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**Royal Canadian Legion
Philipsburg Branch 082
Story of our Wreath Project**

September 2016

In the middle of November of 2015 , the town of Bedford call our Legion and asked what we were going to do with the Wreaths that were still at the cenotaph in Bedford. So we went and collected them, and returned them to the Legion. As they dried out on the floor, the Executives kicked around ideas as to what to do with them. This is how our Wreath project came to be.

The idea being we removed all regular Legion decorations, and took 9 plain Wreaths (one for each class) to Butler Elementary School at the end of September 2016. We talked with each class and explained who the Wreaths were for, and why we lay the Wreaths. We left the Wreaths at the school , but we added a wee incentive, our Veterans at the Legion would judge the Wreaths, pick one , and we would lay that Wreath for the Afghanistan Veterans at our ceremony in November & pay a pizza party to that class to which our Vets picked.

The result as you see in this picture was outstanding, so much so , no one Wreath could be picked out over another , so the Philipsburg Legion used all 9 Wreaths for our ceremony's both in Philipsburg & Bedford.

Also we paid for pizza party for the whole school.





Then most interesting thing happened, RCMP Officer Marcel Pelletier who took part in our ceremony's in Philipsburg asked if he could have one of the Wreaths.

When asked why , he explained that he would be taking part in the ceremonies at Vimy Ridge & lay the Wreath at Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres Belgium.

We said sure , so he picked the Wreath done by Miss Erika Ona Sanborn's grade two class.

At the beginning of September 2017, RCMP Officer Marcel Pelletier presented pictures of his trip and of the Wreath done by the grade two class.

Officer Marcel Pelletier, Miss Erika Sanborn, Principal, Mr Chris Morgan and President Royal Canadain Legion, Branch 082 Philipsburg comrade Liz Gendreau.

This will hang in the school for all to see.





We will continue with our Wreath Project , only this year we are going to try and expand to a few more schools both English and French.

Lest we forget

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