MANITOBA SALUTES

OUR MEN AND WOMEN in UNIFORM

February 2011

Mayor Sam Katz and members of Council
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 1B9

Subject: Manitoba Salutes Program

Dear Councillors & Mayor

In July of this year, Canada's combat role in Afghanistan will be completed. The role will change to one of training and local construction support. Manitoba has deployed some 1000 of its soldiers to Afghanistan over the past three years and we believe it is important to welcome the troops home and thank them for their dedication, service and in some cases, supreme sacrifice. Winnipeg citizens may wish to thank these same troops who will deploy here in Manitoba to fight a flood if conditions warrant.

The Honorary Colonels of our military units in Manitoba have met to discuss ways to recognize the efforts of our men and women in uniform and have agreed to support the concept of a "Manitoba Salutes" Program initiated by the office of Manitoba's Envoy for Military Affairs.

A steering committee to activate the program throughout Manitoba has been formed with myself as chair, with HCol Jim Burns of the Queens own Cameron Highlanders of Canada and HCol Andrew Paterson of the Fort Garry Horse as Vice Chairs. HLCol Bob Vandewater of the Camerons is the treasurer and Col (Ret'd) Gary Solar is the secretary.

I have attached the organization chart and proposed event listing for your information. We are pleased to note that the City of Brandon had already launched the program in 2008 and is called "Brandon Salutes", and plan to continue yearly. The Manitoba Salutes program will terminate in December of this year, but we hope that a "Winnipeg Salutes" program will continue as is the Brandon effort.

Some events have already taken place and more events are planned for this year. The budget estimate for the Manitoba Salutes program is $89,000. A copy is attached. The Honorary Colonels have pledged $40,000 of the cost and we have requested support $36,750.00 from the Province of Manitoba though the office of the Military Envoy, $7,000 from Veterans Affairs and expect to raise a further $7,000 from the corporate and public sector.

We are requesting support of $15,000 from Winnipeg City Council to complete the funds required for the City of Winnipeg events. If city council will consider and hopefully approve our request, please make the funds payable to "Military Heritage of Manitoba".

Sincerely

Ray McFeetors, Chair; Manitoba Salutes
Honorary Colonel, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles
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Manitoba Salutes Budget estimates and summary of related events;

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Event	Province	Cities	Business	Total
Heroes Gala Brandon (completed)				
Tattoo Variety	N/A			
Yellow Ribbon Gala	N/A			
Parades Wpg/Brandon	5000	2000	5000	12000
Band Concerts Wpg/Brandon	5000	2000	5000	12000
Sunset ceremonies Tattoo Wpg/Brandon	5000	2000	5000	12000
Fireworks Brandon and Wpg	10000		10000	20,000
Civic Luncheons		2x5,000		10,000
Transport	2500		2500	5 000
Meals	4000		4000	8,000
Accomodation	2000		2000	4,000
Meetings & Admin	750		750	1,500
				84500
Unforeseen 5%	2500		2500	5000
	36,750	16000	36,750	$89,500

Notes;

Promotion and direct administration costs are included in event estimates.