

War vet receives commendation

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said. "The old house is busting out because there's so many (people in our family)."

A Port Credit Legion member is being honoured for his exemplary work, dedication and commitment to Canada's war veterans.

John Louis Hare, 84, will receive the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation Award at a May 11 ceremony at Holiday Inn in Burlington.



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The award recognizes those who have performed commendable service and served as role models for fellow veterans.

Hare, who grew up in Port Credit, but now lives on a farm in Oro-Medonte Township near Orillia, served in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1944.

He returned to Mississauga in 1945, where he has been involved in the legion and the community for the last 64 years.

Hare said he enjoys visiting schools in Port Credit and Oro-Medonte each Remembrance Day to speak about the importance of remembering those who died for their country.

He said he's also proud of being instrumental in the planning, fundraising and construction of the Port Credit Legion hall, which opened in 1966.

One of his eight children, former Mississauga fire chief Cyril Hare, said his father has always been someone to look up to.

"He's been a role model who believed in integrity above all else," said Cyril Hare, adding his father accomplished a great deal for the legion and the community without sacrificing time with his children, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The elder Hare was also an electrician and volunteer firefighter with the Port Credit Fire Department. He established the Oro Township Fire Department and became its first chief.

And he shows no signs of slowing down.

Hare keeps busy running his farm and spending time with his family.

"We all still have Christmas, Easter and our annual golf tournament," he

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HARE, John Louis