



CONTACT!

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President's Report

The Elections Committee has met, and we are busy getting things in order pending notification that we can have our Branch elections sooner than later. We will be sending out notification of a Special Election meeting to all Branch members as soon as permission is granted from Ontario Command and the date is confirmed. We will be asking you to please let us know if you will be attending the meeting to assist us on setting up the hall to meet the necessary COVID-19 seating protocols in place at that time.

Insofar as branch operations are concerned, we are cautiously opening the Branch; however, there are still serious questions to be answered, such as what restrictions will be lifted on exiting Step Three and the need for our Executive and Volunteers to be fully vaccinated. The answers to these and other questions are not easy to come by and will be handled following discussions with the Legion and our health authorities. In the meantime, we must continue to keep in mind that our first priority is the health and safety of our members and customers. I encourage everyone to get vaccinated so we can put this pandemic behind us and go forward working together in a safe environment.

On the brighter side, Ontario Command President Garry Pond stated in the Ontario Command newsletter that Legion Branches and their Executives are to be congratulated on the fantastic work which continued at local levels despite the hardships of this horrible pandemic.

I attended the 48th Dominion Command Virtual Convention 13-15 August 2021. This was an election convention and here are the elected Dominion Command Officers who will guide the business of the Legion until the next National Convention in 2024:

President - Bruce Julian; 1st VP - Owen Parkhouse; VP - Berkley Lawrence; VP - Brian Weaver; VP - Sharon McKeon; Treasurer - Mark Barham; Chair - Bill Chaffe; and Past President - Tom Erwin.

Yours in Comradeship,

Bruce Judge CD

Poppy Campaign

This is the 100th Anniversary of the use of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada. For your information, you can purchase a 100th Anniversary Remembrance Poppy Pin from George Pollock at our Legion Branch, Telephone: 613-591-5570.

The 2021 Poppy Campaign will run from October 29th through to November 10th.

If you can spare some time to be a Volunteer for this year's Poppy Campaign, please contact John Kern, Poppy Chair, Branch 638 at email: jh.kern@rogers.com or Telephone: 613-444-0155 no later than September 10th.

John Kern
Poppy Chair, Branch 638

Remembering V-J Day Sunday August 15, 2021



Lest We Forget
Moira Green 🌸

Cenotaph Stone Story

The following was dictated to me by Harry Needham. This stone will be engraved next month. If you have a story re your veteran, please send it to me for next month. Your support of this initiative is what we are all about.

Lest We Forget 

Moira

Sgt Peter Wartman UE was the second son of loyalist Abraham Wartman and younger brother of Adam Wartman who was killed by the rebel Pennsylvania Militia in 1777. All three served with Walter Butler's Company and their Mohawk allies at the Battle of Oriskany. Peter Wartman later served as a sergeant in Captain Herkimer's Company of Batteauxmen and during the war of 1812 was a lieutenant in the 1st Frontenac Battalion of the Sedentary Militia of Upper Canada.

Honour a Veteran



In your family or a Veteran friend with a



Cenotaph Memorial Stone

These existing stones are in front of the Cenotaph on Village Green Memorial Park, Colchester Square, Kanata

The stones are 6 x 6 inches in the ground, 4 lines of 12 characters maximum per line and are available at a cost of **\$150.00** each.

Applications are now available for the Cenotaph Memorial Stones.



This is a great way to honour your family members and friends who have served their country.

Available to all Veterans from all branches of the armed forces.



For more information and application form
Please call Moira Green
613-592-3376

Branch Service Officer

I've had the pleasure of assisting two members with disability claims during the past month.

If you think you may be eligible for a claim, please contact me.

Sue McLean
BSO & Seniors' Chair
RCL Branch 638 Kanata
smclean@deadsquid.com
613-291-1038

Veterans' Comforts

Thanks to Jane Cane (with a little help from Bob T, George M, and Sue M., this year's comforts have now been safely delivered to all residences and branch members who qualify.

I know that both the recipients and deliverers missed having time to visit with most of you. Cross your fingers that next year will be better!

Sue McLean

August Gaming Report

Catch the Ace Report

As the COVID restrictions have us in Step 3, we continue to run the Catch the Ace Draws with more flexibility. Every Friday Clay Wheaton (MC), Helen McKiernan (Ticket Selector), Brenda Grant (Video), Terry Jacobs (Observer) and Bob Thomson (Observer) have conducted the draws and processed the results for both the Legion and the City of Ottawa. A large part of the success is due to the Catch the Ace Club, where members prepay for draw tickets for each week. Currently we have approximately 125 Club members. Here are the latest results.

Month	Donations	Branch Operations & Maintenance
April	\$1,120.00	\$222.60

AUGUST is shaping up to be a very good month with the increasing support of the Club and other Ace events such as the Pizza Supper and Breakfast starting up again. Our NEXT Breakfast is August 30, with approximately 30 people in attendance; our capacity is 32. See below for details on the Catch the Ace "Lunch Bunch"

For more information, please contact Clay Wheaton at 613-592-5417 or via email: claywheaton@rogers.com

Challenges for Bingo due to Covid-19 Health Actions



BINGO started up again July 18 and have run two bingos in July and will have five bingos in August. The crowd was so excited to be back they had sleepless nights. 😊

Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Expenses	Donations
July	\$391.00	\$346.35	\$ 35.72

Gaming Committee

Membership Desk



Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **308**

Early Bird Campaign:
Starts Sept. 01 to Nov. 30, 2021
Early Bird Dues: \$55.00



Welcome New and Transfer Members to the Branch

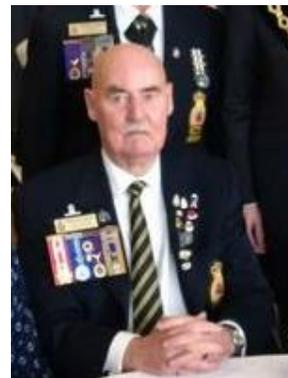
- Bill Kearns: Ordinary Reinstatement
38 years of service

Waiting For Paperwork or Approval

- Dennis Hearn: Ordinary Transfer
- Earl Sinnett: Ordinary Transfer
- Bob St. Louis: Ordinary Transfer
- Mark Savard: Welcome Veteran Program

Last Post

GORDON GRAHAM McCASKILL



Passed away August 15, 2021, at the age of 82. Comrade Gord was a very active member of Branch 638 almost from the time he joined in 2007 until his recent illness prevented his involvement. He was a member of the Executive Committee from 2011 to 2017, serving as both 2nd Vice President and 3rd Vice President; received the Legionnaire of the Year Award in 2012; initiated the community dart league in 2009 and could always be found either behind the bar, coordinating Legion Seniors, organizing birthday celebrations or setting up the Wednesday Coffee club.

LTF Donations

In August, the Lottery Trust Fund, with the approval of the Executive Committee, donated \$1,000 as follows:

- Guitars for VETS \$500
- Shepherds of Good Hope - Hope Living Kanata \$250
- Chrysalis House \$250

Margaret Judge
Chair

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair

COFFEE CLUB RETURNS

For those who have faithfully attended *Coffee Club* on Wednesday mornings, we will be restarting this event on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021 from 9:00am to 11:30 am.**

TO START this event will be scheduled **every second Wednesday** until at least the New Year.

All the COVID restrictions apply to this event as well.

Volunteers will be fully vaccinated;
tables will be properly distanced;
guests will register in advance on a first come, first served;
guest will sign in for contact tracing and
guests will wear masks at all times
unless seated at the table.



Coffee and snacks will be ready at 9:00 am on September 22. See you then!

To reserve your spot please contact Brenda Grant at:
613-832-4127 (H), 613-863-4051 (C) or email pipergrant5@gmail.com



It's back!!

**Fish and Chips will start again
Friday, September 17, 2021
11:30am to 1:00 pm**

We have decided to slowly reopen and will hold the Fish and Chips luncheons every second week until at least the New Year.

COVID, unfortunately, is not over so we will follow all COVID protocols to ensure the safety of both our volunteers and our guests.

This means that all volunteer staff for the luncheon will be fully vaccinated, and tables will be properly distanced at two metres and sanitized.

Guests will:

- wear masks unless seated at their table and will only leave their table to exit the location, use the washroom facilities, and order or pay for food and beverages.
- sign in upon arrival, to meet the contact tracing requirements.
- answer the COVID questionnaire.

How do you join us?

Call or email to reserve a table and inform us of the number in your party. We have a limited capacity with COVID so you will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations will be set up on a timed basis to allow the kitchen to have the food hot and ready.

RESERVATIONS

Contact - Brenda Grant
fishnchipkanatabr638@gmail.com
613 832-4127 (H), 613-863-4051 (C)

We're excited to be restarting our most popular event and we look forward to seeing as many of you as we can accommodate on September 17th.

Brenda Grant
Coordinator, Fish and Chips



Ladies' Auxiliary's Report

We, The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638-Kanata are looking forward to having our first in-person general meeting since last year on **Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 7:30 p.m. at the Kanata Legion!** New members are always welcome!

Becoming a Ladies' Auxiliary member is a great way to be active in your community, a sense of belonging, making new friends and having fun! All while supporting the legion, veterans and our community!

You do not have to be a Veteran, family member or legion member to join.

If you wish to learn more about becoming a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary or/and would like to come out to our September 1st meeting to see what we are all about, please contact Judy Homma at 613-592-9627 or wolfyritajudy@gmail.com. (Please note that we will be strictly adhering to COVID-19 protocols)

Lorraine Lapensée
L.A. President

Ways And Means Event



East Indian Cuisine (Mild)

Take out dinner

**Saturday
25th September 2021**

**Pick up time between
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**



STARTERS:

Vegetable Pakoras: Eggplant & Carrot with Onion GF
Vegetarian Samosa
Raita: Indian Cucumber/Yogurt Dipping Sauce



Cost: \$15

ENTRÉE

Butter Chicken (vegetarian option available) GF
Chana Masala w/Sweet potato (Chickpea Curry) GF
Fragrant East Indian Basmati Rice
Naan



FINALE Lemon Square



To place your order:

Email - debbyholden2993@rogers.com or
call **613-271-2993**



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Kanata Legion*

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