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President's message

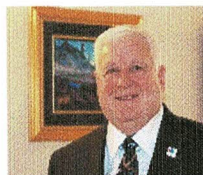
This past year has also been marked by the departure of our outgoing president, Jean-Marc Demers, who was at the helm of the Quebec Branch for five years. We would like to warmly thank him for his commitment and his important contribution to the development of our Branch. If I agreed to replace Jean-Marc on short notice, it is because he will remain an active member of the Board until the next annual general meeting.

Aléa jacta est! The die is cast! Thank you for your trust in me. I am a Coast Guard retiree, sailor, navigator, icebreaker commander and ultimately a manager. I'm used to offshore storms and the challenges of the ever-changing Federal Public Service.

Why get on board this noble ship, despite the rather special circumstances of this year? Because there is already an amazing team in place! Let's continue on the same path. If the social activities committee has been a bit slowed down, against its will, of course, we must not lose sight of communications, advocacy, recruiting and all the other initiatives underway. While hoping that the second wave will not be as severe, the Coronavirus Exit committee is in place and moving along.

I ask all of you to make a small recruiting effort to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. Discuss it with your peers who could join our large team of volunteers. If you have any interest or questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at anrf@bellnet.ca

The holiday season is upon us! I wish you all health and happiness to you and your family!



Sincerely,

René Grenier
Branch President

Not sure what to get
for the federal retiree
who has everything?



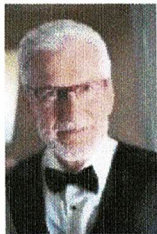
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THANK YOU, JEAN-MARC!



Jean-Marc Demers left the presidency of our Branch at the end of the Board meeting on September 17th.

For the past 9 years, Jean-Marc became a volunteer, then Secretary and finally President for the past 5 years. The good news is that Jean-Marc remains Secretary General within the Board and ensures a smooth transition with René Grenier's new president.

His Board of Directors colleagues warmly thanked Jean-Marc for his 5 years as President. On their behalf, Yves Bouchard, board advisor, praised Jean-Marc's contribution in these words:

"Jean-Marc is a lawyer, humble and honest, devoted to his task. He has always worked hard for the protection of members' rights. Jean-Marc has the Association tattooed on his heart! He took on deep leadership in delegating mandates to his collaborators. He has developed champions: for recruitment, for communication, for leadership. This greatly benefited the Quebec Branch, especially by winning several national awards."

Thank you very much Jean-Marc for your precious cooperation!



BÉTONEL NEW COLLABORATOR OF THE QUEBEC

This collaboration allows our members throughout the Branch territory to benefit from a discount of:

- 20% Discount on the retail price for all paints / stains manufactured by PPG.
- 10% discount on accessories such as rollers, brushes, etc.

All you have to do is mention that you are a member, preferably with your membership card, and mention the account # and the name under which your discounts are found. Account # 317415380000 - under the name: Association Quebec Branch.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office: Email: anrf@bellnet.ca
Phone: 1-866-661-4896



The activities of our Branch are essentially based on the work of our volunteers. We are fortunate to have excellent volunteers in different spheres of activity. We need volunteers for the following positions:

- **Auditor position**
- **Editor-in-chief of the newsletter**

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*Micheline Lefrançois
1st Vice-president*

Advocacy for our members is always in the foreground.

Our national office has implemented a strategy called "Outreach 338" corresponding to the 338 federal electoral riding across Canada.

Each Branch is invited to contact members of Parliament in its territory, regardless of political stripe, to share our priorities with them and secure their commitment to seize every opportunity to protect federal pensions and hard-earned benefits of federal retirees. We call on them to support meaningful policies that improve the lives of retirees and future retirees and their families.



*Gérard Deltell
Conservative
Louis St-Laurent Riding*

On September 18th, the Branch's executive committee under the chairmanship of René Grenier accompanied by Micheline Lefrançois, Roland Langevin and Jean-Marc Demers met virtually Mr. Gérard Deltell, in order to discuss with him the four priorities of the Association: Retirement Income Security, a National Seniors Strategy, a Policy to Improve all services for Veterans, and a Universal, Public Pharmacare Program. This meeting was very positive.

An interesting and open discussion allowed our team to recall our priorities for retirees and future retirees, these women and men who have worked a very large part of their lives for the federal government and who have contributed financially to their pension funds. Mr. Deltell knows our Association well and listens to our priorities and challenges.



*Alexis Brunelle-
Duceppe
Bloc Québécois
Lac St-Jean Riding*

On September 21st, the Branch executive committee and Ghislain Lavoie, Director from the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region, virtually met with the member of Parliament Brunelle-Duceppe.

We had very interesting discussions on the 4 priorities. This meeting led to another meeting with member of parliament Luc Désilets, member of parliament for Rivière-des-Milles-Îles, vice-president of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs. Fruitful discussions on the needs of Canadian Forces and their families.

We are continuing our efforts to meet with other MPs from our territory, including the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Liberal MP for Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Minister of National Revenue. We will keep you informed.



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Social activities of the Branch

On September 8th, the golf tournament was held at Club Royal Charbourg with the participation of 30 players.

Bravo to the winning team: Germain Boivin presents the trophy to the winners: Rodrygue Harvey (checked shirt), Marie-France Gagné and Claude Gauthier. As is customary, there is also after-golf to discuss the hits of the day.

The golf season ended on September 22, 2020. For those who are interested in next year, please do not hesitate to contact Germain Boivin, email: gboivin@videotron.ca Telephone: 418-407-1809

Social activities in the Branch are still deferred. We follow the instructions of public health in this regard. As soon as it is permitted to do so, our Social Activities Committee will be ready to offer you cultural and social activities as it has done in the past. We will let you know as soon as our activities resume. Thank you for your cooperation!

IMPORTANT NOTICE - 2021 MEMBERSHIP

- Individual membership : \$51.48 annually or \$4.29 monthly
- Family membership : \$66.60 annually or \$5.55 monthly

Three options to pay your membership: Deduction at source, cheque or credit card (internet)

Website for additional information: <http://www.anrf-sq-org/adheacutesion-anrf-et-renouvellement.html>

We encourage you to renew your membership by monthly deductions on your pension. It's simpler and more economical to administer and it avoids forgetting it. If you are interested, contact our office at 1-866-661-4896 toll free.

Option 2 -Renewal by cheque for the 2021 Membership

Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Family Name of Spouse: _____ First name of Spouse: _____
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 Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____
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Do not forget to write your membership number on your cheque.

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During the holidays, the office will be closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 4, 2021.