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Another class graduates local Commissionaires Ottawa Shift Leader course ... continued from page six

With a clientele of primarily ex-military members, the course takes existing leadership skills and tailors them to current management methods.

"It's the best of both worlds," said Business Operations Manager Peter MacFarlane. "We're able to take the best of military leadership and the best of corporate leadership and marry them together."

Commissionaires Ottawa made the decision to bring the course to Petawawa from Ottawa to allow more people easier access to the course, and to increase the organization's presence on one of Canada's busiest bases.

"It's worked very well," Guindon said. "That's why we're doing it again. It's been well received and in the future, we'd like to continue to do this on a regular basis."

In Petawawa, the company employs about 66 commissionaires, more than five times what was here less than three years ago.

They serve in security positions at locations throughout the base including the main gate, Range Control and the heliport at the 427 Special Operations Aviation Squadron.

As the largest security service provider in the National Capital Region and in Northern Ontario, Commissionaires Ottawa employs 2,800 security professionals serving at more than 250 client sites - government, corporate, industri-



(Front left to right) Senior Training Officer Denis Amyotte, newly appointed Area Manager Freeman Chute, Business Operations Manager Peter MacFarlane, Commissionaires Ottawa CEO Paul Guindon, retiring Area Manager Frank Smith and Trainer Allan Beck congratulate new graduates (back left to right) John Elsliger, Robert St. Pierre, Paul Cleator, Tom Byrnes, Serge Bougie, Beverly Brennan, David Stephenson, Glenna King, Nicolas Denton, Donald Teahan, John Vint, Colin Bailey, Gerhard Neumann, Wayne Wink and Andrew Lipin following a four-day Shift Leader Course held last week at CFB Petawawa. (Photo by Lisa Brazeau, Petawawa Post)

al and public buildings as well as security-sensitive areas like airports, high tech facilities, and military bases like CFB Petawawa.

It is the largest of 17 national divisions of the Corps of Commissionaires, and covers a territory extending from Petawawa north to North Bay, Sault Ste Marie, Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Sudbury and the northwestern part of Quebec.

The Canadian Corps of Commissionaires was created 81 years ago to provide employment to war veter-

ans. As its social mandate has evolved over the years, today the Corps provides meaningful employment to veterans of the military and RCMP, as well as Canadians who wish to contribute to the security and well being of Canadians.

It is a not-for-profit company, and the only one of its kind to provide a vast array of security education and training in accordance with Government of Canada standards. At the entry level, individuals are required to complete a six-and-a-half

day Basic Qualifying Course, or a home study package, and pass an exam before they can be employed as a commissionaire.

For more information on Commissionaires Ottawa, visit www.commissionaires-ottawa.on.ca

Watch next week's *Petawawa Post* for more on Commissionaires Ottawa and its participation in an upcoming charity event, "Pet Run" for the Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre in support of military families.

Legion launches \$200K fund raiser to repair roof ... continued from page three

The organization has unsuccessfully tried other routes, including grants, to pay for the repairs, but Bain contended the problem may be that the Legion's finances look good at a cursory glance.

A yearly income statement shows total revenues of \$261,245.54.

After expenses, however, the net income amounts to just under \$9,000.

The branch generates the majority of its income through bar sales, as well as revenue generated by the Ladies Auxiliary which is donated back to the Legion, Bain explained.

This year, the LA contributed \$15,600.

"Our biggest loss is the utilities," he noted. Almost \$22,000 was paid out annually for heat and hydro. Inefficient lighting and 50 year old beer fridges are a drain on already dwindling resources, he said.

And although the local branch has about 400 members, he added, membership dues are not a major source of income. Of every \$45 membership, \$29 goes to the Royal Canadian Legion's Dominion Command.

Bain would, however, still like to see more people join. "One of the biggest things is to get the (soldiers) from

base down here to join," Bain said. "Many of them are of the opinion that they're in the military and can't join the Legion until they retire. The serving members of today are tomorrow's veterans and if they wait until they are old enough to retire, there won't be a legion to join."

To date, a number of current members have pledged a total of \$12,000 in personal funds to the effort.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 517 received its Charter in 1951 and much of what members and executive raise through Bingos, Nevada ticket sales, functions, the Poppy Fund and other initiatives must be reinvested in the community.

The building received its last major renovation 1970.

Since that time, the Legion has paid for heating upgrades, the installation of an air conditioning system and other interior upgrades. Local businesses have also contributed time and materials over the years, but "we're at a point now where we have a 40 year old building that needs some major work to it and with \$8,000 a year in income, we can't do it," said Branch President Murray Remus.

"We can meet our financial commitments, but we're struggling here. The community does support us through the Poppy Fund and in other ways, we just need a little more right now."

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