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LADIES AUXILIARIES MARK D-DAY ANNIVERSARY WITH \$12,000 DONATION TO VETERANS CENTRE

Edmonton – Members of the Edmonton Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Association will remember the anniversary of D-Day June 6 with a presentation of \$12,000 to CapitalCare’s Kipnes Centre for Veterans. The donation is in addition to \$8,000 already raised for the centre’s second-floor patio. The Edmonton RCL Ladies Auxiliaries have pledged to raise \$80,000 towards the project over ten years.

“Today we are proudly presenting a cheque for \$12,000 to fulfill our commitment to date and for our veterans comfort and enjoyment,” said Vicke Torre, member of the ladies fundraising committee.

Russel Birns, 82, a WWII veteran who lost 60 of his comrades on Juno Beach June 6, 1944, will accept the cheque on behalf of the centre’s veterans. “I appreciate the recognition of my efforts and that of so many others with the many contributions this centre has received since we came to live here,” said Birns.

The Dianne and Irving Kipnes Centre for Veterans opened November 9, 2005. The continuing care centre is home to 120 residents. To date, the fundraising efforts have surpassed 7 million. Working towards a mortgage free building the fundraising efforts continue. Some upcoming events include Tanks and Tags 10K Run at the Edmonton Garrison on August 25th and the Wall of Pride commemorative etched glass block wall project which will be unveiled this September.

The cheque presentation will take place at 2pm, on the second floor patio. The Kipnes Centre for Veterans is located on the Northwest corner of the former Griesbach military base, near the intersection of Castle Downs Rd and 153 Ave. (<http://www.capitalcare.net/Centres/kcv.htm>)

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