



## **NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **LEGION HELPS FINANCE ABORIGINAL VETERANS HOMELESSNESS RESEARCH**

OTTAWA, November 28, 2012 – Gordon Moore, Dominion President of The Royal Canadian Legion, announced a grant of \$5,000.00 to the University of Western Ontario for its Aboriginal Veterans Homelessness Research pilot project earlier today at Dominion Command.

“This pilot project represents another phase of our National Homelessness Veterans’ Strategy we announced earlier this year,” said Mr. Moore. “This pilot project will lay the foundation to better understand the meaning of homelessness among Aboriginal Veterans and better understand the meaning of urban, rural and remote circular migration,” added Mr. Moore.

The pilot project, lead by Dr. Susan Ray, Associate Professor/Associate Scientist at University of Western Ontario’s Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, will include a sample of 8 to 10 homeless Aboriginal Veterans in the Toronto area with a view of expanding the study in order to understand the experience of homelessness Aboriginal Veterans across Canada who are transitioning to civilian life. The aim of this research is to ensure that policies, programs and resources are available to meet the needs of all Veterans and their families.

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## About the Legion

Established in 1926, the Legion is the largest Veterans service organization in Canada with more than 330,000 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 Royal Canadian Legion's Service Bureau Network Service Officers can assist and represent still serving CF members Veterans, RCMP members and their families regarding disability claims or related issues with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and the Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB). We provide professional counselling, and representation services at all stages of the disability claim process under the *Pension Act* or the *Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Act*, commonly referred to as *the New Veterans Charter*

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