



# CONTACT!

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## President's Report

On Wednesday evening, 21 July 2021, we held our first face to face Executive meeting since the pandemic curtailed our normal activities. It has been such a long time since we have been able to do this, and it was a great feeling to get back to some normalcy. We are financially fit; our membership is increasing, and everyone is anxious to move forward.

One significant change to the Executive team is that I have handed over the position of Poppy Chair to Comrade John Kern who has taken on this responsibility that includes both the Poppy Campaign and the Poppy Trust Fund. If you are interested in helping with our Poppy activities, please send an email to John at [jh.kern@rogers.com](mailto:jh.kern@rogers.com) or contact him at 613-444-0155. He would appreciate your call.

I have put together an ad hoc Election Committee consisting of comrades Terry Jacobs, Bill Molnar, Helen McKiernan, Brenda Grant and myself to actively prepare for our branch elections that are well overdue. I am optimistically hoping that we can safely call the Election for 15 September and, failing that, 20 October. There will be further information coming from this committee in the very near future.

It has been our responsibility to keep the Branch safe for our members and guests so I'm encouraging everyone to please get fully vaccinated so we can remain part of the solution beating this pandemic as we safely and slowly open our Branch and get back to enjoying our social activities. We have come this far so let's continue to be part of the solution not the problem. Please get vaccinated so that everyone can fully participate without any restrictions.

Cheers,  
Bruce

## First Vice President

Barring any catastrophic events like a severe change in Ontario's COVID statistics or a huge surge in the latest virus, there appears to be a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel.

With Step three in progress, more good things are happening with our members and the Branch. Andy Shinnan, our hard-working and attentive Hall Rental expert, has been taking requests from members and outsiders for events and booking them carefully to logically fill our activity calendar with all of the current pandemic rules observed.

One of the most frequently asked questions of the office is "when will the Fish and Chip lunches begin?" After some consideration and research by the principals of the event, it is planned that if we can muster all the volunteers required, the first session will be held on 17 Sep. More information will be published as more is known of the developing situation.

I cannot forget to mention the energetic Ladies' Auxiliary and the legion's Ways and Means Committee's very popular take-out meals which have also been the subject of queries, but I will leave it to them to decide what and when they will get on the band wagon within due time.

Let's keep up the great work of getting the COVID numbers low so that the light at the end of the tunnel will be bright and shiny very soon to get us back to normal.

Bill Molnar  
1st VP  
and Branch Opening Committee Chair



# Rotary Club Kanata to support the Kanata Branch's Poppy Fund

As you may have heard, we've relaunched our popular annual fundraiser with a new name...the Golf Getaway Lottery. The Rotary Club of Kanata as an active partner of the Legion is delighted to donate a portion of our proceeds to the Legion. This is how we can repay you for the hospitality you have shown our club over the past few years.

**\$30,000 IN PRIZES**

**TICKET SALES SUPPORT:**

- OTTAWA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- kanata food cupboard
- SickKids FOUNDATION
- Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre
- Ottawa Rotary Home
- Legion KANATA LEGION BRANCH POPPY FUND

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The grand prize is a fabulous golf and travel adventure for two to St. Andrews, Scotland during the 150th Open Championship festivities. The grand prize is valued at \$25,000. The grand prize package includes:

- two passes to attend the 150th Open Championship at St. Andrews, Scotland in July 2022
- option to exchange the Thursday and Friday Open passes for a round for two at two historic courses (Scotsraig Golf Club and Balcomie Links at Crail Golfing Society).
- business class airfare
- five nights accommodation for two at the Apex City Quay Hotel and Spa in Dundee, Scotland
- private transfer for two people to and from the hotel for all events awarded as part of the grand prize
- \$5,000 cash

There are also two great runner-up prizes: The second prize winner will be awarded \$4,000 cash and the third prize winner will be awarded \$1,000 cash. More prize details are on our [website](#).

Consider helping us spread the word by visiting our Facebook page and liking our posts and following us. Order your tickets today at: [GolfGetawayLottery.com](http://GolfGetawayLottery.com)

## Cenotaph Memorial Stones

Please support this legion branch initiative by purchasing a memorial stone in memory of a veteran. A great way to commemorate a family member, colleague, or friend in service. Stones may be purchased for \$150. Application forms will be delivered to you upon request.

Lest We Forget  
Maira

## Cenotaph Stone Story



My father, George F. Taylor, was 22 years old when he enlisted with the Canadian Army. He lived in Newfoundland and Labrador. Since the Canadian Army paid more, he went to Halifax to enlist. With little education, he was a smart person! He had learned Morse Code from his friend. After being tested, he was sent to Ottawa and Toronto for training. We believe he

was stationed at the Communications Centre in Whitby. He never spoke of his duties; just said he was sworn to secrecy. But bit by bit we put it together. I remember dad at the War Memorial in St. John's on Remembrance Day. Sometimes someone would say, "but you weren't overseas" and he would say "no" and a funny look would come over his face - shame? embarrassment? I felt his anguish. Dad said he will never forget the day the War ended. People were dancing and singing in the streets. He got caught up in it and kissed a young woman who kissed him back and he never forgot it (and he never told mom). I am honoured by my father's service.

In one peace,  
Patricia Taylor

## Branch Service Officer

Looks like we are back in business after a long lockdown! Further information will follow as the Branch slowly reopens.

On the bright side, Jane Cane has done a marvelous job on the Vets' Comforts! We are glad to have been able to do this, but we all miss the in-person visits. Deliveries to residences and LTCH have been completed, and soon home visits will commence.

Sue McLean  
BSO & Seniors' Chair  
RCL Branch 638 Kanata  
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## Sergeant at Arms Report

I received an email last week from Jenna Stirling, the Coordinator, Game Production at the Canadian Tire Centre. This is a good sign. She is requesting our Flag Party to participate in the opening ceremonies for the hockey games. I said to put us down for at least three games. We always have a good time, free parking, tickets, car-pooling. You don't have to stay for the game. So, keep it in mind.

I was reading the Ottawa Citizen dated 23rd July. There was an article about redesigning the Ontario flag. The reason is because it smacks of colonialism. The article was not in favour of redesigning the Ontario Flag. It is the first time I have heard of this. Just want to say to keep it in mind. What's next--taking the red maple leaf off the Canadian flag because there are no or few maple trees in the west of Canada??

J.R. Thomson CD  
Sergeant at Arms  
Kanata Legion  
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## Security Officer Report

No major incidents in the legion in the way of security problems. Probably because of little activity going on at our legion. That may change as things start opening up. Everyone will have to pay attention and practice good security. There are now 44 different Keypad user codes. A lot of the keys issued are master keys. I don't think we have that many activities going on at the branch. If you are not or will not be using your key, let me know.

John Robert (No P) Thomson CD  
Security Officer  
Kanata Legion  
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## July Gaming Report

### Catch the Ace Report

Despite the lockdowns and stay-at-home restriction, we have continued to run the Catch the Ace Draws. Every Friday Clay Wheaton (MC), Helen McKiernan (Ticket Selector), Brenda Grant (Video) and Terry Jacobs (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. The following are the latest results.

Month	Donations	Branch Operations & Maintenance
April	\$430.40	\$222.60
May	\$790.40	\$405.60
June	\$804.80	\$413.70

July 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 first Breakfast was 26 July with 30 people in attendance.

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

### Challenges for Bingo due to Covid-19

BINGO STARTED UP AGAIN 18 July 2021, and we have run two bingos so far. The crowd was so excited to be back they had sleepless nights.

Gaming Committee

### The \$50 Question: are they....

- Joining as new members?
- Wanting to get tickets for Catch the Ace?
- Wondering when the Legion will open again?
- Waiting for take-out dinner?



Credit: Brenda Grant

# LTF Donations

The Lottery Trust Fund, with the approval of the Executive Committee, has donated \$3,750 since the last CONTACT! report in March 2021. Letters of appreciation and thanks were received from the charitable organizations marked with an asterisk (\*). These donations are made possible by the comrades who run Bingo and Catch the Ace and are much appreciated.

## April

- Crystal Bay Centre for special Education \$250
- The Lanark Therapeutic Riding \$500\*
- Women's Warriors Healing Gardens \$250\*

## May

- Hospice Care Ottawa, Ruddy Shenkman Hospice \$250\*
- Kanata Kozy Quilters \$250\*
- Restoring Hope Ministries \$250\*
- The Salvation Army \$250\*

## June

- Metis Nation of Ontario Veterans Council \$500
- The Ottawa Mission \$250

## July

- Camp Misquah \$500
- Multifaith Housing Initiative (Homeless Veterans) \$250
- Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa \$250

Margaret Judge  
Chair

# Membership Desk



Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **309**

Membership dues are \$60. Early Bird Renewals will begin September 1, 2021, for 2022.

## Welcome New and Transfer Members to the Branch

- Bruce Tucker: New Ordinary
- Blake Corbin: New Associate
- Fonce M. Power: New Ordinary
- Andre Noel: Ordinary Transfer
- Lori Ann Watkins: Associate Reinstatement
- Jeffrey Watkins: Ordinary Reinstatement
- Harry Twerd: Ordinary Transfer
- Dennis Hearn: Ordinary Transfer
- Earl Sinnett: Ordinary Transfer

## Last Post



**Roy Matthew Fisher**

Passed away April 10, 2021, at the age of 66. Matthew was a member of the Legion for two years. He was a journalist for 45 years, some of which as a War Correspondent.



**Eileen McIsaac**

Passed away May 1, 2021, at the age of 96. Eileen was a member of the Legion for 30 years and a great supporter of our Fish and Chips. Her friendly face will be missed.

Brenda Grant  
Membership Chair

# Volunteers required for Fish and Chips

Back for one Friday only in September, on the 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm: Fish and Chips. We are starting our Friday fish and chips slowly, initially with one Friday and more to come in the future.

## Volunteers needed:

- server
- dishwasher
- greeter to sit at the entrance table to take temperatures and make sure people use hand sanitizer and sign in, for contact tracing.
- fish fryers and chip cooks (especially if you have been trained at the legion).

Training will be provided. Come and lend a hand for a worthwhile cause, whilst getting out of the house to enjoy fun and comradeship at the Legion. Please call Sheila Taylor, volunteer coordinator at 613 402 4363. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

Sheila Taylor  
Volunteer Coordinator



## Ladies' Auxiliary's Report

Welcome back and hopefully this return will be to stay safe and the beginning of a new normal!

Since the last CONTACT! newsletter in March, I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary to say...

Special thanks to those who volunteered and/or supported our March Quiche take-out. It was a big success!

More recently, we held a one-day BIG BOOK SALE on July 9th and it, too was a BIG SUCCESS! Special thanks to all of you who donated books, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, and stuffed toys. These donations were wonderful and contributed to our book sale's success! Another special thanks to all who came out to support our event! A huge thank you to the volunteers! You were amazing!

As the Kanata Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary slowly and cautiously start up again, the Ladies' Auxiliary will be taking advantage of this opportunity of new beginnings to refresh and restructure operations according to changes in the past four/five months and the uncertainty in the months to come.

We plan to resume our monthly general meetings on the first Wednesday of the month as of September 1, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. One does not have to be a veteran to join.

Events and activities this fall are yet to be determined, but what is confirmed is that the book sale at the Friday's Fish N Chips will resume on September 17th. Stay tuned for upcoming L.A. events!

I am pleased to report the Ladies' Auxiliary donated \$600 to the Branch on July 21st and will be donating \$600 in six months towards the monthly costs of the local paper column.

I am very pleased and proud to inform you that this year, 2021 is the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638-Kanata's 30th Anniversary! We plan to celebrate at our Honours and Awards presentations Saturday, October 2, 2021.

Let's celebrate, growing together!

Lorraine Lapensée  
L.A. President

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

### KANATA BRANCH 638



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### 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada



Madame Anna Guérin, christened "The Poppy Lady from France", inspired by John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields", had an idea: to adopt the distribution of the Poppy on Armistice Day as a way to raise money for Veterans' needs and to remember those who had given their lives during the First World War.

In July of 1921 the Great War Veterans Association (which in 1925 would unify with other Veteran groups to form the Canadian Legion) adopted the Poppy as the flower of Remembrance.

Since then, the Legion and its members have upheld this tradition of Remembrance.

#### Sunday Bingo has returned

Win up to \$ 1300 weekly. Starts at 12:45 pm.  
Limited canteen service. Play all games for as little as \$17.00.

#### Weekly Catch The Ace Draw

is conducted Friday at Noon. Cost \$5.00, Current Prize exceeds \$3000. To enter call 613-591-5570

The Ladies' Auxiliary is welcoming new members and you do not have to be a veteran. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact the legion at 613-591-5570.

The book sale will resume on Sept.10th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the fish n chips lunch.

#### Cenotaph Memorial Stones

The memorial stones are in place at the Kanata Legion Cenotaph and are ready for engraving. Cost \$150. Please contact **Maira Green** at 613 592 3376 or [mmgreen@live.com](mailto:mmgreen@live.com) for further info.

#### Bottle Drive to Raise Funds

We are continuing to collect beer/wine bottles and cans. Please drop them off at the back door of the Kanata Legion on Hines Rd. If you are unable to drop them off, and would like them picked up, please contact **Lorraine** 613-831-8319 or email [lm1apensee@sympatico.ca](mailto:lm1apensee@sympatico.ca) to arrange a pick up.



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