. You do not single out anyone. The other 22 are not to be ignored.

The Canadians attacked Vinny Ridge at dawn, Easter Monday April 9, 1917, not Oct. 20.

The information that was given to the heritage committee from Heritage Canada and the Department of National Defence Canada, was obtained by Legion members then copied and given to them. They chose to ignore that information. As Chris White said to me - it's "our" cenotaph and we can do as we like.

They said that "the process was approved by Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion and followed guidelines of the Department of National Defence. "Not true" I quote from the communication of the Chair of the Royal Canadian Legion. Ritual and Ensignia - "Most Cenotaph's fly only the flag of Canada on a fixed pole. This is because the cenotaph itself is dedicated to "ALL" who have lost their lives in uniform" - and regarding ensignia - "We have had requests to fly the army, navy and air force ensignias at branches. We have denied those requests because they are not official 'flags.' It would therefore, in my view, be inappropriate to fly service ensignia on permanent flag poles at Cenotaphs."

The Royal Union flag will when physical arrangements allow, be flown along with the national flag on federal holidays on three occasions each year, (listed on page 2 of Royal Union

Flag) and at National War memorials in Canada "in connection with ceremonies marking anniversaries of events in which Canadian forces participate with other Commonwealth forces."

When representing the United Kingdom (the Queen) as a sovereign nation, the Union flag takes precedence. When the Canadian Department of National Defence was asked if ensignias could be flown at the cenotaph their answer was "absolutely not."

No Canadian Cenotaph should be desecrated by local politicians or any other selfish group.

To defame those of our

Canadians who served and were killed, those who served and since died, those who served and are still living, and those who serve today is wrong and should be condemned. These of our Canadians have served since 1853-6 "Lest We Forget."

This desecration of our war memorial and defamation of our veterans was paid for by the tax payers of the Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa to the tune of approximately \$4,000 at the whim of those who have put their names up to be honoured.

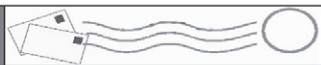
Clint Martin,

Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa



Former mayor says these flags do not follow protocol - Photo Rebecca Ring

## Letters



### Region wants control

To the Editor,

As a rural resident, I wonder where will the erosion of the local municipality's authority and decision making end, and how much power do we really want to give the Region in taking overfill control of trash collection.

I would suggest to Halton Hill's Mayor Rick Bonnette that if his council supports this direction of waste management, then he can be assured in the very near future his rural residents will have roadside pickup for regular garbage, like we do in rural Milton whether they want it or not.

If the Region is looking for total control of our waste management so that the Green Cart program can be rammed through council without any vote, or objection from the rural area then this is the perfect opportunity to give

in and give it too them. The majority of us in the rural area currently compose our kitchen waste, and have been doing so for quite some time, why would we agree now to pay for roadside pickup?

Once we pass on this responsibility what comes next? Will the Region want to be responsible for all local roads, fire stations, and by laws, perhaps we should do away with the costly level of municipal governments and just call ourselves the City of Halton.

Let's keep our own control of these services since we are unique and have different needs and wants. Lets hope that Milton Council and Halton Hill's Council vote no to giving the Region this extra power.

Rick Matchett,  
Nassagaweya.

### Angela shuffles off...

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Mall where I had success with shopping and parking. It was getting dark and like Cinderella my coach was about to turn back to a pumpkin and I wanted to be back in Canada.

As I approached the massive line up to cross the 49th parallel, I noticed a line that said 'Commercial Vehicles' which basically had nobody in it. Hmmm, I thought. I have this truck and it is basically the Dude's business truck with a safety sticker. That is commercial right? As I scurried down passing hundreds of cars, I had a secondary thought. Commercial means tractor trailers which is something I should have known. With that I tried to scoot back into the regular line which did not go over very well. Especially when this huge tractor trailer came up the rear of me and he was not happy. Cripes, I thought he was going to rear-end me.

Luckily I snuck into the line after somebody couldn't handle the truck's air horn anymore and I got to the Canadian Customs officer. I was lucky. He basically waved me through and didn't even want

to see my passport.

So I learned some lessons. First, leave the big honking diesel at home. Go with something that will fit into parking spots. Second, have a plan and stick to it. Avoid where the "tourists" go while the dollar is so good. Third, if you do take the big honking diesel, don't go into the commercial line. It's a good way to experience road rage first hand and maybe get swarmed. And most importantly, you may save a few bucks or get something you really want, but in the end, it is just so much easier to shop at home.

### Thanks Mayor

I congratulate the Mayor and all the helpers on the distribution of the energy efficient light bulbs. In our house it's a bit late, since we changed over about two years ago.

One thing I do not understand - I have given information re a device that would cost about \$250 to our Mayor, that would save between 15-25% of a household's hydro use. This is a very significant saving, and

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Happy 19th Birthday Lesley

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Love: Mom, Dad,  
Megan, Heather & Ally

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**Santa Claus Parade**

Saturday, November 17, 2007  
From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Organized by the  
Acton Firefighters Association

From Acton Blvd. to Queen St. to Young St.  
to Mill St. to Main St. to Knox Blvd and into  
Prospect Park

**1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2**

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Saturday November 17th, 2007 @ 7:30pm  
Acton Legion Games room  
Games, Prizes, Buffet & DJ  
\$10.00 per person