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NEWSLETTER

Dear Member:

We are forwarding our Newsletter covering some recent cases dealt with from 1 October to 31 December, 2014.

We are showing brief particulars of applicants and the decisions reached by the claims committees. Names of applicants are not shown in order to maintain confidentiality.

Also attached is the “notes from the President’s desk”.

(Original signed by)

L.F. Harrison
Secretary Treasurer

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Notes from the President:
04/02/2015

Greetings all, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and I'm wishing you all a fantastic new year but now it's time to settle back into our work schedule. Your Board of Directors met via phone on the 28th of January to discuss issues and we do have some interesting issues that we will need to face this upcoming AGM.

Our financial situation is not as solid as it was last year as we have gone from 5.8 million dollars down to 5.1 million dollars in the past 9 months. There are many reasons for this; we continue to spend about 600 thousand dollars per year and the market has taken a sharp turn for the worse lately, but I'm hoping we will see some growth by the AGM since most of our big expenditures are now done for the year.

As for RCNBF awareness we continue to try and reach out. I did a presentation in November in Listowel Ontario. I met with General Natynczyk, the ADM from Veterans Affairs, and had a short meeting with Michael Burns the Vice Chair of the True Patriot Love Foundation which I followed up with a letter to him in the hope of getting support in the future.

You will also note that we have modernized our Web Page and we now have a Facebook page. Please like us and share with your friends, look us up on Facebook at **Royal Canadian Naval Benevolent Fund**. Our Web Manager will be working with us for the next year trying to improve our virtual connection; I think it will pay off in the near future. Lee has started a mail out campaign, first to all Veterans Affairs office, then she followed that up with a letter and pamphlet to all Legions, almost 1500 of them. We will be reaching out to the Corps of Commissionaires and we will be direct mailing to all Ships Commanding Officers before the next Government of Canada workplace charitable campaign.

We did receive some bad news in February, the Navy will no longer provide us with a grant to subsidize our rent. This grant first started in 1960 and will be ending this March. We truly appreciate the financial support of the RCN over these past 55 years and I know the Navy remains committed to the RCNBF but I can't lie the financial assistance will be missed.

Let me close by saying that Ottawa is experiencing a cold winter and I know many of you are already gone south and I'm looking forward to a short vacation in March myself. My thanks go out to all of our staff and volunteers for making us a successful corporation.

Yours Aye
Bob Cleroux

SOME PEOPLE WE HAVE HELPED

The following cases were approved as they met the criteria of the Fund with respect to the element of distress, emergency, or in some cases, the well being of the individual.

Widow of ex-Serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$6900.00 for roof replacement. A grant was approved.

Ex-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$1500.00 to cover cost of dental treatment. A grant was approved.

Post Ex-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$2000.00 to cover cost of special bed required for medical reasons. A grant was approved.

Post serving servicewoman requested assistance in the amount of \$8665.19 to bring debts to a manageable level. An interest free loan of \$8665.19; supplementary to CFPAF loan of \$10,000.00, was approved. Loan is repayable at \$75.00 per month.

Widow of ex-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$1810.10 to replace oil tank. A grant was approved.

Ex-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$1900.00 to cover cost of dentures. A grant was approved.

Merchant Navy veteran requested assistance in the amount of \$5160.00 to cover repairs to damaged portion of chimney. A grant was approved.

Ex-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$13,193.73 for debt consolidation. An interest free loan was approved repayable at \$250.00 per month from LSP.

Widow of Merchant Navy veteran requested assistance in the amount of \$4198.00 to cover cost of new hearing aids. A grant was approved.

Post unification ex-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$5900.00 to cover cost of a new oil tank. A grant was approved.

Post unification ex-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$8305.00 to replace windows, repair dormers and replace siding. A grant was approved with Royal Canadian Legion sharing on a 50/50 basis.

Post unification es-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$1000.00 to pay out oil account and hydro arrears. A grant was approved.

Post unification serving member requested assistance with the cost of repairs to vehicle in the amount of \$2463.83. A grant was approved.

Post unification ex-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$3555.50 to cover cost of hearing aids and dentures for life. An interest free loan was approved with repayment of \$200.00 fro LSP.

Widow of naval veteran requested assistance in the amount of \$2064.25 to cover cost of complete dentures. A grant was approved.

Son of post unification ex-serviceman requested assistance with a trades/vocational bursary. A bursary of \$1500.00 was approved.

Gr-daughter of naval veteran requested assistance with a trades/vocational bursary. A bursary of \$1500.00 was approved.

Post unification serving man requested assistance to pay off outstanding debts and to cover two months rent while he applies for CPP disability. A grant of \$7155.95 was approved.

Ex-serviceman requested assistance in the amount of \$3900.00 to cover cost of a new well and for rodent removal. A grant of \$3900.00 was approved as our share with other agencies.

Daughter of serving member requested a trades/vocational bursary. A bursary of \$1500.00 was approved.

Gr-daughter of naval veteran requested a trades/vocational bursary. A bursary of \$1500.00 was approved.

Gr-daughter of ex-serviceman requested a trades/vocational bursary. A bursary of \$1500.00 was approved.