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TO: Ontario Command Branches, P.E.C. Members and L.A. S.E.O.'s
FROM: MSRB Program Chairman
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SUBJECT: Volume V111 MSRB

Good Day Comrades

As we all know far too well, these are certainly unprecedented times that we have been living through for close to a year now. And it certainly has not been easy for our Branches to properly operate with all of the various restrictions that have been placed on them over this past year. But thankfully, all have managed to do so. This also includes the recruiting and processing of Veteran submissions for our annual Military Service Recognition Book Program.

Even with the various roadblocks that we have had to face, Branches have continued to work on behalf of our Veterans and assist them and their families through our pandemic. All of you are to be congratulated for your continued work with our Veterans and the assistance you have provided in this respect.

As you know, we were able to recruit sufficient Veteran MSRB submissions for our Volume #7 that was published and distributed in October of this past year as scheduled. Again, I applaud all of the Branches who had processed and sent in these submissions for our Volume #7.

We of course are now well into year #8 of our program. And there is a need for the recruitment of more Veteran submissions for publication into our Volume #8 which is scheduled to be printed in October of this year. However, we are going to need a concentrated effort from everyone in order to reach our goal of having sufficient submissions for publication into this book.

We now only have five months remaining for our Coordinators Carolyn McCaul and Mary Ann Goheen to receive submissions for Volume #8. To date, we only have 308 submissions that have been processed and passed onto our publisher, Fenety Marketing for this book.

This therefore means that since we are now publishing approximately 700 submissions into our books, we will require an average of 78 submissions each month from now until the end of May this year.

With Branches currently closed due to the restrictions that have been imposed upon us due to COVID-19, we realize that this is not an easy task. However, through contact with our Branch members and family members through social media, telephone and other electronic means, recruitment can still take place in assisting with the recruitment of Veteran or family member submissions in recognizing our Veterans during these most difficult times.

Keep up the great work regarding Remembrance and in showcasing the tremendous stories and pictures of our Veterans. And again, a big thank you to all of you for being involved in our program and making it the success that it has been to date. Your support and dedication is truly appreciated.

May you stay safe and healthy, and hopefully, 2021 will be a much better year for all of us.

Yours in comradeship,



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