



CONTACT!

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President's Report

As you are aware, Ontario is facing a substantial Fourth Wave of the Pandemic due to the Delta variant; however, we will see this situation through if we all play by the rules and continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, and get vaccinated. Having said that, I'm pleased to see that our Fish and Chips re-opening was an overwhelming success, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brenda Grant and the team of dedicated volunteers that made it happen.

Branch Elections: in discussions with Zone, District and Ontario Command, it has been determined that we will not be holding our Branch elections any time in the near future. Ontario Command has stated that all Ontario Branches will not be allowed to hold General/Election meetings until we all get back to normal. We will, therefore, carry on until our regular Branch General/Election in April 2022. As a result of this notification, I will remain as President going forward with few changes to our current organization chart. These changes will be ratified at our October Executive meeting and published in the October Contact.

I attended the Fall Zone G6 Convention in Arnprior on September 12, and the date for our annual Branch Inspection is set for September 22. I am pleased to report that we remain financially fit and are slowly and cautiously opening as we go forward.

Thank you for your steadfast support during these trying times, stay safe.

Yours in Comradeship,
Bruce Judge CD



First Vice President's Report

Province of Ontario COVID 19 Rules

As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities.

- Restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout.) (When serving food or drinks, our Branch is considered to be functioning as a restaurant.)
- Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centers. (This refers to our Hall and Lounge.)
- Facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport. (This refers to our Walking Club; Darts and Shooting Club.)
- Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments. (This refers to our Bingo.)

Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate.

For the period between September 22 and October 12, 2021, it is intended that people attending wedding or funeral receptions at meeting or event spaces will be able to provide a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test from no more than 48 hours before the event as an alternative to proof of immunization. Individuals can provide proof of immunization by downloading or by printing their vaccine receipts from the provincial booking portal, or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.

At the 08 September 2021 Branch 638 Executive meeting, the following motion was unanimously passed regarding providing a safe environment for our Executives, Members, Volunteers and Customers:

To ensure that our executive, volunteers, members and customers have a safe environment in which to work and socialize, all Branch executives, members and volunteers are hereby required to be fully vaccinated

before entering Branch 638, which includes our buildings, all its public rooms, kitchen, bar area, the office and activities taking place on our surrounding property as of September 22, 2021.

Understandably, there are those who fear needles, or don't believe in the efficacy of the doses being given or think that government mandated vaccination somehow interferes with their freedom of choice. They must realize however, that no one has yet come up with a cure for COVID 19 and COVID cases in hospitals are far higher with people who are unvaccinated so there are indications that the widely accepted, available vaccines are having a positive effect.

There must also be an understanding of those who have accepted the vaccinations and who wish to have some assurance of safety from those who don't believe there is some means of fighting the pandemic and insist on mixing everyone together.

Visit Ontario's website to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

Yours in comradeship,

Bill Molnar
1st Vice-President &
Chair, Branch Opening Committee

Poppy Campaign

Reminder that the 2021 Poppy Campaign starts on October 29 and runs through November 10. Support the Legion by purchasing your Poppy.

We are still looking for a few volunteers to assist with the 2021 Poppy Campaign. If you can spare some time to help us out, please contact John Kern, Poppy Chair at: 613-444-0155 or by email at: jh.kern@rogers.com at your earliest convenience.

For the 2021 Poppy Campaign, Dominion Command is developing a series of initiatives to encourage greater participation in this important program. They will include:

Remembrance Island

This program was developed to get the attention of the younger generation and have them become more active in Remembrance Day. Remembrance Island is an educational based game using archival information from World War I, World War II, Korea and Afghanistan. There is no fighting or weapons, the goal is for the streamers/gamers to explore the land in actual three-dimensional scenes from the World Wars, Korea and Afghanistan, Normandy Beach, the trenches and see first-hand what it looked like from the veteran's point of view then and now. The players follow a path of poppy's interacting with each other and

gathering information until they reach the Vimy memorial where exploration stops and they pay their respects with 2 minutes of silence at the Memorial at 11:00 a.m. in real-life time, but actually 11:00 a.m. on the Island.

Tap And Pay Option

The Legion is exploring the tap and pay option for Poppy boxes thereby permitting electronic donations in a cashless society. The idea is to have a tap and pay option on our Poppy boxes and still maintain the cash option. The tap and pay is beneficial where there are unattended Poppy boxes in isolated locations. The tap & pay option will permit a donation using a credit card or phone.

Digital Poppy

The Royal Canadian Legion is embracing the digital age with a new virtual version of the symbolic Poppy. This new nationwide program will allow Canadians to make a monetary contribution online until Nov 11. In return, a digital two-sided Poppy will be sent to their email. A website walks you through the process and has an added element of personalizing the traditional Poppy pin. Your name is engraved on one side, and you can choose to create it in memory of someone else by adding their name on the other side.

John Kern
Poppy Chair, Branch 638

Remembrance Day Ceremony & Parade Committee:


Details of the Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony, laying of wreaths protocol, how to order a wreath, etc. are coming soon!

Lorraine Lapensée

Cenotaph Stone Story

I invite any person who has purchased a memorial stone to share a brief story with us on their special veteran. The engraving of memorial stones will continue next May 2022.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this program this year. Your support in Remembrance and honouring our veterans' military service and ultimate sacrifice is vital and an integral part of our mandate as members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Lest We Forget
Maira 

A memorial stone will be dedicated to Tom Dick by his family. Here follows a tribute written by daughters Margaret and Rosemary.

Thomas Ritchie Dick, Lance Corporal, Royal Engineers, Allied Expeditionary Forces, WWII. That might have been his title from 1940 to 1945, but to his girls Margaret and Rosemary he was "Dad" and his girls were the apples of his eye. He was also Grandpa, GG Pa, brother, son, friend, mentor and boss.

Tom was a doer and a fixer. There was a year-long leak in the new Toronto City Hall causing considerable damage to floors, walls and carpets. Many contractors were called in, but no one could track this leak. Tom's company was called in and within a few weeks, Tom found it, had it sealed and the clean up could begin. He was McGyver before the TV show.

Family was everything to him. When his grandchildren were born, he couldn't have been more proud. Richard and Anne-Marie remember picnics at Fitzroy Provincial Park, eating bacon, eggs, beans and toast all cooked on a camp stove (even in the rain). Then soccer, playing catch or swimming to round it off. His great granddaughter Mayanna was the icing on the already beautiful cake. Holding her shortly after her birth always choked him up when he spoke about it.

However, the one title that meant the most to him for over 71 years was husband to Evelyn. It was clear to anyone who met them that theirs was the "real deal". Tom was from Glasgow, Scotland, and Evelyn was from Edinburgh (friendly competitors) but she never held that against him. They met at a talent show when Tom tried singing Danny Boy and Evelyn wondered who was trying to strangle a cat, at least that is how she described it. The rest is what we all dream about having and he continued to sing and play his harmonica for her. After 71 years his last words to her were "Evy I adore you".

Tom's rich 91 years included living life, not only with a soldier's heart but also as the epitome of a really "good man" to so many. He was so loved and he is missed every day, but his legacy lives on.

The following picture is of my cousin Raymond McKillen, Merchant Navy Veteran. Second right in photo. Ray was a member of our branch before he returned to England some years ago. At 85 he still plays trombone in the local concert band. As a young boy he played cello in the Ulster Youth Orchestra alongside the amazing flautist James Galway. Forsaking a career in music, Ray turned to physics and taught at Carleton for many years. We are all proud of Ray's wartime service.



Regards,
Moiria 🌸

Branch Service Officer

Walking Club

Now that the weather has become somewhat less tropical, it's time to start up again.

Starting at 0930 on Tuesday, September 28, and Thursday, September 30, until 1100. We didn't have enough the first time for two-hour sessions, so let's try an hour and a half to see how many we get.

All Covid protocols must be adhered to, and now we need proof of your vaccination. Please bring that for your 1st session.

Are there any other activities that you would like to see us provide? Doesn't look as though the Seniors Centre is opening anytime soon, so let's make our own fun! Cards? Board games?

See you on the 28th!

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

Next month the Ottawa Senators start their 2021-22 hockey season. We may be called to provide a Flag Party. I will let the Colour Party members know as soon as I find out. Just a point for those who have a legion uniform everyone will have to do their own kit inspection, meaning make sure your blazer and pants still fit. Mine shrunk hanging in the closet. I had to go up a size.

Next year 2022 will be Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, meaning 70 years as queen. The longest reigning British monarch ever. The United Kingdom is planning to issue a Platinum Jubilee Medal. This follows the Silver Jubilee 1977, Golden 2002 and Diamond Jubilee medal 2012.

Canada as a member of the Commonwealth has no plans to issue a Platinum Jubilee Medal. This follows the Canadian Government not issuing a 150th **Sesqui-centennial** medal. There was a 100th Centennial Medal 1967 and a 125 Medal 1992, but no 150th in 2017. Maybe we have lost our way. A country turning 150 years old, or our Queen reigning for 70 years does not mean anything.

John Robert (No P) Thomson CD
Sergeant at Arms
RCL 638 Kanata
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September 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. The following are the latest results.

Month	Donations	Branch Operations & Maintenance
August	\$904.00	\$282.50

August was 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 the September 27 with approximately 30 people in attendance, our limit is 32.

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

Bingo Returns



We had 5 BINGOS in August with an average crowd of 30 players. They are so happy to be back dabbing 😊

Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Expenses	Donations
August	\$1,478.00.00	\$1,003.05	\$ 379.96

Total Donatable Funds - \$1,283.96 and Moneys for Operations and Maintenance \$1,233.54

Gaming Committee

LTF Donations

The Lottery Trust Fund, with the approval of the Executive Committee, made the following donations in September:

- Kanata Food Cupboard \$250
- Main Street Community Service \$250
- The Last Post Fund \$500

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

- Dennis Hearn Ordinary Transfer
- Mark Savard Welcome Veteran Program

Waiting for Approval

- Nick Carter Ordinary
- Mike Carter Ordinary
- Angie McKay Ordinary

As of September 18, three weeks into the Early Bird Campaign, we have 193 members who have renewed -- which is 62%. This is an AWESOME response.

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair



Ladies' Auxiliary's Report

On September 1, 2021, the Ladies' Auxiliary held their first in-person monthly general meeting since October 2020! It was a very successful and productive meeting with a great turnout of 27 people, including L.A. Liaison Officer, Bill Molnar, and guests - Marilyn Bailey and Mary Thomas!

Two new members were initiated and welcomed by general membership. A special welcome and congratulations to **Sylvia Monette** and **Indra Seegobin**!

I am very pleased to report the L.A. membership strength is now at 33; an increase of 8 new members in the past 18 months!

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 at or wolfyritajudy@gmail.com or come out to our next monthly general meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 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 October 6th meeting, please contact Sheila Taylor, Secretary, to be added in the total count attending for COVID19 restrictions/safety measures purposes. Sheila's contact information: 613-402-4363 and princesssheila50@yahoo.ca (Please note that we will be strictly adhering to COVID-19 protocols.)

The Ladies' Auxiliary Fish N Chips book sale started up again on September 17th and was very successful. Guests look forward to browsing through the books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games, etc. and are very supportive with their donations and donation of books. Be sure to reserve a seat with Brenda Grant if planning to attend Fish N Chips. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Ladies' Auxiliary book sales in the past.

A heads-up: We are planning our annual **Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 27th!** Please keep the date open! More details coming soon! All pending on COVID19 restrictions and the re-opening status.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638-Kanata's **30th Anniversary celebration and Honours and Awards presentations ceremony date has been changed to Saturday, October 23, 2021.** Due to capacity limitations this event will be by invitation only.

Let's celebrate, growing together!

Lorraine Lapensée
L.A. President

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

KANATA BRANCH 638



70 Hines Road, Kanata

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OUR FAMOUS FISH 'N CHIPS



will resume on Fri. Sept. 17
11:30 - 1:30 pm

And will run every second
Friday. Sitting is limited to 30
people. First come first served.

The **BOOK SALE** will resume at the fish 'n chips lunch.

We also encourage everyone to get vaccinated, so we can all stay safe.

East Indian Take Out Dinner

Sat. 25th Sept. pick up between 3 & 6 pm

Menu includes: Vegetable Pakoras; Eggplant & Carrot w/onion; Vegetarian Samosa; Raita: India Cucumber/yogurt dipping sauce; Butter Chicken, Chana Masala w/sweet potato, Basmati Rice, Naan and Lemon Square.



To place an order Ph: 613-271-2993 or
email debbyholden2993@rogers.com **\$15pp**

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.

Covid protocols will be observed.

Thursday Night Darts are back!

Starting September 16th 7:00-10:00 pm.

Cost \$5.00 weekly. This is a non-competit league. Everyone is welcome. All Covid safety measures are followed. If you need more information please contact **Mary-Jo Gauthier**

613-884-9097 or
maryjogauthier865@gmail.com

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 lmlapensee@sympatico.ca to arrange a pick up.



Ways and Means Committee

KANATA LEGION

FUNDRAISING  **Bottle Drive**

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 lmlapensee@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,
Friday September 17,
was a huge success.
We had 70 people
taking advantage of the
in-person dining and
over a dozen doing take
out.

THE NEXT FISH & CHIPS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1, 2021

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

CAPACITY IS 70 PEOPLE, SO RESERVATIONS ARE
NEEDED.

CONTACT: BRENDA GRANT

fishnchipkanatabr638@gmail.com

613-832-4127 (home) or 613-863-4051 (cell)



**JOIN US
For
Morning
Coffee**



Drop in Between:

9:30 to 11:30 am

Starting October 6

We will host every second Wednesday until
the end of the year

(Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15)

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