



# CONTACT!

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## President's Report

Our Zone Convention was held at our Branch on Sunday, September 8. Approximately 40 Legion Members from Branches within our Zone attended. Thank you to our Ladies Auxiliary for providing the lunch. The following came from the Convention:

- ✿ The next District Convention will be held on Oct 18-20 at Smith Falls Branch.
- ✿ The next Zone Convention will be held on March 9, 2014, at Smith Falls Branch.
- ✿ The Zone Finance Course will be held on September 28 at the Almonte Branch at 1:00 p.m. It is open to all, including members of our Ladies' Auxiliary.

Our Branch held a very successful fundraiser for **Paws Fur Thought** on September 12. Approximately 90 members and friends attended. We raised approximately \$1470 for this worthwhile cause. It was a great event, thanks in large part to Moira Green and Peter Wilkins for organizing it, and to all the workers.

Thank you to the Ladies' Auxiliary for donating the funds to purchase a second branch Bar-B-Q.

Our new Branch Service Officer is Peter Wilkins and he can be reached at 613-832-3761.

Our monthly birthday party will resume this month on Sunday, September 29. All are welcome to attend for coffee and cake.

*John Cher*  
President



# From the Second Vice

## Poppy and Remembrance Campaign 2013

The Poppy Campaign begins on Friday,  
October 25.



### Poppy Campaign Contacts

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Superstore	Suzanne St. John	613 839 0320	<a href="mailto:su.st.john@gmail.com">su.st.john@gmail.com</a>
Hazeldean Mall	Ursula Seyler	613 591 0442	<a href="mailto:raymond-e-a-h@yahoo.ca">raymond-e-a-h@yahoo.ca</a>
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Poppy Supplies	George Pollock	613 836 2530	<a href="mailto:geo.pollock@rogers.com">geo.pollock@rogers.com</a>
Businesses	John Cher	613 831 0298	<a href="mailto:j.cher@sympatico.ca">j.cher@sympatico.ca</a>

As always, it is your privilege and obligation to actively participate in the Poppy Campaign. Our success is dependent on you and your time spent table sitting/canvassing businesses or seeking donations at the hockey games.

If you have not received a call from your usual table captain by early/mid-October, kindly call them and offer your time for a shift or two. Don't sit back and say "I didn't get a call."

Please call 613-592-3376 or email me [mmgreen@live.com](mailto:mmgreen@live.com) with any queries etc. and I will endeavour to direct you.

Thanks in advance for all the time and effort many of you will put forth in October and November remembering always the sacrifices made by so many.

Yours in service,

*Maira Green*

### LEST WE FORGET

#### Branch Korean and WW2 Veterans

Sign-up: Please sign up by Sept. 27  
Menu: Poached salmon  
Date: Saturday, October 5  
Time: Cocktails - 5 30 p.m.  
Cost: Free to all branch Korean and WW2 veterans  
Others: \$25.00  
Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin  
Music: Stittsville Concert Band

#### Branch Remembrance Dinner

Date: Saturday, November 16  
Time: Cocktails 5:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Brig/Gen (Ret) David Kettle  
Cost: \$20 00 per person

A sign-up sheet will be posted in mid-October



## Paws Fur Thought

Thanks to those who supported this worthy cause.

*Maira and Peter*

(Editor: See photos on page 7.)

## From the Third Vice

Birthday/anniversary celebration this month: Sunday, September 29, 2:00 p.m. in the lounge.

Sincere congratulations to **Lyall Gow** on his 101st birthday. Another milestone, Lyall!

## Where did the money go?

### DONATIONS

Donations from gaming revenues for September 2013:

\$250 to the Kanata Minor Hockey Association

\$250 to the Highland Mist Pipe Band, to support its youth piping program

\$250 to Caen Branch 154 of East Passage NS to support its "Paws Fur Thought" initiative, through which 50 therapy/service dogs will be provided to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Another \$200 donated by the Ladies' Auxiliary and the proceeds of a fundraising BBQ, are expected to raise our donation to this worthy project to around \$1,470.

## Poppy Trust Fund

We are nearing the end of the Poppy Trust Fund's fiscal year (30 September) and find ourselves with an unplanned surplus of about \$7,000. Accordingly, at the September General Meeting, YOU will be asked to approve a donation of a further \$3,500 to the Ontario Command Homeless Veterans Program and \$3,500 to support the veterans care activities of our District Service Officer, Pat Royle.

*Harry Needham*

Trust Funds Administrator

## V.I.P. Update

Many members receive benefits under Veterans Affairs Canada's "Veterans Independence Program." Starting April 1, 2013, this program changed so that veterans no longer have to submit claims for housekeeping and grounds maintenance expenses. Instead, they would receive two cheques a year in advance to cover such expenditures.

I was one of the first to go on the new program, which is being phased in over a period of months. This week, I received my second cheque, to cover the next six months of expenses.

I have found that I have enough to cover grounds maintenance, but, for the first time since I started on VIP, I found that the amount I received six months ago did not cover the costs--for the same housekeeping services, provided by the same company which was recommended to me by Veterans Affairs, and which I have used for years. I was about \$300 short and, since the second cheque is about the same

as the first, I will be more than \$600 short by the end of the benefits year.

In the letter I received at the same time as the cheque, there is a description of how I can request a reassessment, and I intend to use this provision. Be aware that you may also have to launch an appeal or request a reassessment. That's why I'm giving you a heads-up.

The second thing you should know is that I have NOT been asked to account for my use of the money. I keep careful records of how it has been spent, but it appears that, once VAC has placed you on the grants preprogram, there is no accountability, other than the obligation to tell them if your circumstances change.

Submitted by  
*Harry Needham*

## From the Secretary

### Hospital and Home Visits

A friendly reminder to notify the Kanata legion of a member who is in hospital or recovering at home that may benefit from a possible visit by a legion representative.

### From the Ways & Means Committee


The Ways & Means Committee will be hosting a second round of **Electronic Waste Disposal Days** on **April 11 and 12, 2014**. Please consider holding onto your e-Waste items until then.

On Saturday, **May 10, 2014**, the Ways & Means Committee is planning to host a **Fashion Show and High Tea**. A fun way for women to spend time together the day before Mother's Day--Mothers and

daughters, sisters, friends, etc.--and support the Kanata legion!

Please watch for further details to follow in months to come. Thank you!

New Hall Rental Contact Information:  
Pat (P.J.) Rose, Hall Rental Officer  
Phone number: 613-240-9855

 A message from the New Year's Eve Event Co-ordinator



## HEADS UP!

**The Best New Year's Eve Celebration in Kanata!**

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off of Solandt Road.,  
off of March Road**

**The Best!**

Submitted by  
*Lorraine Lapensée*





## Ladies' Auxiliary

On September 4, the ladies of the Auxiliary were treated to a delicious dinner before their regular meeting by members of the branch. A big thank you to John Cher and Dan Knighton for preparing the meal and to Gord McCaskill and George Medynski for serving. Twenty-two ladies enjoyed not having to cook dinner that night!

Two new members were initiated at our meeting that evening: Sylvia Burton and Michale Fyke.



Photo by Lorraine Elmas

Left to right: Michale Fyke, Martha Dormor, Marg Burton and Sylvia Burton

If you know anyone interested in joining the Ladies' Auxiliary please ask them to get in touch with Lorraine Lapensée at (613) 831-8319 or Marg Burton at (613) 592-5198.

The **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2013, from 9:30 -3:00 at the Hazeldean Mall.

This is an invitation for everyone to please support your Ladies' Auxiliary by donating crafts, knitting, baking, home-made jams, jellies and pickles. Home-made items are always a big hit.

All donated items can be dropped off either at the branch on Friday, Nov. 22, before 3:00 p.m., or at the Hazeldean Mall on Sat., Nov. 23, between 8:30-9:30 a.m.

For further information, please contact Angie Jacklin at (613) 720-6737.

Suzanne St. John is our new Poppy table captain for the Super Store in Kanata. If you have some free time and can give her a few hours, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours in comradeship,

*Marg Burton*  
L.A. President

## COUNTRY WESTERN EVENING

SUCCESS SUMS UP the Ladies' Auxiliary's COUNTRY WESTERN FAMILY BBQ held on August 24! Eighty guests enjoyed a superb meal, steak, corn on the cob, baked potato and strawberries on home-made tea biscuits; the fun of bidding in a silent auction and music entertainment provided by Legion member, Mike Fahey.

A BIG THANK YOU for your support is extended from the Ladies' Auxiliary to all who participated.



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS:  
George Medynski, Ted Burton and Gene Szabo for barbequing; Marg Burton for being the Kitchen Co-ordinator; Betty Ann Pollock, George Pollock, Angie Jacklin for being the servers and table clearers; Gaetan Chartier and Yvette Clark for setting the tables; Gaetan Chartier as dishwasher; Bob Thomson for setting up tables and chairs; June Tyrrell for the superb decorating job; Pat Cher for co-ordinating Silent Auction; Nancy Medynski for silent auction set up; Lynn McPherson for co-ordinating the volunteers; Barb Smith and Lorraine Lapensée for working the check-in table; P.J. Rose and Moira Green, bartenders. To top off the evening, guests had chances to win door prizes donated by Mary Aird and Lydia Fancy.

## Christmas Decoration / Pot Luck Supper Get Together



Sunday, November 24, 2013  
3:00 p.m.

HELP DECORATE OUR BRANCH  
FOR CHRISTMAS 2013  
and at the same time get into the  
Christmas Spirit!



The Ladies' Auxiliary is hosting a  
Christmas Decoration / Pot Luck Supper  
Get Together

Decorations are provided.  
Everyone is welcome!  
The more the merrier!

Stay afterwards to enjoy a pot luck  
supper and comradeship!

Hope to see you there!

## Christmas Dinner Party

Ladies' Auxiliary is hosting a Christmas Dinner Party the evening of **Friday, November 29, 2013**, and you are invited! Everyone is welcome! Guests can look forward to tantalizing their taste buds with a Turkey Dinner and all the trimmings; details to be announced soon.

(Please be sure to put in your calendar!)

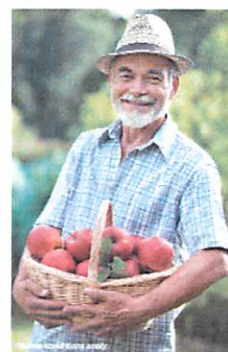


## Autumn Harvest OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 29th • 1 - 4 pm

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# Paws Fur Thought

Photos provided by Harry Needham



Medric addressing the troups



Badges and dogs



Long walk from Nova Scotia



A good turn-out



Medric and his buddy



Therapeutic dog, eh?

## Recap of Coming Events

Sat., Sept. 28, 1:00 p.m., Zone Finance Course, Almonte Branch

Sun., Sept. 29, Birthday/Anniversary Party at 2:00 p.m. in the Lounge

Sat., Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m., Dinner in Honour of WW2 and Korean War Veterans

Oct. 18-20, District Convention, Smith Falls Branch

Fri., Oct. 25, Poppy and Remembrance Campaign begins

Sat., Nov. 16, Remembrance Dinner

Sat., Nov. 23, Annual Christmas Bazaar, 9:30 to 3:00, Hazeldean Mall

Sun., Nov. 24, 3 p.m., Christmas Decorating/Pot Luck Supper Get Together

Fri., Nov. 29, Christmas Dinner Party

Tues, Dec. 31 "The Best" Branch New Year's Eve Celebration in Kanata

Sun., March 9, 2014, Zone Convention, Smith Falls Branch

April 11/12, 2014, Electronic Waste Disposal

Sat., May 10, 2014, Fashion Show and High Tea

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# Stirling Festival Theatre

## BILLY BISHOP GOES TO WAR



starring  
Dean Hollin

Reprising the role of WW1 fighter pilot, William Avery Bishop (and 17 other characters!) *Dean Hollin* returns in one of Canada's most famous musicals. From humble beginnings in Owen Sound to the fame and glory of being this country's top-scoring pilot of the First World War, this tour-de-force performance is not to be missed!

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