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City of Cornwall  
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It has come to our attention that other Veteran organizations in our city are municipal tax exempt.

If there is any truth to this, then it would be highly unfair and discriminatory if we have not been provided with the same treatment.

The Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans' of Canada was created by legislation in 1840 (see history attached). The Cornwall Unit #342 opened in 1960.

Unit #342 benefits the Community by providing free hall space for Celebrations of Life and Fundraisers of all types. More than twice a week the St. Lawrence Seniors Club provides a place for seniors to meet, play bingo and euchre. Without a well - maintained hall these seniors would lose out on important parts of their well-being - "socializing" and "exercise".

As a Non-For-Profit Organization, no one including Board Members are paid for their volunteer hours.

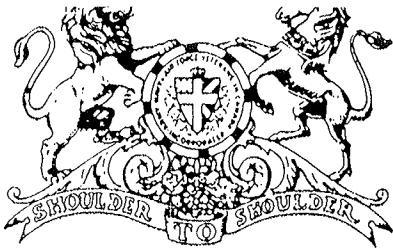
Because, we are a positive factor to this community, we ask that you exempt us from municipal taxes, which other Units in other places in Ontario benefit.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you.

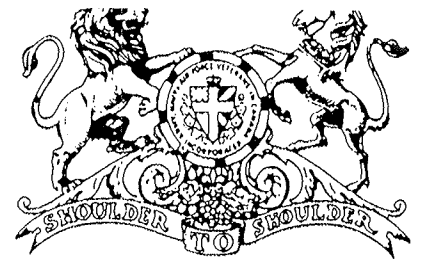
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# History of Army Navy Air Force in Canada



The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada hold the proud distinction of being the oldest veterans organization in this country. The Association's history is closely identified with the Canadian tradition.

Documentary evidence shows that the organization was in existence in 1840 under the title of Army and Navy Veterans, and it is reasonable to believe that units of the association were active before that date. Membership in the earliest units was recruited from the ranks of veterans of the War of 1812-14 and migrating veterans of the Navy and Wellington's Army. So it is possible to assume that some form of organization was in existence even as early as 1812. The first actual record of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada indicates its existence in the city of Montreal in 1840 and that date is arbitrarily accepted as the time of its founding. In consequence, the Association celebrated its 100th birthday in 1940.

From 1812 to 1871 the Imperial Government kept a garrison in Canada for defence against the possibility of an American invasion. Many of these soldiers left the service to become settlers but retained affiliation with the Army and Navy veterans. Similarly, many young Canadians took commissions in the Imperial Army and served as a connecting link between the service of Canada and England.

Soldiers who served in various campaigns abroad, such as the India Mutiny in 1858, the Fenian raids of 1866 and 1870, the Red River Rebellion of 1869-70, and the North West Rebellion of 1885 produced not only pride in the military achievements of Canadians but a sense of comradeship born of dangers faced together. And from this comradeship grew always increasing membership in the oldest of all Canadian Veteran organizations.

During the South African War, Canada had in service nearly 9,000 men, probably half of whom served in South Africa, but most of whom comprised the bulk of membership of the Army and Navy veterans up to the time of World War I. In that grave crisis members of the organization were foremost in volunteering their services in recruiting activities. From the ranks of those who served in 1914-18 came strength of purpose and achievement and the greatest increase in numerical strength in the organization's history.

The activities of the Association in World War II are of recent memory. Added to the numbers of those who served in the Army and Navy and from the outbreak of hostilities to the eventual collapse of Germany and Japan, was the very large contingent which fought in the R.C.A.F. By Act of Parliament passed in 1946 the name of the association was changed to Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada.

The change in name, the vast increase in numbers, a wide range of action and a national influence and outlook have in no way changed the character of the aims of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada. That has always been, is and will always continue to be a deep concern for the welfare of all veterans and the furtherance of best interests of all Canadians.

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GIVE YOUR BEST TO BUILD A BIGGER AND BETTER ORGANIZATION  
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