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Uncovered: Abbotsford's Forgotten Soldiers From World War One

BC – On June 11, 2019 the Royal Canadian Legion BC/Yukon Command will be interviewing current Legion member, former University of the Fraser Valley professor and author of the book “Abbotsford's Forgotten Soldiers From World War One,” Peter William Slade.

Slade endured long hours of detective work to uncover over a dozen overlooked World War I soldiers not present on the Abbotsford Cenotaph. “If people went through that, they have a right to be recognized,” says Slade, a former Legion vice-president. Thanks to Slade's detective work so far, 19 men who lost their lives during World War I have been added to the cenotaph plaque in Abbotsford. On a 2017 trip to France Peter William Slade placed crosses of gratitude for some of these men at their gravesite. These crosses of gratitude were a thank you from the City of Abbotsford for their service.

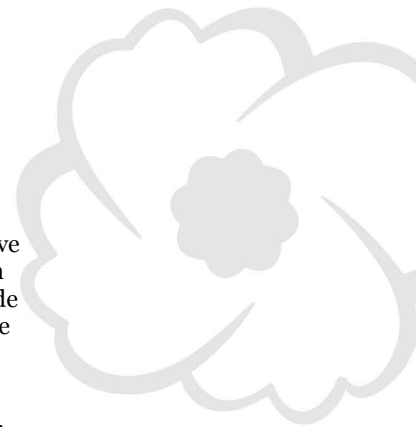
The Royal Canadian Legion BC/Yukon Command has the pleasure of being able to interview Slade to learn more about the great work he has done for these men, their families and the City of Abbotsford. During this interview we hope to learn more about Slade and his book as well as the incredible journey that led to these discoveries. We also will find out more about his time as a member of the Legion and how that has helped along the way.

We would like to invite any media to attend the live interview which will be followed by an open Q & A at the Abbotsford Legion Branch #15.

Who: Peter William Slade and interviewer Paul Reid
What: Interview followed by an open Q & A
Where: 2513 West Railway, Abbotsford BC V2S 2E5
When: Tuesday, June 11, 10am

For more information about the BC/Yukon Command, or the interview, visit www.legionbcyukon.ca

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ABOUT THE LEGION

Established in 1926, the Legion is the largest Veterans service organization in Canada with more than 320,000 members. Its mission is to serve all Veterans including serving Canadian Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police members and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.

The Legion's Service Bureau Network provides assistance and representation to all Veterans including serving CF and RCMP members, and their families regarding their disability claims, benefits and services from Veterans Affairs Canada and the Veterans Review and Appeal Board. In communities across Canada, it is the Legion that perpetuates Remembrance through the Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day ceremonies. With more than 1,450 branches, The Legion supports programs for seniors, Veterans housing, Long Term Care, youth leadership, education, sports, Cadets, Guides and Scouts. We will Remember Them.

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