



CONTACT!

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President's Report

Now that it has been confirmed we will not be allowed to hold our Branch Elections until our regular General/Election meeting in April 2022, it is time to move on with the business of the Branch, with the Executive operating with full authority of the General Membership. The current organization chart has been reviewed and updates made to meet our needs going forward.

The Honours & Awards presentations for members of the Executive were made at the Executive meeting on 13 October 2021, and I offer my congratulations to all the recipients. Well done, everyone.

After many years of superb dedication, comrade *Helen McKiernan* will be stepping aside as Secretary; she will, however, continue as Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee and be involved with many other committees. Thank you, Helen. You will be missed. This very important position will be filled by comrade *Sheila Horton* who brings with her very impressive credentials having worked as an Executive Assistant to our Canadian Coast Guard Headquarters as well as working with Senior Executives and Directors in other organizations such as the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre and CHEO.

Comrade *John Kern* will take over our Seniors Committee Chair from comrade *Sue McClean* who has overseen this responsibility for some time. Thank you, Sue. John will be using his vast experience with all levels at the Kanata Seniors Centre as well as the Ottawa Seniors Council.

Comrade *Ann Ervin* is taking over from comrade *Doug Rowland* as Chair of the Branch Regulations Committee and continuing her excellent work on our Branch Policies and Regulations. Doug is stepping aside from this position, following his much-appreciated dedication, and taking on new responsibilities as the Branch Archivist, bringing with him his extensive experience working at all levels, including President of the Friends of The Canadian War Museum.

Comrade Don Raven will be looking after our Financial Review Audits, taking over from comrade Anita Fortier, who is retiring from this position. Thank you for your long and dedicated service to the Branch, Anita. Don is bringing to us his many years of experience working in the Branch and in the financial field as an accountant in both the Military and the Legion.

These positions are appointed under the authority of the President and have been approved by the Branch Executive for the term ending 31st May 2022.

Yours in Comradeship,
Bruce Judge CD



2021 Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign

The Canadian Legion's 2021 Poppy Campaign starts on Oct 29 and runs through to Nov 11.

When you wear a Poppy, you honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country. WEAR IT PROUDLY.

Your purchase of a Poppy will continue to allow the Legion to provide assistance and support to our Veterans and their families.

John Kern
Poppy Chair, Branch 638

Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov. 11/21

The importance of a live ceremony honouring our Veterans and their sacrifices is considered paramount by the Legion, especially during the 100th anniversary of the poppy.

However, due to the restrictions in place for COVID-19, the Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony is being scaled back with no parade and wreaths being pre-positioned. Those wishing to lay a wreath in person are invited to do so after the ceremony. Our short ceremony will be held at the Cenotaph, Village Green Memorial Park, Colchester Square, to honour the Veterans and their sacrifices. It is requested there be no spectators and that they watch the National Ceremony from home.

Your participation and support at the Kanata Legion's annual Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade in past years has always been appreciated. Wreaths remain a strong symbol of remembrance and a means of supporting the Kanata Legion and our Veterans. Please consider ordering a 14" wreath and donating \$50 to the Kanata Legion's Poppy Trust Fund. To order a wreath, or to arrange to have your own wreath pre-positioned before the ceremony, contact George Pollock at 613-836-2530 or treasurer.rclbr638@gmail.com on or before Nov. 1st. Acknowledgement of pre-positioned wreaths will be placed on the Kanata Legion's website.

Lorraine Lapensée, Chair
Remembrance Day Ceremony Committee

Cenotaph Stone Story

Remembering My Dad's Service in Just Four Lines

By Dawn Hollyer

Many of you will have known my father, Edgar Hollyer, as a great friend, some of you will have heard stories about him, and a few of you will be hearing of him for the first time. Ed loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was a proud Kanata Legion Member and for his service he received a lifetime membership. I feel that it is highly fitting that there is now a Memorial Stone in remembrance of him at the Kanata Cenotaph.

How was I going to summarize my father's military service to his beloved country in only four lines using twelve or fewer characters per line as per the stringent requirements of the Cenotaph Memorial Stone Project? Was it even possible? What to do? I decided that the best way to approach this challenge was to think like Dad. What would Edgar like to be remembered for most? I had



to make every character count. This is what I came up with. I am pretty sure that Dad would have approved.

With this article I have the luxury to elaborate on the four lines. Here goes.

COL

Ed retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the mid 80s.

EDGAR

Ed was named after his father, Edgar Hollyer.

H

Ed's middle name, Herbert, was given to him in memory of his mother's first husband Pte Henry Herbert Goss who was killed in action in Belgium during WW1.

HOLLYER

The Hollyer family moved to Canada from England sometime before WW1.

3RCR

Ed joined the Canadian Army in 1945. He was posted to the Royal Canadian Regiment following his Basic and Advanced Training. He served with 3RCR in Korea.

KOR H#187 MC

Ed led a platoon as a 2nd Lieutenant in Korea. He was charged with the defence of Hill 187. On the night of May 2-3, 1953, his platoon came under heavy enemy attack. When they were overrun by Chinese troops, Ed ordered his men to take cover while he called for artillery fire on his position. The regiment would hold the hill, but it came at a high cost with 26 Canadians dead, 27 wounded and 7 taken prisoner. Dad acted courageously in support of his men without regard for his own personal safety; an action for which 2nd Lieutenant Hollyer was presented the Military Cross.

WW2 RCAF

Ed worked as a civilian, packing parachutes at RCAF Station Oshawa, Number 20 Elementary Training School. After his brother Percy joined the RCAF as an air gunner, Dad enlisted and trained on the school's Tiger Moths. Unfortunately, Dad's career as a pilot was cut short as he did not pass the eye examination. Ed continued to serve on the base until the end of 1944.


This November 11, I trust that you will take the time to remember the Canadian veterans who have served their country so well. I hope that all of you will be able to attend or take part in the Service of Remembrance at the Kanata Cenotaph this year. When you do, please take the time to pay your respects to the veterans remembered with just four lines.



Our engravers at work at the cenotaph.
25 memorial stones were purchased since May.
Total is now 66.

Thank you to those who took time to remember a veteran.

I look forward to next May when we can once again accept applications.

Lest We Forget
Moir 

Honours and Awards

The Honours and Awards Committee had hoped that we would be able to have our annual ceremony in May 2021 to recognize the contributions of our members over this very difficult Pandemic year, 2020-21. Unfortunately, COVID restrictions did not allow this to happen.

So again this year, we have mailed out "Years of Service" pins to 47 members, 3 40-year, 3 30-year, 2 25-year, 4 20-year, 12 15-year, 10 10-year, and 13 5-year pins.

At the Executive Committee Meeting October 13, 2021, we presented Past Officer Medals and Past Officer Bars to comrades Bronkhorst, Holden, Judge, McKiernan, Molnar and Pelletier and presented Certificates of Appreciation to comrades Bronkhorst and Taylor, Certificates of Merit to comrades Jacobs, McLean and Thomson, President's Commendations to Comrades Grant, Jacobs, Lapensée, Molnar and the Ladies' Auxiliary, President's Special Commendations to comrades McKiernan and Pollock and the Legionnaire of the Year Award to comrade Holden.



President Judge presenting the Legionnaire of the Year Award to Comrade Deborah Holden



From left to right, front row: Comrades McKiernan, Grant, Molnar, Judge, Holden, Pollock, Jacobs, Lapensée; back row: Pelletier, Thomson, Taylor, Bronkhorst, and McLean

Still to be mailed out are six Certificates of Appreciation to members, six Appreciation Certificates to non-members, two Certificates of Merit to Members and three certificates of Appreciation to Friends of the Legion.

Helen McKiernan
Honours and Awards Committee Chair




Virtual Remembrance Service

Monday, November 8th
At 11:00 a.m.

Place: St. Paul's Anglican Church,
Hazeldean, Kanata

Access: **St. Paul's website and
YouTube**



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Branch Service Officer

Seniors

I was disappointed that not a single person responded to the question in last month's Contact. I had asked what activities you would like to see us present for you. Not one response.

Only two people showed up for indoor walking. That made four of us - not enough to justify blocking the Hall now that rentals are resuming. Therefore, I have regretfully cancelled the indoor walking.

With the reorganization of the Executive, I'm happy to announce that (as soon as the Poppy Campaign is done and dusted), John Kern will be taking over as Seniors' chair. He is already recruiting his committee, and I look forward to working with him.

Service Officer

On October 2, 2021, I attended the Service Officer seminar for District G. Our Provincial Service Officer, Pat Royle, presented an excellent training session.

During the past month, requests for assistance have picked up considerably. I have filed four pensionable claims, as well as answered questions from members.

The most asked questions are as follows:

1. How do I apply to get into the Perly?
You must have a geriatric evaluation, and be referred by the local Health Unit.
2. I'd like to be buried at Beechwood.
Call the cemetery and ask about the Military section.
3. Someone needs a walker/wheelchair.
The Legion does not supply mobility aids. You must have a prescription from a doctor or physical therapist. With that, the Ontario Disabilities Plan covers $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost. If a veteran or widow cannot afford the rest of the cost, the RCL can cover it through the Benevolent Fund. But keep in mind that you will have to fill out a means test.

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

Things are starting to look better. We were asked to provide a two-person Colour Party for a pre-season game at the CTC. So, Garth Lee and I went. It was a little different this time. We were not on the ice. We were up in the band stand third level. Not much room, only enough for three people. Montreal left their first stringers home and Ottawa was able to win.

Saturday 9 October on very short notice we did our first Legion Tribute since 2019. The fellow was a 103-year-old WWII veteran. The family was very happy that we could do it. I was very surprised on how fast people stepped up so that we could go ahead with the tribute. We have done so many of them that any mistakes we made were handled by the members and not noticed. Thanks to those that participated and those that offered.

A number of our members have passed away during the pandemic. I suspect we may be doing a few memorial services.

If you are interested in joining the Colour Party, please let me know. We don't want to wear out our regular members.

Security Officer Report

To better keep track of users of the branch, I ask the security company if I could get an email every time the keypad is accessed. It seems to work well.

We had one small graffiti or tag incident on one of the back sheds. George Royle attempted to remove it, but we need paint to do it. We don't have any of that colour of paint anymore. Also, someone is removing the bags of beer cans and bottles from the back. Terry Jacobs has been working very hard on taking these for refunds. It has helped among other things to keep our branch in good financial shape.

John Robert (No P) Thomson CD
Sergeant of Arms
Security Officer
RCL638 Kanata
613-831-8221



Fall Scene - Photo credit: Dagny Greby

October Gaming Report

Catch the Ace Report



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. Now that we are running our Fish & Chips, Catch the Ace Breakfasts and Pizza Dinners our jackpots have reached a new high. At the time of this report, we have a JACKPOT of over \$6,100. The following are the latest results.

Month	Donations	Branch Operations & Maintenance
September	\$1,004.80	\$251.20

Our NEXT Breakfast is the 25 OCTOBER with a cap of 32 people.

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

Bingo Returns

We had 4 BINGOS in SEPTEMBER with an average crowd of 36 players. Attendance is starting to pick up as word spreads that we are open for business. 😊

Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Expenses	Donations
Sept.	\$1,510.00	\$976.65	\$ 426.68

Total Donatable Funds - \$ 1,431.48 and
Moneys for Operations and Maintenance \$1,308.52

Catch the Ace Pizza Night

On Friday 08 October, 23 people attended the fun evening. Attendees were treated to PIZZA, POKER BINGO and PIG RACES. Proceeds from this event are deposited into the LOTTERY TRUST.

Breakdown of the event is as follows:

Revenue		
Paid Attendees	23	\$262
Poker Bingo	Cards Sold	\$20
	Extra Quarters	\$23
Pig Race	Wagers	\$100
	Total	\$405

Expenses		
Pizza		\$120
CTA Entry	23 X \$5	\$115
Bingo Payout	7 X \$5	\$35
Pig Race Payout	10 X \$5	\$50
Pig Race Non-Winners		
Bingo Surplus	17 X \$5	\$85
	Total	\$405

Tickets generated for the next draw were 57. Deposit to Lottery Trust \$285.

Gaming Committee

LTF Donations

Lottery Trust Fund, with the approval of the Executive Committee, is pleased to make the following donations in October:

\$500.00 to:

- Operation Service Dog
- Hospice Ottawa - Ruddy Shinkman Hospice

\$250.00 to:

- Crystal Bay for Special Education
- Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre

Margaret Judge
Chair

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing
to date: **311**



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

Welcome New and Transfer Members to the Branch

- Nick Carter Ordinary Transfer
- Mike Carter Welcome Veterans Program
- Angie McKay Ordinary New

The campaign started off like racehorses at the bell. Of the 311 members, to date after one month, 216 members have renewed. This is close to 70% of our membership renewing with two months to go. What an AWESOME response.

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair



Ladies' Auxiliary's Report

I am very pleased to inform you that at the October 13th Branch Executive Committee meeting, the Ladies' Auxiliary was presented a Kanata Branch 638 Branch President's Commendation award for their contributions to the ongoing operations and continuing support of the Branch through the pandemic!

The Ladies' Auxiliary catered to three functions in September and a few Ladies' Auxiliary members volunteered at the legion's Ways and Means Committee's East Indian Cuisine Takeout on Sept. 25.

At the first Fish N Chips, September 17, we held a book sale, which was well received by many. Unfortunately, the two volunteers scheduled to volunteer at the second book sale, October 1, both became ill and there was little to no time to find a back-up. However, or shall I say fortunately, two branch members stepped up taking the initiative to set up the tables and took out the books. A big thank you to Terry Jacobs and Bob Thomson! I understand Mary-Jo ensured the donation money got to our treasurer. This is excellent branch support of the Ladies' Auxiliary! Thank you!

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their second in-person general meeting since October 2020 on October 6, 2021.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary at their Honours and Awards presentations on Saturday, October 23. Due to the 70 maximum capacity this event will be by invitation only.

The next fundraiser planned is our annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday, November 27 at the Kanata legion. Please refer to the bazaar poster for details.

We will accept donated items that have traditionally been good sellers not until after Nov. 21, due to storage shortage, such as:

Handmade crafts, knitted goods, Christmas decorations, Homemade baked goods, Jewellery, Jig-saw puzzles, Games...; baked goods to be dropped off preferably the day before or the day of the bazaar - Nov. 26 & 27.

Please call the Kanata Legion at 613-591-5570 to ensure someone will be at the Kanata Legion to receive donated items. Your support in any way to ensure this bazaar is once again a tremendous success whether through donations or coming out to shop will be very much appreciated!

New members are always welcome! You don't have to be a legion member or a veteran to join! If you wish to learn more about becoming a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, please contact Judy Homma at 613-592-9627 or wolfyritajudy@gmail.com or come out to our next monthly general meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Kanata legion to get a sense of what the Ladies' Auxiliary is all about. If you plan to attend the November 3rd meeting, please contact Sheila Taylor, Secretary, to be added in the total count attending for COVID19 restrictions/safety measures purposes. You can contact Sheila by email at princesssheila50@yahoo.ca and by phone at 613-402-4363. (Please note that we will be strictly adhering to COVID-19 protocols.)

Lorraine Lapensée
L.A. President



Ladies' Auxiliary's



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ONE DAY ONLY!

Saturday, November 27th, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

at The Kanata Legion 70 Hines Rd., Kanata

When you support the Ladies' Auxiliary, you support the Kanata Legion, Veterans and our community!

Select from hundreds of items for that someone special on your Christmas list.

Items include:
Collectibles; Home-made Baked Goods;
Hand-made Christmas decorations;
Hand-made Crafts;
Hand-made Knitted Items;
Books & Puzzles,
and so much more.



Please note that we will be strictly adhering to COVID-19 protocols and ask shoppers to bring their own bags.

Ways and Means Committee



Until further notice...
Please drop off your empty
Beer bottle/Cans; Wine bottles/ Tetra packs and
Wine bags in a box,
And leave beside the back door of the Legion.
No need to crush cans but we will take them anyway.

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
to arrange a pick up.

Also, if you prefer to cash in your own empties and donate the
monies, please call the Legion to make arrangements to bring
in your donation.

**Thank you, your support is
much appreciated**



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The return of the

**Fish & Chips lunch
has been a huge
success.**

**We have had 70 people
taking advantage of the
last three in-person
dining not including take
out.**

**THE NEXT FISH & CHIPS
FRIDAY OCTOBER 29th, 2021
11:30 am TO 1:00pm**

**CAPACITY IS 70 PEOPLE SO RESERVATIONS ARE
NEEDED.**

**PLEASE CONTACT: BRENDA GRANT
fishnchipkanatabr638@gmail.com
613-832-4127 (home) or 613-863-4051 (cell)**

**Lounge is now open
EVERY SATURDAY
from noon - 4:00**

Come on in and say hello and see what's
new. Watch some sports, listen to music
and/or play a game of cribbage,
scrabble, backgammon, etc.

Hope to see you soon!
**Mary-Jo Gauthier
Bar Manager**



Fall Scene - Photo: Dagny Greby

COFFEE CLUB RETURNS

Our first **Coffee Club** on Wednesday morning,
Oct. 6, 2021, was held in the main hall. As
only six people attended, we
decide we would go back
into the lounge where it is a
bit more intimate. This
event will take place every second Wednesday
so our next Coffee Club will be on
Wed., Oct. 20, from 9:00 to 11:30 am.



Coffee and snacks will be ready at 9:00 am on October
20. See you then!...
(Following dates are Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1 & Dec. 15.)

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Updated October 2021

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