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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

Branch 192 kicks off Poppy Campaign with a gift to the Carleton Place Hospital

For the sixth year in a row, Branch 192 of the Royal Canadian Legion has decided to start its annual Poppy Campaign with a gift of \$5600 to the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation.

“Supporting the Hospital has always been important to our membership and each year we try our best to



make a donation to help with needed equipment purchases,” stated George Wood, President and Poppy Chair of Branch 192. “We know that the Hospital provides great care to the veterans living in our community and by giving this donation, we are doing our best to ensure our veterans continue to receive the best care possible.”

The Legion’s gift is from the funds raised through the Poppy campaign. The annual campaign is conducted each year for about 2 weeks prior to November 11th in order to raise funds for needy Canadian veterans, ex-service members and their families. Each year, the Poppy Campaign is launched by pinning a Poppy on the Governor General. This year the pinning ceremony will

Participating in the cheque presentation on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 192 are (from l-r): Barbara Goebel, Member of the Poppy Trust Fund; Ron Goebel, Member of the Poppy Trust Fund; Steve More, Director with the CPDMH Foundation Board of Directors; George Wood, Branch President and Chair of the Poppy Campaign; Paul Costello, Volunteer Coordinator for the Poppy Campaign; and Brian Comeau, Membership Coordinator.

take place at Rideau Hall on Wednesday, October 26th, two days prior to the start of annual Poppy Campaign which begins on Friday, October 28th.

“The Foundation and the Hospital has always had a great relationship with the Legion and on behalf of the patients who will benefit from this gift, I would to thank Branch 192 for their ongoing support of our organization,” stated Spencer Grabe, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “We know the coming weeks are very significant for the Legion and as the preparations begin for Remembrance Day, I would also like to thank the Legion and its members for everything they do for the veterans in our area.”

The funds from Branch 192 will be used to purchase a stretcher for the Hospital’s Ambulatory Care Department. This Department provides outpatients clinics in a variety of specialities such as Neurology, Ear, Nose & Throat, General Surgery, Orthopedics and Plastic Surgery. Last year, CPDMH’s Ambulatory Care team treated over 11,000 patients within our community.

Since 2002, Branch 192 has given nearly \$60,000 to help with equipment purchases throughout the various departments of the Hospital. CPDMH has also received over \$20,000 for needed medical equipment from the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Branches & Ladies Auxiliaries’ Charitable Foundation.

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