



November 14, 2008

President Karl Walsh:

I would personally like to thank you for allowing me to challenge the Executive and delegates for support at the AGM for the second year in a row for the "Operation Canada Cares" campaign.

275 parcels are being packed up this weekend and will be flown to Afghanistan in time for Christmas. My brother Mike and sister-in-law Julie Gillhoolley are blown away by the support of the OPP Association.

This year there were donations in the amount of \$1,720.00. Coincidentally this is the same amount that was donated last year from the OPP Association delegates and executive.

I'm enclosing a memorial calendar for you.

Matthew Dinning's name appears in the month of April 2009. I have also forwarded a calendar to Brother Linc Dinning in memory of his son Matthew.

Thanks again,

Kathy Chapman
Sister Kathy Chapman
Branch 8 Secretary

Memorial Calendar:

My brother and sister-in-law (Mike & Julie Gillhoolley) are also assisting by selling memorial calendars.

The calendar is about supporting the family members of the fallen soldiers and the Canadian Military Forces. Their website is www.firmm.ca

Here is what they say on their website:

"FIRMM's first project was to create a 12-month memorial calendar, highlighting all of the fallen soldiers. The cover of the calendar is a picture collage of all the fallen overlaid on a large maple leaf. In the top left hand corner of the cover is a branch of a maple leaf tree, with leaves turning red and with three leaves falling down the page. All soldiers are very proud to wear our nation's symbol; therefore, it is very fitting to symbolize our loss as a falling leaf.

The calendar includes a brief history of Afghanistan, striving to show the Afghanistan people's struggle to survive throughout decades of conflict. Also included is a comparison chart that outlines the achievements our Canadian and other nation's soldiers have made within Afghanistan. The 2002 statistics compared with the post 2002 statistics clearly show that our soldiers have made a difference.

The most important section of the calendar are the pictures and quotes from fallen soldiers or their family. The aim is to show our soldiers in the two roles they played, one as a beloved family member and one a member of the Canadian Forces.

Any funds raised from this calendar will be distributed under the guidance of families from across Canada in a manner that is fitting of the price our family members and our families have paid for all Canadians."

They Made a Difference



Afghanistan 2002-2008

