



*Memorial Gardens*



## SERVICE OFFICER

The Legion "Has operated a Service Bureau starting in 1926, the Legion prides itself in meeting the needs of Veterans and their families in a holistic manner based on a "service continuum" philosophy which is made available to all Veterans, spouses and family members free of charge, whether or not they are Legion members."

The Service Officer is available to all Veterans and family members who may need assistance to meet medical or other social needs. The Service Officer through the Legion is able to assist with such basic needs as walkers, wheel chairs and other health aids. This service is also available to other community members who may require such assistance. Qualicum Beach Legion through the generous donations from the community to the Poppy Fund has enabled the Legion to assist Veterans with specific medical needs, such as electric mobility aids.

Many Veterans within the community do not receive a pension for their service to Canada, thus the assistance provided is valued. The Legion also provides a service that many may take for granted such as home and hospital visits to shut-ins. Many of our Veterans and widows and widowers of Veterans are separated by many miles from family members; the Legion is able to provide comfort during such times. The Service Officer is able to provide bursaries to qualified children and grandchildren of Veterans from Poppy Funds. The Legion provides many basic needs not only to Veterans but also to the community at large through the generous support of the community.

The Service Officer through the Command Service Officer also assists Veterans and spouses of Veterans in the application of benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada.