

Awards day for the Hutt River Legion of Frontiersman

By Jennifer Carbert

The Legion of Frontiersman held their annual award ceremony in Ridgedale on Sunday, October 16 to recognize hours of service performed in the community.

The Frontiersman started in 1904 as an intelligence unit associated with the armed forces and recognized by the war office. The members jumped to action at in Belgium at the start of World War I. Since then the Frontiersman have moved away from the military association and are now considered a volunteer group in their local community.

"The military side, as far as we are concerned, is gone," said Ridgedale Hutt River Chief Commissioner Barry Metcalf. "We have nothing to do with the military at all. We are a volunteer unit."

Metcalf and his wife Deputy Chief Commissioner Shirley moved from England to Canada about six years ago to be closer to family. They brought the Frontiersman organization across the ocean with them.

Metcalf has been a member of the Frontiersman in different orders around the globe since he was no longer needed in the military in 1991.

Metcalf and his wife eventually joined the Hellshire Frontiersman in England which later became an independent UK order.

The main focus on the



The Legion of Frontiersman Independent Command Canada from the Principality of Hutt River got together for their annual awards ceremonies on Sunday, October 16, 2011.

group is to get together and encourage each other in volunteer positions in the community, Metcalf said.

"You could call it a band of brothers and sisters," he added.

The Frontiersman are based in Ridgedale and volunteer at the drumhead service in Tisdale, the Remembrance Day service in Tisdale, the weekly coffee mornings at the Senior's Centre in Ridgedale, the Silverstring fair and a number of other local events.

On top of the events they help out with as a group each of the 10 local members also volunteer around the community.

Metcalf said there are some members who volunteer in nursing homes in Tisdale or medical care in the area.

"We are very active in the local community," he said. "Our focus is helping in the community where we can."

The group gets together on a weekly basis for a meeting and a potluck to hear stories from the week.

Awards and Medals

Candice Wallin, Brian Friesen, Theresa Vogt, Wallace Hanson, Annabelle Hanson and Elmer Vogt received the Commendable Service Bar.

Stella Spooner and Theresa Vogt received the Volunteer Service Medal for 200 duties of services performed with the Frontiersman.

Shirley Metcalf received the Volunteer Service Medal with 2 bars which signifies she has performed over 400 duties of service with



Corporal Elmer Vogt receives an award from Chief Commissioner Barry Metcalf for his service in the community with the Legion of Frontiersman Independent Command Canada from the Principality of Hutt River during the annual awards ceremonies on Sunday, October 16, 2011.

the order.

Candice Wallin and Albert Hillier received the New Zealand Command Commemorative Centennial

Medal.

Albert Hillier received the Hallamshire Frontiersman Medal of Merit from the Hallamshire Frontiers-

man in England.

Stella Spooner received the Hallamshire Frontiersman Commemorative "Victory for Freedom" medal.

Elmer Vogt received a badge for more than 100 duties performed with the Frontiersman.

Theresa Vogt, Wallace Hanson, Annabelle Hanson and Elmer Vogt received the Member of the Illustrious Order of Merit for Hutt River.

Barry Metcalf received the Knight Grand Commander Illustrious Order of Merit for Hutt River.

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