



What does the LEGION do for the Squamish Community?

On a yearly basis, **RCL Diamond Head Branch 277** donates more than \$16,000 to the community. This money is raised through the Gaming Fund, the Meat Draw Fund and the Poppy Fund; all of which have specific criteria for distribution.



Recipients of such funds in 2013 and 2014 have been:

- Hilltop House
- 4th Sea Scouts Squamish
- 835 Griffin Air Cadet Squadron
- Squamish Community Care
- Squamish Food Bank
- Four Student Bursaries of \$1000 each.
- Squamish Yacht Club Youth Program
- Squamish Historical Society
- Veteran Assistance

- Loggers Sports Association
- BC Children's Hospital
- Youth- Sea to Sky Community Centre
- Howe Sound Curling Club

The name Squamish means 'strong wind' and it is the strength and support of the people of Squamish; the various partners; the Legion's Membership; and primarily the core of hard working volunteer Legion Members; that has enabled RCL Diamond Head Branch 277, to serve our Squamish Veterans; our current serving military; and our community.

As you can see, the Squamish Legion is there for our seniors, our youth, and those that need help. Thank you Squamish Community, for helping us to serve our community!

An example of your Squamish Community support is demonstrated with our inspiring and enthusiastic teachers who promote their students in the Legion's Literary & Poster Contest each Remembrance Day. See pictures above.



Picture Left (R-L) Kai Thompson receives award for 1st Place Provincial in the Legion Poppy Black/White Primary Poster Contest.

Picture Right Jayvin Biln receives award for 2nd Place Provincial in the Legion Poppy Primary Colour Poster Contest.

Awards presented by Poppy Chairman Ed Robertson.



(L-R) Ken Ward, Legion president, presents Squamish Historical Society president, Bianca Peters with a cheque for \$500.00. The money will be used towards the Squamish Culture & Heritage Festival May 2014.

Picture Right (L-R) Griffon 835 Air Cadet WO1 Raymond Messier receives the RCL Cadet Medal of Excellence during their Ceremonial Review from Squamish President, Ken Ward.



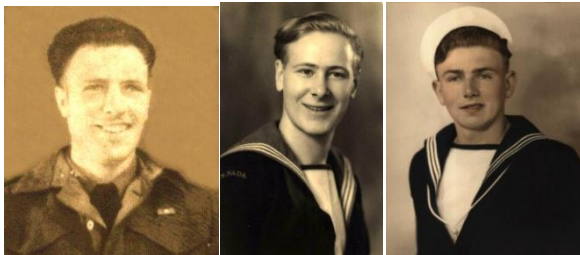
What does the LEGION do for the Squamish Veterans and their Families?

RCL Diamond Head Branch 277 has an appointed **Volunteer Service Officer**. There are several Squamish Veterans and their families that have been referred to the correct agency of Veteran Affairs Canada to have their personal concern dealt with. Some WWII Veterans and their spouses have qualified for the Veteran Independence Program and are thankful for the home support and pension received. Some have qualified for the use of the Poppy Fund where their emergency needs such as shelter, food, fuel, clothing, prescription medicine and necessary transportation has been justified. Some enjoy the comradeship here at the Legion. Others have been able to tell their military story for inclusion in the BC/YUKON Command Military Service Recognition Book. Each year on Remembrance Day, RCL Diamond Head

Branch 277, remains the bulwark to conduct this service and “Remember”. The 23 names on the Squamish “Roll Call of Honour” are read out each year. Their stories and those of several local veterans can be viewed at the Legion Diamond Lounge. Below are a few local veterans who have shared “their story”.



(L-R) Ted Arsenault, James Crombie, William Dublack,



(L-R) Edward Gregore, Herbert Smith, Oscar Runzer,



(L-R) Russell Robertson, Mary MacGregor, Nelson Winteburn

The community is becoming aware of several military committing suicide and suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). The Royal Canadian Legion has begun a Legion PTSD Service Dogs program where trained dogs assist Veterans in need. This includes mobility assistance (retrieving

items), proximity barriers if a Veteran is experiencing mental distress and needs to leave a crowded area, and interruptive behavior to rouse Veterans from spells of disassociation, night terrors, and episodes of anxiety or emotional overload. Your local Legion has a “Toonie Donation Jar” at the bar. During Legion Week on June 28th, there will be a silent auction in support of this program as well. You are all invited to support this cause!

The Legion thanks our Community for their support in providing a morale booster for our Canadian Troops. Thank you, for ‘Thanking our soldiers for our Freedom’!



John Askey Quick re-dedication at Quick Forest Grove

In October of 2012, a rededication of a “Squamish Community Remembrance” took place just east of the Squamish Airport. John Askey Quick, a Squamish influential student and leader in many ways, was killed in action during WW11. John, and several students, was instrumental in planting several “arbour trees” after severe forest fires in the early 1930’s. After rediscovery of the original marker by a Legion member, and the steadfastness to purpose of Legion Member, Betty Adamson; a trail was created with a stone marker and booth. The Forestry celebrated their 100th year during the ceremony as well. Credits to Doug & Dale Horth, All-Terrain Excavating and Murrin Construction.



Everyone is invited as guests to RCL Diamond Head Branch 277(no minors). Note: You do not need to be a member to enjoy our fun, friendly atmosphere! All eligible Canadian Citizens or Commonwealth subjects are invited to become members. There are several advantages in being a member. This is your local Legion! Being a participating and active member will enhance RCL Diamond Head Branch 277 in serving our veterans; our current serving military; and increases the Legion’s support to the Squamish Community for many years to come.

Charitable and Not for Profit groups are invited to utilize your Legion’s Mini Meat Draw Fund Raising. Strata, business, and private groups are invited to rent the Legion facilities for their special functions (Parties, Birthdays, Weddings, Celebration of Life, Etc.). Everyone is invited to visit the Legion Diamond Lounge!

Visit our website at www.squamishlegion.ca visit us on Facebook or Twitter, or call the **Legion Office at 604.898.9368**. Address: **40194 Glenalder Place, Garibaldi Highlands, BC.**

We welcome your membership and continued participation!