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A little rain didn't scare away a big crowd at the Annual Parade to the cenotaph in Kitchener on Remembrance day.

Photo: B. Capling

LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The "Tobacco Control out Of Control" demonstration in Niagara Falls was a very successful first step in the campaign to bring attention to the harm that this "Smoke free Ontario" act is causing our seniors that smoke because their long term care homes cannot afford or will not build a smoking room that will pass the new Ontario specifications.

I know that you and the Ontario Command fought very hard against the intrusiveness of the smoke free act and may have soured now to continue the fight but I would like to make others aware of these brave and determined warriors at the **Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre**.

They are an inspiration, they selfishly fought for our freedom and rights, now we need to fight for them and I feel very strongly if we can help these old Veterans win their smoking room back we may be able to help the rest of 100,000 seniors get their smoking rooms back as well.

It's time to **shame the government, shame the anti's and shame the public** for allowing this to happen.

Do you have empathy for our veterans in this, their new, and certainly final, war? Are you a good samaritan who can help achieve the \$70,000?

If so, contact Paul Finn at 613-526-7173. Mail a cheque -- you'll get a tax receipt -- to Paul Finn, Managing Director, Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, 1750 Russell Rd., Ottawa, Ont. K1G 5Z6. Make sure you specify it be allocated to the cost of the smoking room. Or, you can stop by in person with your cheque at Perley and Rideau.

Ann Welch

***letter has been edited due to space restraints*

FROM THE EDITOR

As usual, Comrades, I've run out of space again. I do hope you've enjoyed reading this issue of the DUGOUT even half as much as I've enjoyed putting it together.

Remember, all Members in good standing are now eligible to vote at the General Meetings, even though your card may say "non-voting". The only way to ensure you are a Member in good standing is to keep your annual Legion dues up to date. They are not due on your Birthday, nor on the anniversary of your initiation. They are due every year on December 31st of the previous year. So if you haven't paid your 2007 dues by the time you read this, please take the time to do so at your earliest convenience any time during Branch Bar hours.

Be sure to visit the Branch frequently, and check the boards for the latest announcements. You can also visit the Branch website by going to <http://dugout50.spaces.live.com/>

This is *your* newsletter, and signed submissions are always welcomed, whether by email, or to my attention at the Branch office.

Yours in Comradeship,
Jim Meyer

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