



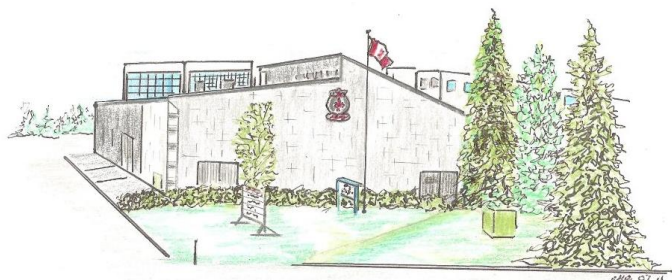
# CONTACT!

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## President's Report

Our Branch's 25th Anniversary Dinner was sold out with a hundred in attendance. I was told by dozens of those attending that it was a fantastic evening. We were happy to have as our guests our District Commander Garry Pond and his wife, Linda, and our Zone Commander Dave Cormier and his wife, Connie. Our guest speaker, The Right Reverend Peter Coffin, outlined the history of the Legion and stressed that it was our duty to carry the torch. The message was simple, "we take care of our Veterans for the sacrifice they made in their bid to secure our freedom." LEST WE FORGET. We were honoured with the arrival last night of His Worship Mayor Jim Watson and for his kind words. He presented the Branch with a plaque to commemorate our 25th anniversary. Thank you Moira Green for organizing the evening.



reminded us of how far our Branch has come, and how much of the work of the Kanata Legion has benefitted our veterans and the community.

The Branch Ladies' Auxiliary appreciation dinner was held Wednesday, September 3. Thanks to Dan, Gene, Gord and Mark for helping.

Wally Kasper's book launch was held at the Branch on September 12. Approximately 65 persons were in attendance including 9 serving members of the Armed Forces in uniform.

On September 19 the Branch is holding a bring-a-friend pot luck dinner and silent auction. Everyone is welcome.

John Cher  
President

Incredibly, in the space of a few weeks, we were again reminded of the purpose of the Royal Canadian Legion. The article in the Kanata Kourier by Harry Needham



## From the First Vice

I am sad to say, it seems our summer has come and gone and the new season is upon us. To that end, I must say we have had several successful events at the Branch throughout the summer and indeed, in the past month. I'm sure all will be in this edition of our CONTACT! Thank you to all who have volunteered to help 'Make Things Happen.' Without your volunteer support we could not be the success that we are.

## From the Sports Desk

Once again, our new Zone Sports Year will begin in October with all events posted just as soon as the new sports calendar is out. The new season of our Community Euchre League started September 16 and the Mixed Darts League will start September 26, 2014. Both members and non-members are welcome to join either league so any interested players please come out and enjoy. (Start times are 7:00 pm).

Yours in good sports,  
*Dan Knighton*

## Honours and Awards

I hate to sound like a broken record, but please keep an eye out for anyone who does that little extra bit at the branch and you feel deserves recognition for doing so. Your H&A Team will record it for our 2015 H&A night.

*Dan Knighton*  
H&R Chair



Please see page 9 for an opportunity to volunteer at the Canadian Tire Centre!

## From the Second Vice

### Poppy and Remembrance Campaign 2014

The campaign begins Friday, October 31, to Monday, November 10. (Only 11 days!) Below is a list of table captains and contact info. Remember that unless you are physically disabled or otherwise unable to poppy table-sit, it is your duty to participate actively in the poppy campaign. The lists have been revised this week, so each and every member should receive a call. Sincere thanks to Brian Wattie and Peter for standing in and Brenda for new lists. John Cher needs help for stores and businesses. Many members are now in their eighties and nineties. We need our younger members to carry the proverbial torch and in November also!

You are out there!

You are on the list!

Please help!

For more info, etc., please call or email me.  
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Yours in service,  
*Moir*

**Remembrance Dinner** - Fri., November 14

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# The Little Legion that Could

By Harry Needham

Back in September 1989, when fifty brave men and women applied for a chapter to start a branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in a Kanata, that was then a small suburb of Ottawa, there were a LOT of raised eyebrows. Many didn't think we could make it--and the 25 years that we have been in business have seen an abundance of problems, even very near brushes with financial disaster--but we weathered the storm.

We stand on the verge of paying off a crushing mortgage of almost \$800,000. We are financially in good shape, unlike many other branches. Our membership is remarkably stable, in a time when many branches our size have withered and died--though we will never cease welcoming new members.

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## *How do we do it? Volunteers.*

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Throughout our 25 years we have relied on volunteers to carry out all of our operations, save the very few, like snow removal, that are beyond our ability. So many of our members have given so generously of their time and talents that it is impossible to name them all here.

Our successive service officers have helped a great many veterans to access government disability and other benefits.

One member has, for many years, operated (and called) all our weekly bingo games, which have given so much pleasure (and cash!) to Kanata's residents.

Another, for at least as long, has been our chef, purchasing officer, treasurer and Johnny-on-the-spot.

Yet another of our members has lovingly tended the Cenotaph and gardens since the inception of Kanata's own Cenotaph.

What makes us most proud to be Kanata's own Legion branch? It is what we have done to make our community a better place to live. Yes, we offer food and beverage services, a hall for public and private use, and host special events open to the public every year. Our Sunday afternoon bingo has been popular for many years, and we now have a reputation of offering some of the best fish and chips in Ottawa for lunch on Fridays.

For years we have operated a foot care clinic at a fraction of the cost of similar clinics in the west end, and we have hosted fundraisers for a wide variety of community organizations.

From our gaming revenues, we have poured more than a million dollars into more than fifty community organizations--minor sports, programs helping the disadvantaged and the handicapped, or that help the community--OUR community--in many different ways.

We have used the money YOU donate through the annual poppy campaigns to help many others. We support the four cadet corps active in our area. We hold public poster, poetry and public speaking competitions. We donate \$10,000 in bursaries each year to Kanata students, and we support the Legion's province-wide bursary program.

We help to fund the Community Resource Centre's "Meals on Wheels" program. We buy medical equipment for the Queensway-Carleton Hospital.

We support local service agencies like the Ottawa Mission, The Shepherds of Good Hope, the Salvation Army, and very special places like Kanata's shelter for battered women and their children, and Kanata's hospice.

We assist the Military Families Resource Centre, and agencies that provide service dogs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

We pour thousands of dollars each year into the care of damaged and indigent veterans: in Kanata, in Ontario, and in the former British West Indies colonies, (for whose aging veterans the Royal Canadian Legion is a major source of help).

Do you support the Kanata Food Cupboard?  
So do we.

Do you wear a poppy or give a thought to Remembrance Day? It was our branch that led the drive for a cenotaph in Kanata and it is our branch that organizes the annual services at that cenotaph.

Are you a member of the Kanata Seniors Centre? We were part of the force that pushed for its creation.

Have you served in Afghanistan? Those hundreds of thousands of Tim Horton vouchers were all provided by the Legion and a small group of volunteers from our branch helped to process every one of them.

And it's all done with two things: your dollars and our volunteers. Together, we have done so much to build our community and we thank you.

Still think we're nothing but a watering hole for old drunks? Think again... and celebrate with us our 25th birthday as one of the more solvent branches in Ontario and--most important of all--we have made and continue to make a solid and lasting contribution to our community.

Royal Canadian Legion Kanata Branch 638 Charter Members  
as well as Current and Past Presidents



L to r, back row: Comrade Ivan Hawley, Comrade George Pollock, Comrade Mike Chopowick, Comrade Clay Wheaton, Comrade Bill Berry; front row: Comrade Jack Edelson, Comrade Moira Green, Comrade John Cher, President

Ladies' Auxiliary  
Charter Members



Winnifred Ponto



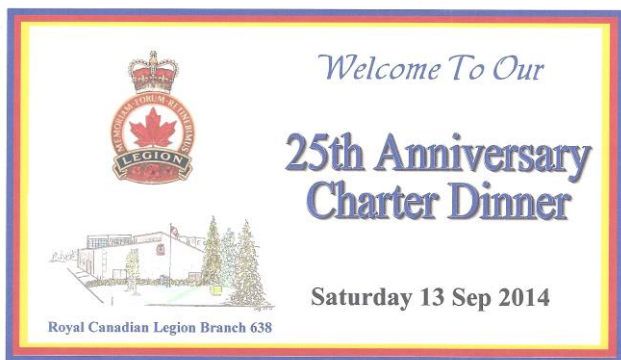
Betty Ann Pollock



Nancy Medynski

**Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget!**



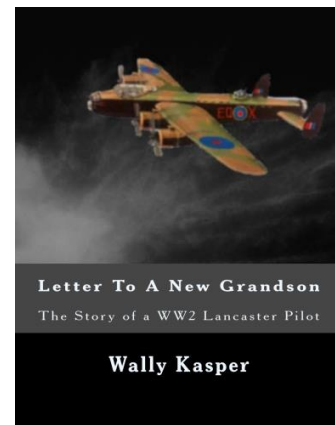


Look up, look way up!! (Editor)

## Letter To A New Grandson, The Story of a WW2 Lancaster Bomber Pilot

by  
Comrade

Wally  
Kasper



## Book Launch



Presentation  
 of his book to  
 grandson  
 Kyle.

Ruth Kasper with Pat Cher

# Ways & Means / Entertainment Committee

The Ways & Means / Entertainment Committee wishes to express thanks for your continued support by coming out to the events we plan for you! Your feedback on how we did is always welcome and if you have a suggestion, idea for an event/fundraiser, please do not hesitate to approach any of our committee members. Occasionally, changes to details have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. This was the case for the September 19 Friends Night when we originally announced the menu would be Chinese Food, but due to cost, it was changed to a pot luck dinner.

Such is also the case for the October 10th Friends Night, where the Committee has decided to cancel this date and reschedule for November 21 and plan to make it a spaghetti dinner. Our apologies for any disappointment or/and inconvenience these changes may have caused.

Lorraine Lapensée  
Chair

## WAYS & MEANS / ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

### *Friends Night Pot Luck Dinner & Bring a Friend*

*Mystery Auction  
Silent Auction  
Music Entertainment*

Friday, September 19, 2014 / 5:30 p.m.  
at the Kanata Legion  
70 Hines Road  
Kanata, Ontario

**NO CHARGE! NO TICKETS IN  
ADVANCE REQUIRED. NO SIGN  
UP SHEET!**

**WE INVITE YOU TO SHOW UP  
FOR SOME COMRADESHIP!**

### **ENJOY FANTASTIC DISHES**

**{For allergy reasons, please provide list of  
ingredients}**

Get two free Fish 'n Chips tickets when the friend you bring joins the Legion or Ladies' Auxiliary

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### *Fall High Tea & Fashion Show*

**Saturday, October 4, 2014**

**Doors open at 12:00 noon**

**Show starts at 1:00 p.m.**

- **Jockey Person to Person Fashion ~  
featuring new Fall Fashion and Spring  
& Summer Clearance Sale.**
- **Sterling Silver Silpada Jewellery!**
- **Fascinators, Bags & Scarves!**
- **Shellac & Nail Spa ...and more!**

#### **Prizes!**

**Assortment of Teas, hors d'oeuvres,  
Sandwiches, Scones, Fruit, Cheese, Dessert**

***Tickets in advance only by  
Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014***

***\$18.00/person or \$30.00 for two  
\$5.00 12 yrs. and under***

***Tickets are now available at the bar!***

***A fun way for women to spend time together  
and men, too!***

***– Mothers and daughters, sisters, friends,  
cousins, husbands!***

***Everyone is welcome to come out to enjoy  
and support the Kanata legion!***

***Proceeds from this event will go towards  
paying down the mortgage!***

November and December event dates to mark on your calendar planned by the Ways & Means / Entertainment Committee:

*(Subject to change, but for now this is what is planned.)*

**November 21, 2014** Friends Night - Spaghetti Dinner & Bring a Friend 5:30 p.m.

**November 23, 2014** Pot Luck Dinner and Decorate the Legion for Xmas 3:00 p.m.

**December 5, 2014** Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction evening

**December 31, 2014** New Year's Eve party

## From the Branch Secretary

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a good and safe summer!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER, OUR KANATA LEGION'S GENERAL MEETINGS ARE:

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 7:30 p.m.

No general meeting in December

Hope to see you!

*Lorraine Lapensée*



From the  
Ladies'  
Auxiliary

The L.A. wishes to thank Chef *par excellence* John Cher and his assistants, dynamic Dan, Gord the great, mighty Mark and Gene the genius for an amazing dinner, desserts and drinks. It was clear that our comrades put a lot of care into planning, preparing and presenting our dinner. It was truly a fun way to begin the evening of our general meeting. (L.E.)

Ladies' Auxiliary is planning for you...

*(Subject to general membership approval on Sept. 17/14)*

## *A HARVEST EVENING*

*Saturday, October 18, 2014*

*5:30 p.m. Reception / 6:00 p.m. Dinner*

*Chef Salad, Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables  
Pumpkin Pie & Apple Pie*

## *EVENING OF FUN & GAMES*

*\$15.00/person*

*TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLY*

*On or before October 11, 2014*

*50% of proceeds will go towards paying down  
the mortgage!*

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*Ladies' Auxiliary's*

*ANNUAL BAZAAR*

*Saturday, November 29, 2014  
at the Hazeldean Mall*

*Baked Goods / Crafts / Preserves and more!*  
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*Seniors' Christmas Luncheon  
December 10, 2014  
Details to follow!*

Submitted by  
*Lorraine Lapensée*  
Joint Ways & Means Committee Chair

## Lest We Forget



Ed Hollyer  
Lieutenant Colonel, retired  
Korean Veteran  
July 25, 1922 - July 4, 2013

Ed's ashes were interred at Shawville Cemetery in July at a private ceremony.

*Moir*



# Kitchen Korner

Congratulations Fish & Chip crews! We had another very successful month in August!

Speaking of fish... on the first Friday of September, we experienced some problems with the fish. For this I apologise. It wasn't the cook, it was the fish itself.

There is a shortage of halibut on the market, and it seems that this is part of the reason for a less than acceptable product. We contacted our supplier, who immediately picked up the rest of our stock. He was unable to replace it with a similar product, but did supply us with something that we think may be even better. The fish is still halibut, but a different cut. A test run on the second Friday of this month of the replacement product, proved to be successful. Therefore, we will continue to use the new product. It looks different, but tastes better!

On the subject of cooking, we are looking at having a City of Ottawa Health Department Food Handlers course here at our branch. Date is to be determined, but I think early in the new year would be better. We need a minimum of 10 people in order for the course to be held.

I strongly suggest that anyone who does food prep/cooking take the course. This includes members of the L.A., and those doing Bingo canteen as well.

The Health Inspector looks for this certification when doing an inspection. At present, only one person on duty in the kitchen out of the entire crew, is required to have certification. But let's be proactive and get this done before we are forced into it!

I will put a sign-up sheet in the kitchen, but you can always contact me directly.

Submitted by  
*Sue McLean*  
Kitchen Manager



Dan looks after the beer-sampling table while Sue shows that her injured foot is recovering well. Guests at Wally Kasper's book launch were treated to delicious Lancaster Bomber Beer. (L.E.)

## August Birthdays / Anniversary





# Veterans Service

Did not get back from the Service Officer / Poppy chair seminar in Smith Falls until late afternoon Sunday. Too late for any report to be put together other than to say that the Branch Veterans Service Officer attended both days and George Pollack attended Sunday's session.

*Peter J. Wilkins*

## OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERS!

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO DISTRIBUTE POPPIES AT OTTAWA SENATORS HOME GAMES.

### Poppy and Remembrance Campaign 2014

The Ottawa Senators Hockey Club have authorized Branch 638 to distribute poppies at four (4) of their home games which occur during the 2014 Poppy Campaign.

We wish to have six (6) volunteers present to distribute poppies at these games.

The games we can attend are as follows:

Thursday, 30 October (7:30 PM) Chicago

Tuesday, 4 November ((7:30 PM) Detroit

Thursday, 6 November (7:30 PM) Minnesota

Saturday, 8 November(7:00 PM) Winnipeg

As usual, we will depart for Canadian Tire Centre approximately 2 hours before the games commence and depart Canadian Tire Centre immediately after the games commence. Further details will be provided once our volunteer list is known.

Those wishing to volunteer for specific games, please contact **Don Raven** at **613-836-2891** (if no answer please leave a message as he will be out of town from 15th to 20th September) or E-Mail [d.raven@sympatico.ca](mailto:d.raven@sympatico.ca). If you are able to provide transportation to and from the arena from our usual starting point at Hazeldean Mall, please advise with your vehicle licence number.

# Recap of Coming Events

Fri., Sept. 19, Bring a Friend, Potluck Dinner, Auction, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 27, Pizza Night

Sun., Sept. 28, 2-4 p.m., Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

Sat., Oct. 4, Fall Fashion Show & High Tea

Sat., Oct. 18, A Harvest Evening, 5:30 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 26, Birthday / Anniversary Celebration, 2-4 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 31, Poppy Campaign Launch



With more than 70 retirement residences in the Ottawa area, how do you decide which one is best for you and your loved ones?

How do you find the time to do all the research?



Stay in the driver's seat, but trust the research to me. With over 9 years hands on experience, I can help you arrive at the right choice for you and your family!

Amy McConnell  
[www.teaandtoast.ca](http://www.teaandtoast.ca)  
613.406.6031

**T**ea & toast

## Deadline for input to **CONTACT!**

Sat., Oct. 18, by 11 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 15, by 11 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13, by 11 p.m.

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