



CONTACT!

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President's Report

It has been a busy time during our cautious reopening. There has been much enthusiastic activity going on such as Fish and Chips, under the guidance of comrade Brenda Grant, and Bingo and Catch the Ace conducted by comrade Clay Wheaton. Supporting all these events the Bar has been open, thanks to our Bar Manager Mary-Jo Gauthier and the team of dedicated bartenders. Thank you.

I would like to acknowledge comrade John Kern and the team of dedicated members and friends of the Branch for diligent and hard work during the Branch Poppy Campaign. I look forward to the final results once comrade Nila Bronkhorst and the counting team complete the tedious job of counting the Poppy box donations and comrade George Pollock tallies up the various donations from members and businesses of the community.

Thank you also, comrade Lorraine Lapensée and your team, for organizing and conducting this year's Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph. I appreciated the opportunity to briefly talk at the memorial service about our role as keepers of Remembrance, as follows below. It is a reminder of our Branch's commitment to the Veterans.

We are the Keepers of Remembrance

At this time of year millions of Canadians like you pay their deepest respect to the Veterans who have fallen in the service of our Nation. We remember them individually by wearing a Poppy close to our hearts and we collectively remember them here at our Remembrance Service on 11th November.

As an ongoing Remembrance, we continue to remember those that have served by giving their families and friends the opportunity to have their names engraved on the paving stones in front of our Cenotaph here in Kanata.

Honouring our Veterans is our duty

We salute all the men and women who served and are serving, from the First and Second World Wars, Korea,

Afghanistan and in many other troubled spots around the World, including our brave First Nations People who stepped forward in our time of need as far back as the War of 1812.

At the Legion helping the Surviving and Serving is our mission.

The Legion has made it a year-round commitment to making a difference for Veterans and their families.

Remembering the Fallen is our sacred obligation

Thank you for sharing this obligation, together we are the Keepers of Remembrance. We Will Remember Them ---- We Will Remember Them.

Stay Safe,
Bruce Judge CD



Second Vice President

The Sports Season is up and running at our branch. Thursday Night Darts has begun. If you are interested in playing, please contact comrade Mary-Jo Gauthier for more details.

On September 13th, I attended the Zone G6 Sports meeting in Carleton Place. The Zone G6's schedule has been created. COVID Protocol is still in effect with all sports.

On November 27th West Carleton is hosting Mixed Darts. If your team wins this event, you will not move on to District nor Provincials as they have been cancelled.

On December 11th our branch is hosting Zone G6's Cribbage. Our branch is looking for teams of four. All

players must be members in good standing. We will not be hosting a Grey Cup Party this year as it is too close to Christmas.

Stay tuned for more upcoming events. If you are interested in helping or participating at an event, please contact me.

In Spirit of Sportsmanship
Garth Lee CD
Sports Officer

Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign

The Poppy Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted with the 2021 Poppy Campaign, which ran from October 29 through to November 11. Without their support and hard work this campaign would not have been such a success.



Photo credit: Anil Jhalli, Community Voice

Volunteers who worked at the Senators Nov 6 game:
L to R: Comrades: Tom Flood, Tarra Frimmel, George Medynski, Ross Valliant, Art Dempsey and John Kern

John Kern
Poppy Chair, Branch 638



Thank you to St Paul's Anglican Church for permission to hold our virtual Remembrance Service there.

Thanks to "the team" Garth, Harry, Bill, Bruce, Helen and Brenda. Thanks also to Phil Tanner from St Paul's choir and John Weiss on trumpet.

Thank you to those who took the time to Remember.

Lest We Forget 🌸
Moir

Remembrance Day Ceremony Committee

The Kanata Legion hosted the 23rd Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the Cenotaph, Village Green Memorial Park on November 11, 2021. Overall, the ceremony was a success despite a couple of hiccups. The approximately 300-400 people attending were appreciative of this opportunity to remember the fallen. The number of Canadian Armed Forces uniforms present among the public added to the significance of the ceremony.

Once again, due to the COVID19 pandemic this year's ceremony had to be scaled back with no parade, no choir, no public reception. Wreaths were prepositioned except for the laying of the following wreaths during the ceremony:

- Sovereign wreath -
Bill Molnar, Branch #638 1st Vice-President
- Bereaved Widows and Families wreath -
Sheila Fenton, widow of Master Corporal Radchenko
- Government of Canada wreath -
Jenna Sudds, Member of Parliament - Kanata-Carleton
- Canadian Armed Forces wreath -
LGen, Jennie Carignan, CWO, Bob McCann & Capt. Ellen Johnston
- Kanata, Branch #638 wreath -
Bruce Judge, Branch #638 President
- Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch #638 wreath -
Lorraine Lapensée, Ladies' Auxiliary President

People were welcome to lay a wreath after the ceremony. A list of those who donated to the Poppy Trust Fund, i.e., ordering a wreath, will be posted on the Kanata Legion website.

At the time the Remembrance Day Ceremony Committee began planning the 2021 Remembrance Day Ceremony taking into consideration the restriction a maximum gathering of 100 people outdoors. When the Ontario government lifted capacity limits outdoors for Remembrance Day Ceremonies two weeks before the ceremony, it was too late to apply for a City of Ottawa permit to request traffic control, etc. The Committee was concerned for everyone's safety. Fortunately, everyone stayed safe practicing the distancing, wearing a mask and being careful of traffic on nearby roads.

Special thanks to the ceremony participants and volunteers working behind the scenes. Each of their contributions made the ceremony the success it was!



Gaëtan Chartier,
Security, First-Aid,
Set-up & Take-down



Doug Rowland, Emcee



Bruce Judge,
President's Address



Bill Mercer, In
Flanders Fields



Chaplain, the Rev.
Canon Dr. Bill
Prentice, Prayers,
Blessing/Benediction



John Weiss, Bugler



George Pollock
Bill Molner



LGen Jennie Carignan
Branch President, Bruce
Judge



Branch President, Bruce
Judge
MP, Kanata-Carleton,
Jenna Suds



Cenotaph

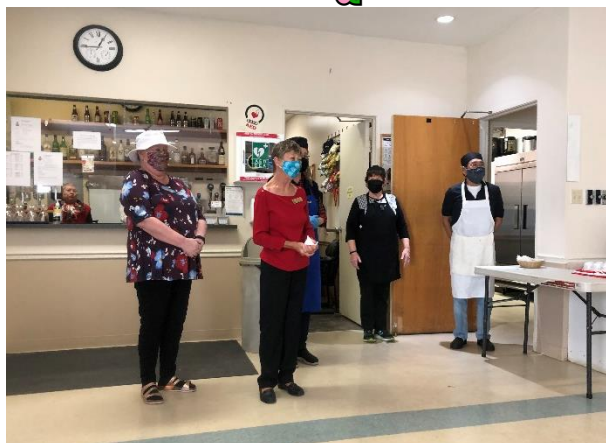
- Doug Rowland, Emcee / John Weiss, Bugler / Brenda Grant, Bagpiper / Gerry Dore, Raising and lowering of the flag, Act of Remembrance (French) Lorraine Lapensée, Act of Remembrance (English) Bill Mercer, In Flanders Fields / Bruce Judge, President's Address / Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Dr. Bill Prentice, Prayers, Blessing/Benediction / Colour Party - Bob Thomson, Sgt. @ Arms, Tom Flood, John Kern, Garth Lee, Sue McLean / Gaëtan Chartier, Security, First Aid, set up & take down / Joseph de Lepper, Sound System / Margaret Judge, photographer / John Kern, set up & take down / George Pollock, Wreaths, set up & take down / George Royle and Bob Thomson, set up & take down.

Special thanks to Judy Homma, Terry Homma, Susan Cooper, Patricia Taylor and Sheila Taylor for providing a lovely lunch for ceremony participants and guests after the ceremony. It was very much appreciated and a great way to end the day of remembrance.

Lorraine Lapensée, Chair
Remembrance Day Ceremony Committee

Thank you, ladies and Terry, for today's reception.

Moira 🌸



Sergeant at Arms Report

We had a greatly reduced Remembrance Day service this year at our cenotaph. There was a bigger than expected public attendance this year. Certainly not like a normal year, but people are still willing to pay their respects.

We also had a 2PM Legion Tribute for one of our legion members, comrade Michael Atterbury. In addition, on the same day at 7PM, our flag party of three was at the hockey game at the CTC. The announcer acknowledged the 100th anniversary of the creation of the poppy.

Nothing more in the near future. Later we may have a memorial service for all of our Legion comrades who have passed away in the last year or so. Thanks to everyone for stepping up to help out.

Colour Party after our Remembrance Day service
L to R: Bob Thomson, Garth Lee, Tom Flood, John Kern
and Sue Mclean



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

Cenotaph Memorial Stone



Submitted by our Chaplain, The Rev Dr Bill Prentice. It tells the story of a veteran commemorated through the Memorial Stones at the Cenotaph.

Lest We Forget
Moira 🌸

It was a great pleasure to participate in this year's Memorial Stone program by laying a stone in memory of Sergeant Herbert (Herbie) Osborn.

Herbie served in the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, the Hasty Pees, and was killed during the battle for Ortona, just before Christmas, 1943.

He had come to Canada before 1930 as an English "Home Child". The Home Children were children and young people in the care of what we would now call Child Protective Services. They were parentless, homeless, or part of a family that could not care for them. Sent to Canada by the thousands, they were matched with Canadian families, mostly rural farming families. Some were treated badly by their host family - but some flourished, growing up in caring, nurturing homes.

It was Herbie's good fortune to have been matched with my grandparents. They were childless at the time and Herbie was a welcome addition to their home near Norwood, in Peterborough County. Herbie grew up there, learned how to farm, how to manage a team of farm workers, and, importantly, became a good friend to my dad.

As a younger adult, Herbie set out on his own, helping to manage farms, building his life, but after a few years, he returned to Norwood. It was there that he began to build his future. Still good friends with my grandparents, he had a girlfriend, was fully employed, and had a bull that he would rent out to the dairy farms in the area as required.

However, the War came along, and like many in his generation, he enlisted and joined the Hasty Pees. Because he was little older than some of the recruits and given his experience in managing teams, he rose to the rank of Sergeant. After his training was completed at what is now CFB Borden, we have pictures of him when he completed his training, he embarked for England and from there with the Canadians to Sicily. Among them, he fought his way north in Italy until, in December 1943, the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment joined the battle for Ortona. They had dug in for the night a few kilometers to the west of the town. It was there that he was killed, as our family story recalls, by a sniper.

It was our great privilege to visit the Moro River Canadian War Cemetery a few years ago. Maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this immaculately groomed resting place is a wonderful expression of our gratitude to people like Herbert Osborn, Herbie, Uncle Herb. At his resting place, we had a quiet moment, shed a few tears, and left a Canadian flag signed by the family, including my father, for we would have been his nieces and nephews.

It has been a great gift to commemorate "Uncle Herbie" through placing his stone in front of the Cenotaph here in Kanata.

Joyce L. Prentice



- Herbert Osborn's grave at Moro River Canadian War Cemetery
- Joyce Prentice kneeling by the grave with the Canadian flag signed by many of those who would have been his nieces and nephews
- Herbert Osborn after his training at CFB Borden



Monument to the Canadians in the main piazza in Ortona



Legion Seniors

To keep Ontarians healthy this flu season and prevent unnecessary visits to the hospital during the fourth wave of COVID-19, the Ontario government is launching one of the largest flu immunization campaigns in the province's history, with the flu shot available to now Seniors and to all other Ontarians starting in November.

John Kern, Chair

November 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 130 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 \$7,400. The following are the latest results.



Month	Donations	Branch Operations & Maintenance
October	\$1,593.60	\$398.40

Our NEXT Breakfast is the 29 November 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 5 BINGOS in NOVEMBER with an average crowd of 36 players. Attendance is strong, with an average of 34 people taking part in the Sunday afternoon games.



Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Expenses	Donations
Oct.	\$1,983.00	\$1,219.05	\$ 611.16

Total Donatable Funds - \$2,204.76 and
Moneys for Operations and Maintenance \$1,832.49

Gaming Committee

LTF Donations

The Lottery Trust Fund, with the approval of the Executive Committee, donated \$500 to each of the following Charitable Organizations in November:

- Operation Leave the Streets Behind
- Centre 454 and the Salvation Army

The LTF has received many letters of appreciation from the organizations to which we have given donations during these very difficult times. Kanata Branch 638 has done a great job, thanks mainly to Clay Wheaton and his team for raising the money through Bingo and Catch the Ace, to help people in need.

Margaret Judge
Chair

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good
Standing to date: **315**



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

Welcome New Members to the Branch

- Sameeh Dajani: New Affiliate Non-Voting
- John Brennen: New Associate
- June Underwood: Transfer Affiliate Voting
- Susan McGarvie: New Associate
- Yves Chamberland: New Ordinary - Welcome Veteran Program
- Corrienne Matthews: New Associate

The campaign has been quite successful. Of the 315 members to date, after two and a half months, 247 members have renewed. This is close to 79% of our membership renewing with two weeks to go. What an AWESOME RESPONSE. Reminders will be sent to the remaining members.

The Last Post



Michael Edward Atterbury
Oct. 15, 1941 - Nov. 5, 2021

Michael (Retired Warrant Officer), 80, passed away at home Nov. 5. He was a member of our Branch 638 since 2008. Comrade Atterbury was a veteran with 30 years of service.



Stewart Grant
Aug. 27, 1929 - Oct. 29, 2021

Stewart passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 29. He was here at the Kanata Legion from 1992 until 2001 (10 years) and was an active volunteer.

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair

Ladies' Auxiliary's Report



On Saturday, October 23, we held our first solo Honours & Awards Ceremony (in past years the L.A. Honours and Awards was done jointly with the Branch).

Ladies' Auxiliary members, branch members and non-members were recognized for their support and contributions over the past two years. The highest award presented at this year's L.A. Honours and Awards Ceremony was the Trillium pin presented by Betty Ann Pollock, Past L.A. Zone G6 Commander and founder of our Ladies' Auxiliary, to Johanna Walters and Lorraine Lapensée in recognition of their ongoing dedication and service.

In addition to the Honours & Awards Ceremony, the Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated their 30th Anniversary by recognizing the founder of their Ladies' Auxiliary, Betty Ann Pollock, with a plaque for her dedication and devotion over the last 30 years. Coverage in last week's Community Voice local paper, front page!

On behalf of Branch #638, President Bruce Judge surprised the Ladies' Auxiliary with a presentation of a beautiful plaque congratulating the Ladies' Auxiliary on their 30th Anniversary! Thank you!

All in all, this year's combined Honours and Awards Ceremony and 30th Anniversary celebration was very successful. It was good to get together to celebrate!

Special thanks to all the volunteers who did a great job making our day a very special day to remember!

On Sunday, November 14th, three of the L.A. Executive attended a L.A. Zone G6 meeting at the Perth legion. L.A. Zone G6 Commander, Marilyn Devlin brought the Zone G6 Ladies' Auxiliaries up to date on several issues and distributed many papers and forms. We learned the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Orleans branch transferred from Zone G5 to Zone G6 because they were the only Ladies'

Auxiliary remaining in Zone G5. Their attending secretary was welcomed to Zone G6!

A friendly reminder, the Ladies' Auxiliary's annual Christmas bazaar is fast approaching and is scheduled for Saturday, November 27, at the Kanata legion 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to come out to support the Ladies' Auxiliary.

We will be accepting donated items that have traditionally been good sellers not until after November 21, 2021, 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 and 27.

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!

Lorraine Lapensée
L.A. President



Betty Ann Pollock
cutting the cake



Betty Ann Pollock,
L.A. Founder, Bill
Molnar, Branch L.A.
Liaison Officer



Gladys Miller, 48
years service



Lorraine Lapensée, L.A. Pres., Suzanne St. John, L.A. 1st
Vice and Bruce Judge, Branch President



Suzanne St. John, L.A. 1st vice and L.A. President, Lorraine
Lapensée, presenting an appreciation plaque in celebration
of the L.A.'s 30th Anniversary to Betty Ann Pollock,
Founder of our L.A.



Suzanne St. John, Kerri Lee Wilkinson (25-year service pin)
and Lorraine Lapensée



Trillium Pin Recipients, Johanna Walters, Betty Ann
Pollock, Presenter, Lorraine Lapensée



Honours and Awards 30th Anniversary



L.A. and Betty Ann Pollock



L.A. 30th Anniversary Plaque from Branch

Ways and Means Committee

In-house Christmas Dinner Celebration

**Saturday
18th December 2021**

Bar open at 5 pm. Supper at 6 pm.
DJ music by Garth Lee

SALAD
Festive Holiday Salad
Drizzled with a Pomegranate Dressing
Served with Buns & Butter

SERVED BUFFET

ENTRÉE
Roasted Turkey served w/Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Traditional Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Peas & Carrots
Turnip Casserole



FINALE
Pumpkin pie or Apple pie with ice cream
Tea, Coffee, & Ice Water

Cost: \$20 per person

To guarantee seating reserve early by contacting **Debby Holden** at
613-271-2993 or debbyholden2993@rogers.com before 13 Dec 2021

Must be double vaccinated to attend and Covid restrictions will apply.



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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.



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