

Newsletter #14 - Celebrating Branch Support for Command Poppy Projects in 2025

The team at Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Provincial Command would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Branches for the tremendous support shown throughout 2025 in support of MBNWO-led Veteran initiatives.

Thanks to your generosity and commitment to Veterans in our communities, Provincial Command was able to deliver meaningful, timely, and dignified assistance to Veterans facing a wide range of challenges. The impact of these collective efforts cannot be overstated.

2025 Command Poppy Project Highlights

Through Branch support in 2025, the following contributions were received and directed toward ongoing Veteran-focused projects:

- **\$62,830** raised for **Poppy Project #4 – Homeless Veterans Furniture Fund**, supporting Veterans transitioning from homelessness into permanent housing with essential furnishings to live safely and with dignity
- **\$19,000** raised for **Poppy Project #6 – 3MDR PTSD/OSI Therapy Machines**, which have proven extremely effective in providing lasting relief for those suffering from PTSD and OSI
- **\$5,000** raised for **Poppy Project #5 – Wildfire Displacement Support**, assisting Veterans affected by wildfires during the summer
- **\$4,000** raised for **emergency and benevolent support** for homeless Veterans
- **\$800** raised in support of **Emergency Clothing and Hygiene Kits** for homeless Veterans
- **\$2,500** raised to assist a Veteran in obtaining a **sports wheelchair** to compete in the most recent Invictus Games
- **\$1,500** raised to support Veterans attending **blacksmithing workshops** through Forging Ahead, promoting healing, skills development, and community connection

Total Command Poppy Project donations received from MBNWO Branches in 2025: \$95,630

This remarkable level of support has directly improved the lives of Veterans across Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, and Provincial Command is deeply grateful for the trust placed in us to administer these funds responsibly and effectively.



Top 10 Branch Contributors – 2025

Provincial Command would also like to recognize the Branches who made the largest financial contributions to Command Poppy Projects in 2025:

1. **Selkirk Branch #42** – \$17,500
2. **Atikokan Branch #145** – \$10,000
3. **Prince Edward Branch #81** – \$8,000
4. **The Pas Branch #19** – \$6,000
5. **Stonewall Branch #52** – \$5,880
6. **West Kildonan Branch #30** – \$5,000
7. **Swan River Branch #39** – \$5,000
8. **Transcona Branch #7** – \$5,000
9. **Port Arthur Branch #5** – \$5,000
10. **Henderson Highway Branch #215** – \$4,000

Your leadership and generosity set a powerful example of what can be accomplished when Branches work together in support of Veterans.

On behalf of Provincial Command and the Veterans who have directly benefited from these initiatives, we thank you for your continued commitment, compassion, and support. Every dollar raised translates into real, tangible assistance for Veterans who need it most. We look forward to continuing this important work together in 2026.

Thank you,

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