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ELECTION OF NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The 2012 Association Biennial General Meeting (BGM) will be held 28, 29 and 30 September 2012 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Mountain Branch #163, located at 453 Limeridge Road East, Hamilton, Ontario. The three South-to-Central Ontario Chapters of the Association – LCpl David W. Young (Courtland); Central Ontario (Barrie) and Cpl Albert Storm, CD (Niagara) will jointly host this BGM.

Our current National President, Ronald R. Griffis, has indicated that he will seek re-election. If there are any other nominations the National President will be chosen in accordance with CAVUNP Constitution and By-Laws should an election be necessary.

An election committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board, Robert O'Brien, with the National Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Greensides and the National Vice President, Rick Wright, has been created to conduct the election. The selection process, participants and timetable are described in the following paragraphs. The date of the election has been chosen to provide a suitable period of time for the outgoing and incoming Presidents to engage in handover activities during the summer months prior to the AGM.

The selection process has two parts - search for candidates, and election of the new president from the candidates.

SEARCH FOR CANDIDATES

Regional Directors, with their Provincial Directors and Chapter Presidents, shall begin the search for suitable candidates with the receipt of this letter. All Regular members of CAVUNP are eligible provided they are members in good standing (accepts the objectives of CAVUNP, has paid annual dues, has paid any levies set by the Board of Directors). A candidate must sign the Nomination form enclosed and provide a one page resume or Curriculum Vitae, of approximately 200 words, of his/her service in CAVUNP plus an outline of his/her election platform in order that all voting members will have an understanding of who each candidate is and what his/her intentions are if elected as National President.

Nomination documents shall be forwarded from the chapters to the Regional Director who will forward the documents to the National Secretary-Treasurer in Ottawa. Nominations must reach the National Office no later than 02 April 2012.

ELECTION PROCESS

If there are two or more candidates for the office of National President, a mail-in voting procedure shall be followed in accordance with the CAVUNP constitution. Voting ballots will be mailed to each voting member no later than 21 April 2012 and must be returned to the National Office no later than 25 May 2012. Once tallied, the results shall be announced by the election committee and the new National President will assume office for a two-year period commencing during the BGM in Hamilton, Ontario.

CONCLUSION

CAVUNP is a growing and vibrant organization with the scope of our involvement in local and national activities constantly expanding. The search for candidates for the highest elected office in CAVUNP demands that all members realize the heavy responsibility this implies and the effort to find the best candidate. I urge you to identify the characteristics you would want in a national leader and then to seek out such a candidate(s) for the election to the position of National President of CAVUNP.

(Signed by) J. Robert O'Brien
Chairman - Board of Directors

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Enclosures: - Candidate Nomination form (on reverse) Sample career resume

Some Search Criteria and a Sample Resume

To assist in the preparation of search criteria, the following characteristics are offered to Candidates:

- have a substantial history of participation in CAVUNP activities within the chapter executive and committees, and desirably at a higher level,
- have demonstrated a broad understanding of the aims and objectives of CAVUNP, and
- have the ability to develop, plan and execute programs to achieve objectives.

The following is a sample resume that provides a model for the information about the candidate and his/her election platform.

- “Served in the Canadian Forces from 1960 to 1985, then became a police officer and have served since in the Ontario Provincial Police.
- Served in nine peacekeeping missions including UNEF I and II, Cyprus, the MFO, and in former Yugoslavia as a police officer and as a member of the International police training team,
- Member of CAVUNP since 1995. I have been a chapter treasurer and President and worked on three committees. Have been the Provincial director for the Province of XXX.
- Active in the Royal Canadian Legion as an assistant Services Officer. Active in the Lions Club. Active in the community local midget hockey league.

If I am elected, I will develop and implement a long range plan for our Association that addresses how CAVUNP will achieve our objectives and will encourage increased chapter activity through presentations and participation in community activities to explain Peacekeeping, why Canada participates in peacekeeping, and why CAVUNP is needed to serve as a voice for Canadian peacekeeping veterans’ issues.