



# CONTACT!

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## President's Report

The Veterans' Luncheon was held on June 18<sup>th</sup> with almost 100 veterans in attendance. Thanks to Moira for organizing the event and a big thanks to the kitchen and bar staff, the servers, cleaners, setup crew and the members of the pipe band for entertaining. A special thanks to Mike Fahey for also entertaining.

The July 1st President's BBQ went off without a hitch, with over 100 in attendance. Thanks to Gene Szabo for cooking, Sue and Pat for the salads, Nancy Medynski and Mary Szabo for helping in the kitchen and Gord, our bar tender. I believe a record was set, as we had a donation tray set up and made \$2.65 over cost.

The renovations of the toilets have begun with the installation of electric doors. We have a quote to complete the balance and are hoping to finish the project in August.

The September Birthday Party will be held on the 29th. Everyone is welcome to attend and have coffee and cake.

On Sunday, July 28th, the Branch is sponsoring a BBQ in support of the Military Family Resource Centre (see last page). All are welcome. The cost is \$10 per plate. Please call the Branch to reserve your spot.

John Cher  
President

## From the Second Vice

Branch Service Officer

### Veterans' Lunch

A huge thank you to all who made our veterans' lunch a success. Our signature fish 'n chips went over very well--not to mention the chocolate cake. To Brenda and the members of the Highland Mist Pipe Band, thank you for your music; also to Abe Zimmer for his drumming; to Mike Fahey, for his fine entertainment, much appreciated by all; to John and Sue as chefs du jour - well done! To Lynn, Pat, Marg, Nancy, Angie and Andrew for serving and clearing; and special thanks to Angie for the additional dishwashers who got Bill Molnar off the hook! It was great to have serving members of the forces helping in the kitchen. Thanks, George, for the bar service. To those branch members and veterans who took the time to attend - thank you. To all others who lent a hand - thank you. To all veterans - thank you for your service.

### ATTENTION PLEASE: WORLD WAR 2 and KOREAN VETERANS

A special dinner to honour you will be held on Saturday, October 5. Cost to veterans is nil. A charge for other members and guests will be in effect. Details to follow.

**Celebration of Life:** At point of writing we will celebrate the life of our comrade **Ed Hollyer** on Saturday, July 13, at 12:30 p.m. Ed's long and distinguished military career was



who he was. His family, neighbourhood and friends - his life. Our sincere condolences to Eileen and family. Ed will be sorely missed by one and all.

**Bingo:** A sincere thank you to comrade Clay Wheaton for continuing bingo on summer Sundays.

**Sick/Visiting:** Please contact Bev Connell at 613-591-9797 if you are aware of anyone who needs a visit or a card.

**Seniors:** Please contact Gord McCaskell at 613-286-1400 if you wish to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. Thanks, Gord, for June's celebration.

Yours in service,  
Moir

## Where did the money go?

### General Trust Fund

#### DONATIONS

This month's donations from our gaming revenues, \$250 each to:

The Kanata Knights Football Club

The Multiple Sclerosis Society, in support of Gary Downs's ride

The Friends of the Canadian War Museum, in memory of LCOL EH Hollyer MC CD

### Poppy Trust Fund

Of the \$5,000 you approved last October to improve handicapped access to the washrooms, the first \$2,800 was spent last Monday to replace the old doors with modern, electrically-operated doors, which are already

proving themselves a great boon to those in wheelchairs.

The remaining \$2,200 will be spent in August to improve handicapped washroom access in other ways. See "Good grief, Matilda! Whatever are they doing to the washrooms?" elsewhere in this issue.

## Sgt-at-Arms Report

The colour party participated in the rededication of the Carleton Place cenotaph on June 8th. The rededication was the final step in their cenotaph renovations; they finally received their two C1 105MM Howitzers. The combined colour party consisted of at least five branches; five of the twelve flags carried were ours. One of our flags was carried by our former Sgt-at-Arms, comrade Bill Berry.

The next event was the Kanata Canada Day at Walter Baker Park. Five members of the colour party participated and Brenda Grant piped us and the dignitaries to the stage for the opening ceremonies. We have a new recruit in the colour party, comrade Bruce Judge, no problem for an old armoured type.

Our next summer event will most likely be the Scott Tokessy tournament Saturday August 3rd at 10:00 am.

One final point if you are interested in participating in the colour party let me know. There is no requirement to attend every event. If you can step off with your left foot, the rest is easy, training is OJT. We have had notable departures, permanent and one hopefully not. It is an excellent opportunity to be right up front at events and even hobnob with the big wigs!

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# The President's BBQ

by Harry Needham



Preparing the burnt offering



The boss chef



and his helpers



Meanwhile, the kitchen  
witches and warlocks were  
also busy



And, in the hall, the starving  
waited for the opening gun



Then the great  
moment arrived



Like bears at a garbage  
dump



Yum, yum

## Good grief, Matilda! Whatever are they doing to the washrooms?

by Harry Needham

For the past year, renovating our washrooms has been a top priority. Most of that year has been spent waiting - and waiting - and waiting some more - for the federal government to tell us whether they would help pay for the improvements. Only in the spring were we able to pry out of them the decision (?) that they would not.

Accordingly, a small Branch/L.A. committee was struck to get things going, making the best use of the money on hand from the L.A. and Poppy Trust Fund.

Last Monday, the washroom doors were replaced by electronically operated doors - a real improvement for the mobility disadvantaged. On Wednesday morning the commit met with the only contractor that had responded to our request for expressions of interest, to receive his proposal. The proposal, after some paring down of items which we cannot afford at this time, was approved in principle by the Executive Committee the same evening. Given the significant cost, the President is now consulting Ontario Command as to how best to proceed so that the work can be done in August. If it is not done in August, the entire project may slip to the following summer, which no one wants...

Here is what is involved:

1. All the cubicle walls and door (they are in sad shape) will be removed and replaced by new enclosures of similar sizes;
2. All toilets will be replaced by higher toilets which meet standards for handicapped use, whether they are in the large cubicles or not. None of us are getting any younger and the higher toilets will be more comfortable for everyone.



- Special seats will be installed on the toilets in the larger cubicles, to facilitate access by the handicapped;
3. The current manually operated light switches will be replaced by automatic, motion sensors. Yes, the lights WILL stay on long enough that you will not find yourselves standing (or sitting) in the dark);
  4. The vanity in the gents' will be removed, as will the counter in the ladies' and both will be replaced by counters of a polished concrete composite that looks like granite but is much heavier and stronger, supported on legs;
  5. All sinks will be replaced and all new sink controls will meet handicapped access standards. There is no reason to suppose that only one handicapped person will be in a washroom at any time;
  6. All mirrors will be replaced and will include a tilting portion in both washrooms to assist persons in wheelchairs.

The colour scheme for both washrooms will be light grey and white, matching the existing walls, ceilings and floors.

Assuming we can proceed as hoped, the countertops will be fabricated later this month and the work completed as early in August as possible. One washroom will be done between Monday and Thursday of one week; the other in the same time frame the following week. It MAY be possible to do all the work in one week.

It's taken a long time, folks, but the end is finally in sight - and at less than 40% of the minimum cost we were quoted some months ago.



## Ladies' Auxiliary

### COUNTRY WESTERN EVENING

**Saturday, August 24, 2013**

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638-Kanata, is hosting a **Country Western Evening Family BBQ**  
Reception 5:30 p.m. / Dinner 6:00 p.m.



#### BBQ Dinner

Steak, Corn on the Cob, Baked Potato, Strawberry Shortcake, Tea & Coffee

**\$15.00** per person

Children 6 years and under: Hot Dogs — Free!

#### Silent Auction

- A variety of items to experience the fun of bidding
- Successful bidders can make payment in the form of cash or cheque

#### Country Music

- Provided by Legion member, **Mike Fahey**
- Music to sing along and dance to



**Dress Country if you wish!**

**Door Prizes!**

#### Location

The Royal Canadian Legion — Branch #638 Kanata,  
70 Hines Road, off Solandt Rd., off March Road

Proceeds go towards the Kanata Legion Operations and/or into the Community.

Come on over to the Country Western Evening and Support your Kanata Legion!

We encourage all those interested to sign up on or before August 22 by calling the Kanata Legion at 613-591-5570 and ask that your name be added to the sign-up sheet. Payment is at the door the day of the event.

**Reserve early to guarantee seats !!**





**One By One we will grow the Legion ranks. Sign up one new member and you could win a fabulous Caribbean Cruise. One By One we all make a difference for Remembrance, for our communities and for our Veterans.**

This campaign is nation-wide. The focus is

- 1) to increase the membership in the Legion,
- 2) to enhance support for Veterans and their families
- 3) to engage communities by enhancing awareness

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- The contest is open to all Legion members (and Legion Ladies Auxiliary Members) in good standing who sign up a \*new Legion member.
- \*A new Legion member is someone who is new to The Royal Canadian Legion or a reinstating Legion member (does not include new or reinstating Ladies Auxiliary memberships), whose last year paid was prior to 2010.
- When a new member is recruited under the One-By-One the Legion Member will then have a ballot entered into the contest.
- There is no limit on the number of ballots a current member may receive.
- Dominion Command reserves the right to validate any excessive new member registrations attributed to any current member.
- Legion members in good standing who are family members of paid employees may participate in the campaign and be eligible to win prizes.



## Grand Prize

- Participating members receive one ballot for every member they recruit.
- All ballots are entered into a draw for our grand prize, a balcony cabin for two on the 2nd Annual Caribbean Commonwealth Veterans Cruise.
- From January 30 to February 10, 2014, the cruise sails from Ft. Lauderdale to the tropical ports of St. Thomas, St. Kitts, Barbados, Dominica and St. Maarten.
- The grand prize package includes: 1 night hotel accommodations in Ft Lauderdale for two people, transfers from the hotel to the pier, a 10 night cruise aboard the Celebrity Equinox (including port taxes and fees) in a category 2B balcony cabin, and prepaid on board gratuities.
- Airfare to and from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (the point of origin and final port of call) is not included as part of this prize offering. Taxis, airport transfers, taxes (if applicable), travel insurance, tour packages and other expenses related to the cruise are the responsibility of the winners.
- Winners of the grand prize must travel on the dates specified for the cruise.

**One by one, we will all make a difference for Remembrance, our community and our Veterans. Bring a friend today to join your Branch.**

**Your Kanata Branch 638 Recruiting Team**



## Obituary - Ed HOLLYER



HOLLYER, LCOL E.H. MC CD

Born July 25, 1922, in Toronto, Ed passed away peacefully on July 4, 2013, at the age of 90. He leaves behind his loving wife of 59 years, Eileen, and is survived by his three children: Robert, Dawn (Deane), and Geoffrey (Julie) as well as his grandchildren: Keith, Kayley, and Khia. All relatives and friends will miss his caring, thoughtful ways and the twinkle in his eyes. After 32 years of prestigious service in the military, Ed continued his work in intelligence for another 12 successful years with the Department of National Defence until his retirement in 1984. He will be remembered for numerous lifetime accomplishments ranging from being a child virtuoso on the violin to earning the Military Cross in Korea and from being a dedicated family man to contributing selflessly to his community in many ways. Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of Ed's life Saturday, July 13, from 12:30 to 3:30 at the Kanata Legion Branch 638 (70 Hines Road). In memoriam, gifts to The Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund are greatly appreciated.

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## Annual "Ray Ponto" Memorial Golf Tournament

The branch will be holding the 10th Annual "Ray Ponto" Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, August 15, at the Greensmere Golf Club, Carp, Ontario. Proceeds from this year's tournament will be donated to "Homeless Vets on Ontario Assistance Fund."

The tournament is open to ANYONE. Entry fee is \$75, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, followed by a BBQ at the branch afterwards, and prizes.

Registration forms are at the branch and must be handed in prior to August 10. Bring your friends! The more golfers, the merrier! We encourage both seasoned and beginner golfers alike to participate.

### Recap of Coming Events

Sunday, July 28, Branch-sponsored BBQ in support of the Military Family Resource Centre.

Saturday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. colour party event, Scott Tokessy tournament, TBC.

Thursday, August 15, Ray Ponto Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 24, L.A.-sponsored COUNTRY WESTERN EVENING

Sunday, Sept. 29, Birthday/Anniversary Party at 1400 in the Lounge

Saturday, October 5, dinner in honour of WW2 and Korean Veterans

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**All Welcome!**

**Tous bienvenus!**

## **FUNDRAISING BARBECUE/ BARBECUE BÉNÉFICE**

Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dimanche, 28 juillet 2013, 16h00 à 19h00

Kanata Legion/Légion de Kanata  
70 Rue Hines

**RESERVATION/RÉSERVATIONS: (613) 998-4888**

**\$ 10.00 per plate/par assiette**

**Includes: Hot Dog, Hamburger, French Fries, Salad, Desserts,  
Carnival Games, Music**

**Inclus : Hot-dogs, hamburgers, frites, salade, desserts,  
jeux variés, musique**

