



CONTACT!

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President's Report

On October 5, we held a dinner to honour our World War 2 and Korean War Veterans and 12 veterans attended. The meal by Leatherworks was excellent. The concert band from the Stittsville Legion did a great job. Our guest speaker, The Right Reverend Peter Coffin, was very informative and spoke about his experience as a chaplain. Thanks to Moira for a job well done in organizing the event. Thanks to Gord, who did his usual great job behind the bar; to Nancy Medynski, our ticket taker, and Brenda, for piping. The only disappointment was the turnout; we had approximately 36 members attend.

REMEMBER that on initiation as a member of the Legion we all swore to work on the poppy drive. You will be called by table captains to assist. Please do so.

Our Remembrance Dinner will be held on November 16. Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:15. Menu is roast beef and trimmings. Cost \$20.

Our District had a lottery seminar on Oct 5, and three members of the Executive Committee attended. We learned a lot. The seminar focussed on the Nevada lottery. On October 8, I held a meeting with those involved with gaming. It was proposed that the Branch eliminate Nevada tickets and concentrate on 50/50 draws by applying for a blanket permit. It is felt that we will bring in more money on the 50/50 than with the Nevada. The executive agreed and we have applied for a blanket license.

The October Birthday Party will be held on the 27th. Everyone is welcome to attend and have coffee and cake.

John Cher
President

From the First Vice

Once again we are all extremely busy preparing for this year's poppy campaign. I will be monitoring the Costco poppy table again this year and am looking forward to it. I am still short of a dozen or so table sitters and welcome anyone who is up to the task.

Regarding our newly renovated washrooms, it seems there are some issues yet to be resolved. The lights in both washrooms are supposed to automatically come on when one enters the room and are to remain on for 30 minutes once the motion detector has been activated. In other words the lights should turn themselves off when there has been no one in the room for 30 minutes. Therefore, one should not need to turn the lights on or off. As for the countertops, they are made of cement and therefore will show watermarks but, of course, this will dry after a few minutes. We have had much discussion about colouring or staining the countertops but have not yet found a workable solution.

Dan Knighton

From the Sports Desk

Our community euchre league is into its fourth week and has 31 members. We have four new members this year and there is still room for a few more. It's great to see such good tournaments!

Our darts league is in its third week with approximately 12 members. This is a fun league with room for more players both novice and expert. All are welcome.

I attended the annual Zone Sports Meeting in Almonte on October 9 to discuss the 2013/14 zone sporting events. Branch 638 was chosen to host the annual cribbage tournament next month, but please be advised the tournament date has been moved to November 30, 2013. Winners of this tournament will play again in the district competition at Branch 562 Chuck River January 25, 2014.

The annual eight-ball pool tournament will take place December 7, 2013, at Branch 240 Almonte. The 10-pin bowling tournament has been cancelled and removed from Legion sports as was the lawn bowling competition.

Five pin bowling, however, will be held January 18, 2014, at Branch 95 Smiths Falls. Shuffleboard tournament at the district level, April 4, 2014, at Branch 137 Nappanee. Mixed Darts, February 22, 2014, at Branch 616 W. Carleton. Horseshoes, May 24, 2014, at Branch 616 W. Carleton. Golf, June 7, 2014, Branch 95 Smiths Falls.

As an option, this year smaller branches will be permitted to join together to support an event by combining branch members in an effort to field a team. Therefore, if Branch 638 does not have enough players to field a team for darts, eight-ball, five-pin bowling, shuffleboard or horseshoes, then Branch 638 could join with Branch 395 Lanark. Also, if anyone is interested in bid euchre or duplicate bridge, please let me know.

Yours in good sports,

Dan Knighton
Branch 638 Sports O

From the Second Vice

The Poppy and Remembrance Campaign 2013 begins October 25.

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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 or canvassing businesses or seeking donations at the hockey games.

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

Veterans' Dinner

Kanata Branch 638 was honoured to recognize 12 of its WW 2 and Korean War veterans at a special veterans' dinner held on October 5, 2013



Photos by Robert Krautle

Al Page, Bill Bradley, Howard Baugh, Bob McGee, Winnie Ponto, Connie Taylor, Lyall Gow (inset), Bert Fox, John Gooch, Jim Low, Don Fraser, Peter Wilkins. Also Ann and Dallas Gorden from Stonehaven Manor.



We salute you and thank you for your service.

Lest We Forget

Thanks to those members who supported our vets by attending the event. Thanks to The Stittsville Legion Concert Band for the great music and to The Right Reverend Peter Coffin for his words of inspiration. A fine meal was provided by Leatherworks. Thanks, Gord, for bartending; Nancy, for looking after our guests as they arrived; and as usual Brenda, for piping in our veterans.

Branch Remembrance Dinner

Date: Saturday, November 16
Time: Cocktails: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:15 p.m.
Menu: Roast Beef and Trimmings
Speaker: Brig/Gen (Ret) David Kettle
Cost: \$20 00 per person
Please sign up ASAP!

Yours in service,

Maira



Photos by Robert Krautle



The Stittsville Legion Concert Band



Head Table

DONATIONS

This month, the Branch will donate from its Bingo revenue \$250 to each of the following organizations:

1. The Bruyère Foundation;
2. The Shepherds of Good Hope Foundation; and
3. The Kanata Youth Basketball Association.

The Poppy Trust Fund Committee meets only three or four times over the year, with its major effort concentrated in January and February. The Committee reviews the past use of the Poppy Fund, makes recommendations to the general membership for the disbursement of poppy funds and manages the fund over the course of the poppy trust fiscal year (1 October to 30 September). A few stalwarts have formed the committee for the past few years and I am very grateful for all their hard work. If any other members are interested in helping out, please call Harry Needham at 613-831-1068 or contact me via email at harry@hnccs.ca. No experience needed. Refreshments and munchies provided. Wot an offer!

Submitted by

Harry Needham

**THE POPPY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE IS
LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!**

Are you looking for a chance to help that will not involve any physical effort but that DOES require mental effort?



Membership Report

We are six weeks into the Early Bird Campaign and response has been fantastic. Our aim is to have 90% of membership renew early and we have already reached 53%.

Total Membership in Good Standing for 2013 is 293.

EARLY BIRD RENEWALS total 141. If we include the Life Members, our MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING for 2014 is 156.

There are seven weeks left, so don't delay. November 30 is the last day of the EARLY BIRD. Take advantage of the reduced rate of \$50 fee.



Legion Recruitment

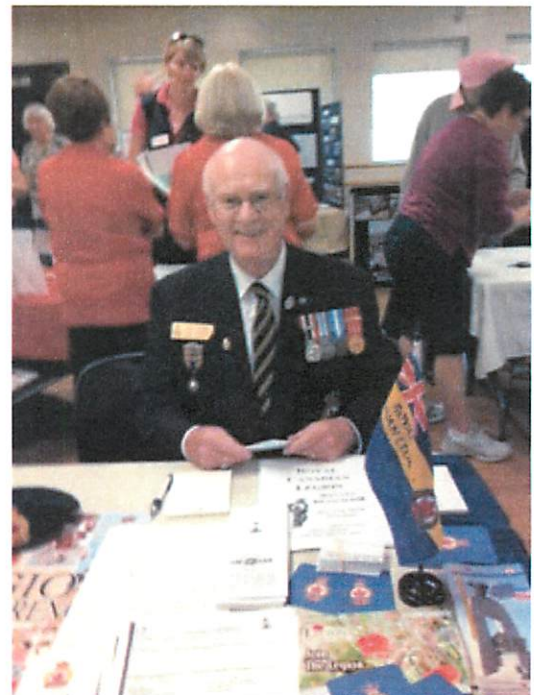
Bruce Judge and I attended the Kanata Expo 55+ at the Mlacak Centre on September 20, 2013.

It was a great opportunity for health and social service agencies to gather, all for the purpose of serving interested older Kanata Residents. It was a great chance to network with other agencies.

We started at 1:00 p.m. with a table full of pamphlets and handouts. By the end of the day all our pamphlets had been taken.

We received one application on the spot and three others were taken home.

Overall Bruce and I felt it was a great endeavour and we should try to do it again next year.



Submitted by

Brenda Grant
Recruitment Chair

Richcraft Recreation Complex Commemorative Pavers Time Capsules

The Richcraft Recreation Centre will be opening soon, complete with a 25-metre, 8-lane pool, a leisure/therapeutic pool, training pool, two gyms, a fitness centre and mixed use rooms. Outside are basketball courts, lighted soccer field, skateboard plaza, and kids' play structure.

The community asked for the following upgrades:

- an extra 2 lanes to make 8 lanes, thus eligible for international competitions
- enhance the skateboard plaza
- upgrade the soccer field to a lighted, artificial turf

In order for the community to have these upgrades to the Centre they must raise the additional funds.

The Legion has elected to donate monies to purchase a commemorative paver, inscribed with Kanata Legion name and logo. This legacy will be placed on the Community Walkway.

The other fund raising option is for individuals to purchase a time capsule for \$20. Individuals can place pictures, letters to their children, grandchildren, stamps, event programs, tax bill, coins, new items or family mementos. The time capsules will be unveiled in 2063.

For more information, you may contact Bruce Judge or Brenda Grant.



Kitchen Corner

My apologies to any of you who came out for Fish & Chips on October 11, and found the kitchen closed.

There was difficulty scheduling a cook for that day. We were thankful that someone (not a Legion member) stepped forward. Unfortunately, he came down with the flu and gave as much notice as possible. No one else was available, so the decision to cancel was made. A volunteer offered to cook, but once the general email had gone out, and as many people as possible notified, it was too late to reverse the decision.

We do have lots of servers for Fridays. What we need are more dishwashers, chipmonks (to do the chips), and fishfryers (to cook the fish). This summer, many people stepped forward to help, but many were - shall we say - our more senior members, and found the job too strenuous. So we are back to square one.

What we need are more of our younger members to help out. And because so many of us have interests outside the Branch, we need more of you. We can't expect volunteers to devote all their Fridays. And many take extended vacations.

If you can help, we will train you!

Contact me at smclean@deadsquid.com or 613-831-1068

Submitted by

Sue McLean

PS: Flu season has started early this year!
Get your flu shots!

A message 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, such as vacuums, fans, computers, radios, phones to mention a few!

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 to support the Kanata legion!

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

How will you celebrate New Year's Eve this year?



**Consider the Kanata Legion's
ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!**

**Great food! Great Music!
Loads of Fun!**

...at a good price!

Catered by: *Leatherworks Catering*

Roast Beef Buffet: Roast Top Sirloin, Southern Fried Chicken, Beef Stroganoff, Vegetarian Penne Pasta & much more!

DJ Music by: *Bytown Boogie!*

**Door prizes! Party Favours!
ONLY \$40.00/person
Everyone is welcome!**

**Advance tickets only before
Dec. 23, 2013, on sale now!**

**Reception 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Dress Code: Smart Casual**

**Kanata Legion - 70 Hines Road,
off of Solandt Road., off of March Road**



The Best New Year's Eve Celebration in Kanata!

Submitted by

Lorraine Lapensée



Ladies' Auxiliary

Three events to note:

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

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 Fri., Nov. 22, before 3:00 pm, or at the Hazeldean Mall on Sat., Nov. 23, between 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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



Sunday, November 24, 2013

Christmas Decoration / Pot Luck Supper

It is that time of year again to decorate our legion for Christmas! The Ladies' Auxiliary invites everyone to come out on November 24, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. to their Annual Christmas Decoration Party and Pot Luck Supper and at the same time get into the Christmas spirit! Decorations are provided. The more the merrier! If interested, we ask if you could get your name on the sign-up sheet and indicate what you will plan to bring for the Pot Luck supper.

Fri. Nov. 29, 2013 - Ladies' Auxiliary's
Annual Christmas Dinner Party
Everyone is welcome!

Reception: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:15 p.m.

Menu: Roast Turkey Buffet with all the trimmings!

Catered by: The Ladies' Auxiliary!

The Ladies' Auxiliary is pleased to announce music entertainment will be provided by Debra McCann of the local McCann family; singing music for your listening, dancing and sing-a-long pleasure. Door Prizes!

Cost: \$15.00/person. Pay at the door, but reserve early to guarantee a seat! Please reserve by getting your name on the **sign-up** sheet at the Branch on or before **Nov. 22**.

**PLEASE BRING A DONATION
FOR THE KANATA FOOD BANK!**

VETERANS VISITS

Nancy Medynski and Bev Connell recently spent two sessions packing treat bags as well as a box of facial tissue and a fleece blanket for most of the homes in our local area. A total of 80 bags were packed for veterans.

On Oct. 9, Nancy, Bev, and June Tyrrell delivered approximately 33 gifts bags to the veterans and some spouses at the Bridlewood Trails retirement residence. On Oct. 10 Nancy, Bev, and Marg Burton delivered 38 bags to vets at the Stonehaven Manor Residence, The Empress and Brookside Manor. As well, 3 bags were delivered to each Forest Hills and Garden Terrace, both long term facilities. All recipients were very grateful for the visit and gift. A few bags are remaining to be delivered to some of our members who are ill and deserve a visit.

Thanks to the Branch for the substantial monetary donation to the L.A. to purchase all the items.

Submitted by

Nancy Medynski

YOU DOZY LITTLE MAN!

By Harry Needham

None of us who ever passed through the ranks, whatever the branch or service, will ever forget his drill instructors. Some of us likely still wake up sweating from nightmares wherein we are back on parade with dirty boots.

They were all cut from the same cloth. They positively GLOWED with military style. Their boots always gleamed like glass. Their uniforms, with razor-sharp creases we could never hope to emulate, had evidently been cut tightly to their individually precise measurements. There was not a crease, not a ripple of cloth. No pen, cigarette pack or even slip of

paper marred the flat expanse of their pockets. The badges, buttons and belt buckles didn't simply shine - they positively radiated light.

Every one carried some kind of drill cane or pace stick. Carried? They were permanently attached to them. You never saw one without one. I think they slept with them.

They were all rigidly erect and never walked; they marched everywhere. Every bit of their drill was, of course, perfection.

But it was the VOICES that set them apart from other men - gravelly, loud, whiskey-soaked voices that could bark or scream as the owner desired. With the voices came a very special vocabulary -- one that was truly memorable, not particularly for its profanity, but with IMAGERY to stir your imagination and chill your soul.

Morning inspection at Camp Valcartier, on my Junior NCO course: "Corporal, kindly lift up this man's hair so I can get by!"

Staff Sergeant Clempson, Royal Canadian Engineers, to the man next to me on parade: "You, lad, you're like a winter's day - short, dark, AND DIRTY!!!" His belt buckle was up to snuff.

Sometimes, the humour of the vocabulary positively inspired the fighting troops. I remember Sgt Tommy Larkin of the Royal Canadian School of Artillery. By this time, I had soared in rank to the dizzying altitude of officer cadet and thus the drill instructors had to address me and me mates as "Sir", or, collectively, "Gentlemen."

Tommy was the most gravelly-voiced of a famed family of gunner NCOs and the most memorable character of the lot. Trying to get the shambling mass of officer cadets to call out the cadence in the early lessons on foot drill, I will never forget his "SHOUT, gentlemen, SHOUT! I could make more noise slapping my (censored) against the toilet bowl!" Delighted, we shouted.

Even in later years, the old drill sergeants maintained their unique vocabulary and manner. A year after our encounter with Tommy, an older NCO, lecturing on the design of gun carriages, uttered the memorable "Yes, Virginia, the equalizer (or was it the equilibrator? I forget.) DOES compensate for lack of level in the trunions!"

Oddly, the junior drill instructors (bombardiers and corporals and suchlike) did NOT yet have the vocabulary of their seniors. Were they still accumulating it? Or did they not have the confidence to use it? I have always wondered.

All my adult life, I dreamed of a post-retirement project. I would travel the length and breadth of Canada, interviewing old drill instructors and collecting their pithy gems. What a collection I would publish! What a fortune I would make!

It never happened, like the coffee-table book I intended to write and illustrate on the decorative brickwork of eastern Ontario.

Those of us whose military service lies decades into the deepening past are prone to see later military generations as softer and more coddled versions of our gallant selves. To me, this is so much tommyrot. Soldiers are soldiers and I am willing to bet that today's drill instructor is not all that different from the ones I remember, or the Roman Decurion with his troops - or that hairy caveman, with his cudgel tucked under his left arm, shouting, "Right, then, you dozy lot!"

Some things never change.

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Recap of Coming Events

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

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

Sun., Oct. 27, Birthday/Anniversary Party

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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