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Dear PSAC BC Commissionaires,

I write to you today with a two-fold purpose. First, to briefly highlight the status of your collective agreement and second, to recognize those among your number who have proudly served our country in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Status of Your Collective Agreement

I wish to extend my heartiest congratulation on the successful negotiation of your second Collective Agreement. Your efforts in this regard not only benefit existing members but will serve future Commissionaires as well.

The employer has been slow in getting the final draft of the agreement back to our negotiator in order for it to be signed and distributed. Once that is completed and signed, copies will be distributed to all members. This new agreement is effective as of June 15, 2005.

Year of the Veteran

The year 2005 is Canada's Year of the Veteran. This was proclaimed to mark the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Canada's contribution to that War was integral to its' successful outcome. The men and women of Canada paid a high price for the freedoms we cherish. Had they not fought – I think it highly unlikely I would be able to write to you, as a Union officer, today.

Since that time Veterans of our Armed Forces have served in far-flung and dangerous corners – bringing hope for a more peaceful world. During Canada's Concert to Make Poverty History the MC welcomed the worldwide audience to: "Canada; the land of Peace Keepers and Peace Makers". This view is a source of pride for all Canadians.

I join the PSAC Membership in thanking all of Canada's Armed Forces – past and present – for their indispensable service to our Country.

In solidarity

Patty Ducharme
Regional Executive Vice-President, BC