

To: Brandon Berry, building Inspector  
Municipality of Lakeshore, 419 Notre Dame St.,  
Belle River, On. N0R 1A0

From: Gil Bastien, Membership Chairman  
R.C.L., Branch # 399, Belle River

Mrs. Paula Prince, nee Chauvin, a longtime resident of Lakeshore, has requested that a street be named in a future development of a Lakeshore subdivision, in honour of her father Elie Chauvin and her Uncle, Gaspard Chauvin. These two brothers were decorated Canadian Army Veterans who saw action in World War II.

Combat Engineer (Sapper) Elie Chauvin was born in 1917. In February of 1942, at age 25, he enlisted in The Royal Canadian Army Engineers. After completing basic training in Chatham Ontario, Elie was deployed in April of 1943, to the European Theatre, in England, then dispatched to duty in Italy. In 1944, during a combat mission in Italy, Elie was severely wounded by shrapnel in his left arm, when the supply truck in which he was travelling, was struck by a bomb. Unable to maintain Active Duty, he was sent back to Canada, to convalesce at the Veterans' Hospital in London Ontario. After recovering from his injuries, Elie was demobilized and honourably discharged from active duty. He later settled in Belle River Ontario, where he and his wife, Margaret raised their family. Elie passed away in 1963.

Private Gaspard (Joe) Chauvin, younger brother of Elie Chauvin, was born in 1921. Gaspard joined the Algonquin Regiment of the Canadian Army and was stationed at the army base, Camp Ipperwash, Ontario. After completing Basic Training, he was deployed to England and then dispatched to France. On "D-Day", June 8, 1944, during the invasion of Normandy, he was assigned as a landing craft operator, or coxswain. That day, he was recognized for his skill and expert maneuvering, of his landing craft, while under enemy fire, when completing several runs carrying infantrymen to the Normandy beach. Many lives were saved, as a result of his fearlessness and bravery in carrying out that duty. As a result, he was awarded the French medal of "The Legion Of Honour".

Subsequent to the "D-Day" invasion of Normandy, he saw further action, while fighting his way through France, Holland and Germany. After the war ended, Gaspard was demobilized and honourably discharged in May of 1946. He returned home to his wife Lucille, in the town of Tecumseh Ontario, where they raised their family. After Lucille passed away in 2008, Gaspard moved to British Columbia, in order to be closer to his sons David and Dan and their families. Gaspard, (Joe) Chauvin, passed away on November 16, 2015, in Victoria, British Columbia.

**Elie And Gaspard Chauvin, May You R.I.P.  
We Salute And thank you for your service.  
True Canadian Military Heroes**

**Combat Engineer (Sapper) Elie Chauvin**



## Medals and Awards

1939 -1945 Star

The Italy Star, in recognition of service in Italy

The Defence Medal

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp

The War Medal, British and Commonwealth Forces

## Private Gaspard (Joe) Chauvin



### Medals and Awards

France Legion of Honour (top of frame)

1935 -1945 Star

Star Of France and Germany

The Defence Medal

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp

The War Medal, British and Commonwealth Forces

March, 2024





Dominic Bechard, Veteran, Service # A-11555  
Canadian Army, 6th Division, May 1939, to March 19, 1946.

Please consider Mr. Dominic Bechard as a candidate for potential street naming, in the future development plans for the Municipality of Lakeshore.

Dominic was born on March 28, 1922. He served in the W.W. II European Theatre, from January 6, 1943, to December 8, 1943, as an Infantryman, Equipment Operator and Mechanic.

He was awarded the France and Germany Stars and the CVSM, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

He was demobilized after the Second World War ended and Honourably Discharged on March 19, 1946.

Dominic was an Ordinary member of Royal Canadian Legion, Belle River Branch # 399, where he was active as a Past Executive Member, Service Officer and Second Vice President, until he passed away, January 28, 2007.

He was a long-time resident of Lakeshore, where his family members still reside today.

Mr. Dominic Bechard, may you Rest In Peace. We salute you and Thank You for your Service.

Gil Bastien, November 23, 2023



## **LANCE CORPORAL DONALD HEWARD HILLMAN**

Scots Fusiliers of Canada, April 1942, to February 13, 1946.

Please consider Mr. Donald Heward Hillman as a candidate for potential street naming, in the future development plans for the Municipality of Lakeshore. Donald was born August 10, 1920. He joined The Canadian Army in 1942. He was promoted to Lance Corporal and qualified as a Bren gun operator and mechanic. Although his primary base of operations was Canada, in the W.W. II Theatre, he was deployed overseas in the defence of Great Britain from April 9, to October 6, 1942. He was awarded The Defence Medal, the C.V.S.M. and clasp (Canadian Volunteer Service Medal) and The War Service Badge.

Corporal Hillman was honourably discharged on February 13, 1946. Donald and his wife Yvette, were lifelong residents of Belle Ri. , where they raised their three sons, Kenneth, Leslie and Michael.

In 1950, Donald and Yvette were instrumental in the re-opening of the Belle River Legion Branch # 399. They were both active members, where they each served individual terms as president of the Branch.

Lance Corporal Donald Hillman passed away June 21, 1991.

Many descendants of the Hillman family still reside in Belle River area.

Don and Yvette's great grandson, Hunter Hillman, is at this time actively serving his country in the Canadian Military.

Mr. Donald Heward Hillman, may you Rest In Peace. We salute you and Thank You for your Service.

Gil Bastien. December 13, 2023

## Earl Ryman Haig W.W. # 11 Veteran

Service # A-110383

Theatre of Service: Canada, Britain, Northwest Europe

MEDALS AND AWARDS:

1939 – 45 STAR, FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR

WAR MEDAL 1939 - 1945

CANADIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL WITH CLASP



Please consider Earl Ryman Haig, as a candidate for future subdivision Street naming, in the Municipality of Lakeshore.

Earl was born August 17, 1925. He enlisted in the Canadian Army, April 27, 1944, in London, Ontario. He was subsequently deployed to the W.W. II, Northwestern Europe Theatre, where he was injured in battle, and hospitalized in Brussels, Belgium. The grenade shrapnel injuries to the right side of his body were to the extent, that he was de-activated and returned home to Canada. He was Honourably Discharged on September 27, 1945.

Earl was a lifelong resident of Belle River (Lakeshore), where some of his family members live today. He was a proud, Ordinary, Veteran Member of the R.C.L. Branch # 399 Belle River, where he was actively involved in the Branch Colour Guard. He was also a member of the Essex Scottish Regiment, Windsor Armouries, Pipes and Drums Corp. He took great pleasure in instructing the new recruits, on the playing of the "Regimental" Bag Pipes.



Earl pursued his passion for these two organizations until he passed on November 23, 1995. At his funeral service, one of the largest attended at the time, each pall bearer, themselves a Military War Veteran, respectfully carried their Comrade, with dignity and pride, to his final resting place.

Earl Ryman Haig, May You Rest In Peace  
We Salute You And Thank You For Your Service  
A True Canadian Hero

Gil Bastien, Membership Chairman, R.C.L., Branch # 399, Belle River, February 3, 2024



Earl Thomas Delaurier, Veteran, Canadian Army, Pvt.  
Service # A-115438, November 17, 1943 to March 10, 1946.

Please consider Mr. Earl Thomas, Delaurier, as a candidate for potential street naming, in the future development plans for the Municipality of Lakeshore.

Earl was born on March 20, 1925. He served in the W.W. II European Theatre, in the Canadian Army, Infantry Division, from November 17, 1943, to December 8, 1944. He was awarded the France and Germany Stars and The CVSM, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. He was demobilized, then Honourably Discharged, on March 30, 1946.

Earl was one of the, "Ordinary" Veteran, founding members, of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 399, Belle River. He was a resident of Belle River, where some of his family members live today. He and family also enjoyed their Northern Ontario vacation property, in South River, Ontario. He retired from the Ford Motor Co., Windsor Ontario, after twenty-five years of service. Earl passed away on December 2, 1979.

Mr. Earl Thomas Delaurier, may you Rest In Peace.  
We salute you and Thank You for your Service.

Gil Bastien, Membership Chairman, R.C.L., Branch # 399, Belle River November 25, 2023



## Ernest Joseph Auguste Vermette



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Pvt. Ernest Joseph Auguste Vermette  
Essex and Kent Scottish, Royal Regiment of Canada



Ernest Joseph August Vermette, May 27, 1919 to February 24, 1945  
"Last Post" at Catholic Cemetery, Turnhout Belgium  
Final resting Place of a True Canadian Hero, February 26, 1945

## *Ernest Joseph Auguste Vermette*

Veteran, Service # A-22808  
Essex and Kent Scottish, Royal Regiment of Canada.

Enlisted July 24, 1940. As a result of being critically wounded, passed away February 24, 1945.

Mme. Germaine Drouillard, a longtime resident of Belle River, Lakeshore, has requested that her uncle, Pvt. Ernest Joseph August Vermette, be considered as a candidate for potential Street naming, in the future development plans for the Municipality of Lakeshore. Ernest was born May 27, 1919, in the town of St. Joachim (Lakeshore) Ontario. He enlisted in the Canadian Army, on July 24, 1940. He served in the W.W. II Theatre, In Canada, Britain and Northwest Europe. He was cited and awarded The Military Medal, 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, the C.V.S.M, Medal with clasp, (Canadian Volunteer Service Medal) and War Medal 1939-1945.

Ernest was wounded in action, 28 of August 1944, when firing his Bren Gun, he single-handedly dispersed an enemy German patrol, despite the fact he was suffering intense pain from a severe wound to the stomach. This action enabled his injured comrades to crawl to safety. He held his position until he was assured that his comrades were safe and only then allowed regimental stretcher bearers to carry him to the aid post. For this action, he was

awarded the Military Medal for bravery under fire. He was again wounded in action, on February 5, 1945. While in hospital during his final stay, realizing the severity of his wounds as being terminal, he deferred his rationed medication to a wounded German soldier, who was suffering on the cot next to his own. Sadly, he passed away on February 24, 1945. On February 26, 1945, Ernest was buried in the Catholic Cemetery of the City of Turnhot, Belgium.

Ernest Joseph Auguste Vermette, un canadien-français, fut un véritable héro. Nous vous saluons et nous vous remercions pour votre service. Reposez en paix.

A True Canadian Hero...

Gil Bastien. November 30, 2023

Horace (Barney) Farrer, Veteran, Canadian Army, Highland Light Infantry Service # A-22545, Deployed to W.W. II European Theatre, November 17, 1943 to November 1, 1945 along with Brother, John (Jack) Farrer, Veteran, Canadian Army, Highland Light Infantry.



Horace Farrer



John and Horace with Mother Edna, shortly before deployment



Pictorial tribute to John and Horace Farrer

Please consider this request from Mr. Bruce Farrer and Mrs. Gayle Le Pine nee Farrer, to have their Father's, Horace (Barney) and Uncle's, John (Jack) Farrer, family name, be considered for street naming, in future subdivisions of The Municipality of Lakeshore.

Horace and John enlisted in The Highland Light Infantry Unit in 1939, Horace being 16 years of age, but identified as 18 years of age and brother John 17½ years, also identified as 18 years old. They were deployed to the W.W. II European Theatre, in 1943. They fought in the Invasion of Juno Beach, France, where the Highland Light Infantry, was credited with making advancements further than any other Canadian Army Infantry unit. The brothers also served in the Battles of Caen and Buron, France. They were Demobilized November 1, 1945 and Honourably Discharged, March of 1946. The brothers were awarded the C.V.S.M. and clasp (Canadian Volunteer Service Medal) 1939-45 Star, Defence Medal and the France and Germany Star. John Farrer was also decorated for being wounded in action.

Horace was born August 27, 1923. He and his wife Violet and family resided in Belle River, Lakeshore, from 1983 to 1990, where daughter, Mrs. Gayle Le Pine, nee Farrer, has been a resident for 50 years.

He was an active, Ordinary Member of The Royal Canadian Legion, Belle River Branch # 399.

Horace passed away February 11, 1992. He was given a full Legion Ceremony, at his funeral. Brother John passed a few years prior to Horace. It should be noted that Grandfather Arthur Farrer, was also a decorated Canadian military Veteran of W. W. I., wounded in action.

**Brothers and Canadian Heroes, Horace and John Farrer, May You Rest In Peace. We salute you and Thank You for your Service.**

Gil Bastien. November 30, 2023



Corporal Mario Basar Veteran

Canadian Military Armed Forces — Army — Retired

Service # C47839411 1986 - 1995



Belle River Ont. Cenotaph



Life Member Can. Forces Military Police



Medals and Awards



FIBUA Fighting in Built Up Areas



Taking a break during Field Operations in Germany

Please consider Corporal Mario Basar, Retired, as a candidate for future Subdivision Street naming, in the Municipality of Lakeshore.

At a young age, having a keen interest in the Military way of life, Mario joined the 2861 RCEME, Windsor, Corps of Army Cadets, where he received a medal in recognition for long service.

At age eighteen, Mario enlisted in the Regular Army, where he trained and qualified for the position of Military police Officer. Later, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal in that force.

Areas of assigned service include:

Windsor 21 MP PL

CFTA Meaford, Military Police Section

CFB Petawawa, Special Service Force Base and Field Duties with 2 MP PL

CFB London Base MP Section

1 RCR MP Section Field Unit, in attendance in Denmark, for the Unit's last Armored Mechanized Force Exercise.

Ipperwash Crisis, Lambton Shores, Lambton County Ontario

CFE Lahr, Germany 4 MP PL Field Operations. Along with MCpl White, jeep team partner, competed in 4 MP PL, Field Competition, achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place.

With Lahr and Baden MP Sections, completed a 40 km. march in Chicester England. Received overall honours and awarded a medal and Certificate of merit upon completion.

CFB London, MP Section, Completed 25 km. Law Enforcement, Special Olympics Torch Run. Later completed 20 km. run at CFB Petawawa, in the same venue.

Mario retired from the Military in 1995, accepting a position as Corrections Officer with The Windsor Southwest Detention Centre. He later changed occupations and signed with the Ministry of Transportation as a Transportation Enforcement Officer.

Due to his extensive experience as a Military Police Officer, Mario was awarded a Life Membership in the Military Police Association of Canada. Corporal Basar resides in Lakeshore Ontario, where he is actively involved as an Ordinary Member and Past Executive Officer of R.C.L. Branch # 399 Belle River.

Corporal Mario Basar  
We Salute You And Thank You For Your Service

Gil Bastien, February 7, 2024

**Lance Corporal Richard Herbert Prince 1940 - 1963**



On behalf of Mr. Leonard Prince, a long time Lakeshore resident and his siblings, brother, Rev. Donald Prince and sister Nancy, please consider his brother, Lance Corporal Richard Prince as a candidate for street naming, in a future development of a Lakeshore subdivision.

Lance Corporal Richard Herbert Prince was born in 1940. He lived with his parents Tom and Katherine and family, on Highway 39, Emeryville Ontario. He attended Puce Public School, then North Essex District High School in Belle River. He was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Puce and a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Puce Sea Cadets. With the consent of his parents, Richard joined the Canadian Army as an “apprentice” soldier in 1956. He was stationed at Camp Petawawa, Ontario, eventually becoming enlisted in the Base II Signals Squadron, Airborn Element and The Royal Canadian School off Signals, Kingston Ontario, while undergoing training in the trade of Linesman.

On January 6, 1963, he was participating in a weekend training exercise along with 235 other paratrooper soldiers, at Canadian Forces Base Camp Borden, Ontario. When attempting to complete his jump, upon exit of the aircraft door, his parachute cords somehow became entangled on the exterior airframe of the C-119 Flying Boxcar. After several circuits by the aircraft, the parachute became untangled and Lance Corporal Prince tragically plummeted to his death, parachute unopened. At the time, Lance Corporal Prince left behind his wife Emily, son Ricky 20 months and daughter Becky, 6 months old.

**Lance Corporal Richard Herbert Prince  
May You Rest In Peace  
We Salute You and Thank You For Your Service**

March 29, 2024 Gil Bastien, Membership Chairman R.C.L., Branch # 399, Belle River





Robert Freeman, Boggs, Veteran, Service # V-71213  
Royal Canadian Navy Reserves, May 1943, to March 19, 1946.

Please consider Mr. Robert Freeman Boggs as a candidate for potential street naming, in the future development plans for the Municipality of Lakeshore. Robert was born on November 10, 1925. He served in the W.W. II Theatre, In The Royal Canadian Naval Reserves, from September, 1943 to June of 1946, as an Able Seaman and Cook. The duty of the RCNVR's, was Home Land Security, patrolling the East Canadian Atlantic coast and Inland Canadian Great Lakes waterways, against enemy submarine or foreign vessel intrusion. One method of protection against foreign invaders was the utilization of SOSUS, Sound Surveillance System. Bob was stationed at East Coast Bases, during his tenure, such as HMCS Hunter, Stadacona, Chippawa, York, Fort Ramsay, Shelby and several more. On November 12, 1944, he was awarded Certification # B147984, Marine/Coast Guard, Standards of Training, Certification and Watch Keeping.

He was demobilized after the Second World War ended and Honourably Discharged on March 19, 1946.

Bob was a resident of Lakeshore for forty years, where his family still resides today. He was an active Ordinary member of Royal Canadian Legion, Belle River Branch # 399, until he passed away, December 3, 1994.

Mr. Robert Freeman Boggs, may you Rest In Peace.  
We salute you and Thank You for your Service.

Gil Bastien. November 27, 2023



Robert Scully, Veteran, Service # V 70844

Royal Canadian Navy, May 1942, to February 11, 1946.

Please consider Mr. Robert Scully, as a candidate, for potential street naming, in the future development plans for the Municipality of Lakeshore.

Bob was born on May 9, 1925. Shortly after his seventeenth birthday, pursuing a strong patriotic desire to defend his country, he enlisted in The Royal Canadian Navy, in May of 1942. Bob served on the Canadian Navy Corvette, HMCS St. Boniface, which was assigned patrol of the North Atlantic Sea, between Halifax Nova Scotia and Belfast Ireland. HMCS St. Boniface was dedicated to hunting and killing enemy submarines, minesweeping and protecting Merchant Marine supply Convoys, crossing the Atlantic.

He was demobilized after the Second World War ended and Honourably Discharged on February 11, 1946.

After his discharge from the Navy, Bob pursued a successful career in the Advertising and Promotion business. He was a resident of Lakeshore for 50 years, where he and his wife Marion raised their family.

Bob was an Ordinary member of Royal Canadian Legions, Branches # 143 and Belle River Branch # 399, where he was an active, "Ordinary Life Member", from August 28, 1992, until he passed away, April 17, 2008.

Mr. Robert Scully, may you Rest In Peace.  
We salute you and Thank You for your Service.

Gil Bastien, Membership Chairman, R.C.L., Branch # 399, Belle River, November 4, 2023

## *Hector Filaault, sergeant*

*Canadian Army November 5, 1942- February 14, 1946*

*Veteran W.W. II. European Theatre*

*Service # a-89245*



### Medals and Decorations

1939 - 1945 Star issued in recognition of service in World War II

France Germany Star issued in recognition of service in France and Germany

The War Medal, 1939 - 1945

C.V.S.M. Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp

Please consider Hector Filiault as a candidate for future subdivision Street naming in the Municipality of Lakeshore.

Hector was born on April 9, 1923. At the age of nineteen, he was enlisted in the N.R.M.A., Canadian Military Reserves. On January 6, 1943, he was activated for duty in the Regular Canadian Army and was sent to the # 12 Basic Training Centre, in Chatham Ontario. Having completed the required regimen, he was promoted to Sergeant, and was sent to Camp Borden, to teach Basic Training to the new recruits.

On December 25 1943, Hector, aboard a military transport ship, was crossing the Atlantic Ocean, en route to Aldershot England. He was assigned active duty as a Medic, with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance, 3<sup>rd</sup> division, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade. After being bivouacked in England, Hector and his Company, crossed the English Channel on D-Day, June 6, 1944 and landed in Bernieres Sur Mer, France. During the ensuing battle, he was wounded in action, when a bullet grazed his back and shrapnel from an explosive was lodged in his knee. Hector was hospitalized for two weeks. These injuries and the ensuing condition of PTSD, would unfortunately haunt him for the rest of his life.

After being returned to active duty, he had two memorable incidents during his time in France. One instance occurred, on a single lane rural road abutting a river channel. Under the cover of darkness, he was transporting troops in the canopied rear of an 1800 model army truck. After rounding a bend in the road, his truck was approached head on, by a local resident's speeding automobile. Rather than collide with the vehicle, which would have killed the occupants, he chose to ditch the truck in the river channel. The truck was lost, but all survived. Hector received a broken arm, the only resulting injury. Due to his quick action, a certain disaster was avoided.

In another incident, while patrolling the battle-scarred streets of Caen, Hector came upon a hapless woman being forced to give birth, at the side of the street. He immediately gave assistance to the attending physician, Dr. Green, in delivering the baby boy. An innocent, new life brought into the world amidst the chaos of war.

On his return home, Christmas 1945, aboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth, King George broadcasted his speech to the United States and Canada. Hector listened as King George thanked the men for their service, congratulated them on their victory and wished the world a "Merry Christmas." The trip home took only seven days, as opposed to the initial fourteen-day crossing. Thankfully, troops aboard were not confined below decks.

Hector was honourably discharged from duty on February 14, 1946. He was a long-time resident of the town of Belle River (Lakeshore) where his family members reside today. He was an Ordinary, Veteran, member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 399, Belle River, until his passing, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

Sergeant Hector Filiault, May you Rest In Peace  
We Salute You and Thank You For Your Service.  
A True Canadian Hero