



## Veterans Voice

Welcome to Veterans Voice. This monthly column by members of Woodstock Unit #95 ANAVETS will be of interest to all veterans, still serving members, first responders and to those who care about their issues. We are here to answer questions, keep you informed, and to advise of up-coming events. We are a voice for Woodstock Unit #95 of the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVETS), local Royal Canadian Legion branches, 318 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, and 89<sup>th</sup> Field Battery, RCMP and area First responders. We welcome comments, questions, and up-dates from any person or organization who cares about veterans issues.



Scott Lang is President of Woodstock Unit #95 ANAVETS. He was born in Hamilton, ON. He followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather by joining the Canadian Armed Forces in 1980. After his basic training in CFB Cornwallis, he was posted to CFB Borden School of Logistics for his trades training. He was posted to Halifax from 1981 to 1986 where he worked with the Nova Scotia International Tattoo. He has served in Germany, Desert Storm and Bosnia-Herzegovina, and CFB Gaagetown. Scott retired from the Forces in 2005 and lives in Bear

Island with his wife Sabine and two daughters. He is an avid advocate for other veterans and their issues.

## Did You Know?

### Definition of a Veteran

Any former member of the Canadian Armed Forces who successfully underwent basic training and is honourably released.

When people think of Veterans, many immediately picture someone who served in the First World War, Second World War or the Korean War. While many Canadians recognize these traditional Veterans, the same may not always be true for Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans—those who served Canada since the Korean War.

In fact, some former CAF members don't even see themselves as Veterans. Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) wants to change this and is working to ensure CAF Veterans receive the honour and recognition they have earned and so richly deserve.

VAC considers any former member of the Canadian Armed Forces who releases with an honourable discharge and who successfully underwent basic training to be a Veteran.

This Veteran status recognizes the risk CAF members assume by wearing the uniform and pledging allegiance. Canada's modern-day Veterans are carrying on the traditions, values and legacy of wartime Veterans and all Canadians, especially our youth, should be aware of their accomplishments and sacrifices.

If you have a question regarding your service or Veterans Affairs Canada please contact our Service Officer: Robert A. MacFarlane, 506-375-4626, svcsoanavets@gmail.com, or rlmacfarlane@xplornet.com. Our Service Officer is here to help any veteran – whether or not they belong to a veterans' organization.

## What's Happening?

Saturday, Sep 30<sup>Th</sup> : Open House at the Armoury. This is a chance for you to learn about the Artillery and the Primary Reserve and speak to the recruiter 0900-1600 hrs.

Saturday, Sep 30<sup>Th</sup> - Queen St. Market 0900-1300 hrs. ANAVETS will have a table and will have our Raffle Tickets available for sale.

Sunday, Oct 15<sup>Th</sup> – 3 Field Artillery Band Concert at St. Gertrude's Church..Details to be announced

We welcome your suggestions and questions. Please email to: [rlmacfarlane@xplornet.com](mailto:rlmacfarlane@xplornet.com). Check out our web site at <http://woodstockanavets95.ca> and find us on Facebook.

## **Military Humour**

The drill sergeant making his morning announcements to a group of newcomers in a training camp, stated: "Today, gentlemen, I have some good news and some bad news. First, the good news Private Peters will be setting the pace on our morning run."

With this the platoon was overjoyed, as Private Peters was overweight and terribly slow. But then the drill sergeant finished his statement: "Now for the bad news. Private Peters will be driving a truck."