



# CONTACT!

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## President's Report

This is our first CONTACT! for 2022 and things are starting to look much better as we see restrictions gradually lifting. We are financially in good shape and will soon be able to get out and about and move forward with our Branch activities.

Due to the pandemic restrictions, we have not been able to hold our 2020 or 2021 elections. Ontario Command now believes that as of 21st February 2022 we will be able to hold general meetings and elections at all levels of the Command keeping in line with regulations, policies and procedures as well as the Health Guidelines set by the province and the City of Ottawa.

It now looks like we will be able to get back to our regular meeting schedule with our first General meeting on 16th March and our General/Election meeting on 20th April 2022.

Nominations for the 2022/23 Branch 638 Executive elections are now open.

There are thirteen positions to be filled in the upcoming Branch elections: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms, Padre and six more members elected as members of the Executive, but not to specific positions.

All Ordinary, Life, Associate, and Affiliate-Voting members in good standing have the right to vote and hold office subject to the following limitations:

- To be eligible to be elected President or Vice President a member must have served on the Executive for at least one term.
- A voting member, to be eligible for election to the Branch Executive Committee, is required to have been a member of the Branch for a period of one year prior to the date of the election.
- No member shall hold more than one elected Office in the Branch and the term of Office is for one year, (1st June 2022 to 31st May 2023).
- Nominations must include written acceptance by the Nominee in order to stand.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the branch office; however, call ahead to ensure it is open (613) 591-5570. For further information contact the Branch Elections Committee Chair, comrade Terry Jacobs, at (613) 612-0705.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. Stay safe!

Bruce Judge CD



## First Vice President

With all the positive news coming from the province, the city and upper levels of the Legion, all authors will be reporting on aspects of that. It would be redundant to simply add to that scenario. I will therefore take a stance that will be very useful to the well-being of the Branch. During recent visits to the building, both Debby Holden and I have been approached about the state of cleanliness of the main areas used. Since this is not primarily my area of responsibility, I have spoken with Bob Thomson and George Royle to get their agreement to let me expound on this topic on their behalf since it is mainly their concern.

With more people showing up at the Branch on recognized duties, it has been pointed out that the cleanliness is suffering. A lot of salt and dirt is being tracked in and messing up the hallway and the carpet there, plus the main hall and the lounge floors. This is of course not surprising since minimal traffic has been the norm for some time and Bob and his stalwart cleaning gang have had a reduced mandate to clean on a regular basis. Now, during the very messy season of snow, ice, rain, slush, and the resulting salt crystals, gravel and mud, we will have to take extra care to maintain our

good image of neatness and tidiness in the eyes of our membership, visitors, and our paying clients.

Some of the considerations offered to help alleviate the problem are:

- Restrict entry to the main street door to preclude the trail of dirt created through the main hall from the back door to the rest of the building.
- During very inclement weather, strongly urge all users to bring indoor footwear to change into.
- Obtain a large, sturdy shoe cleaning mat for the front entrance (seasonal).
- Obtain boot trays to place under the coat racks; and
- Perhaps put up unobtrusive signage as a gentle reminder to everyone.

We would like to avoid higher cleaning costs or the use of unsightly plastic over-booties as seen in some commercial establishments. Any other suggestions would be welcomed.

Stay safe and clean!  
Bill Molnar

## Poppy Campaign

Preliminary planning is now underway for the 2022 Poppy Campaign. COVID permitting, we are hoping to get back to the original concept for the operation of the Campaign. This will include volunteers behind tables. I will be contacting potential volunteers for this year's Campaign in June or July.

John Kern, Chair  
Poppy Campaign

## Legion Seniors

The Legion Seniors Committee met in mid-February to discuss planning of our potential list of activities and programs to benefit our members and seniors in the community. A list of these programs and activities will appear in the next issue of the CONTACT.

An initial strategy is being developed to ensure we are ready to submit an application for a New Horizon Grant for Seniors, when this program becomes available in the fall of 2022.

John Kern, Chair  
Legion Seniors Committee

## Veterans Services

### A REMINDER!

You are eligible for new hearing aids every four years. When was the last time your hearing was checked?

As your hearing decreases, the amount of your pension increases. If you have tinnitus, that is a separate pensionable condition.

More and more, claims for "Pain & Suffering" are being accepted. The pain can be anywhere from the neck to the feet, and you must be able to tie the pain to an injury suffered when you were serving. Having the injury documented in your file helps. Often, the pain doesn't appear immediately. It can take years to manifest.

Pain and suffering also includes mental health.

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## February 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 135 Club members. Our jackpot has reached a new high. As of Feb. 11, we have a JACKPOT of over \$11,100 and expect the next, draw #45, will be over \$12,000. ONLY 8 CARDS REMAIN.



The following are the results over the past 3 months.

Month	Donations	Branch Operations & Maintenance
November	\$1,310.40	\$ 327.60
December	\$1,654.40	\$ 413.60
January	\$1,216.00	\$ 304.00

Our NEXT Breakfast is the 28 February with a cap of 32 people.

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



## Bingo Returns

We had a total of 7 BINGOS from Nov. to mid Dec. with an average crowd of 38 players. We were closed from mid December through to the end of January, due to Covid restrictions. We reopened Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and entertained 33 players. They were happy to be back dabbing again. 😊

Below are the results

Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Expenses	Donations
Nov.	\$1,744.00	\$1,034.10	\$ 567.92
Dec.	\$1,414.00	\$ 781.20	\$ 506.24
Jan.	No Bingos	Building Closed	Omicron Virus

## Progressive Jackpot



This is a new initiative. Some may remember the snowball which ran in the lounge many years ago. The Progressive Jackpot costs is just a Toonie, and you sign your name in the book. A draw will be conducted every Sunday at Bingo for a

winner. If the winner did not enter the draw for the week, the pot will accumulate for the next week. Details and jackpot book can be found in the Members Lounge by the kitchen door.

Gaming Committee

## LTF Donations

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

- Multifaith Housing Initiative for Homeless Veterans
- Metis Nation of Ontario Veterans Council
- Kanata Food Cupboard
- The Salvation Army

Margaret Judge,  
Chair

## Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **291**

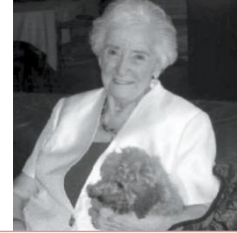
The numbers should soon jump to 302 once the next batch is processed



## Welcome New Members to the Branch

- Karen E. Sinclair: New Associate
- David John Morralee: New Affiliate Voting
- Yvan Lupien: New Ordinary
- Michael Foley: New Affiliate Voting
- Germain (Jim) Guillemette: Transfer Affiliate Voting

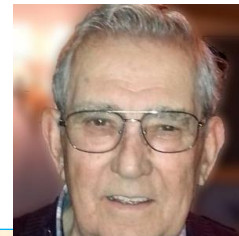
## The Last Post



**Irene (née Parry) Clark**  
July 7, 1923 - Nov. 23, 2021

Age 98

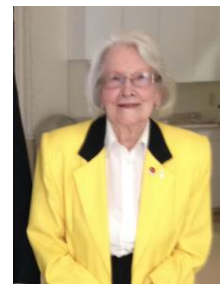
Irene ended her life's journey on November 23, 2021 She was an Ordinary member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 21 years, transferring to Kanata Legion in 2007 from Montgomery Legion. She served during the WWII with the British Military.



**Kearns, William (Bill)**  
Jan. 30, 1934 - Dec. 13, 2021

Age 87

Bill was a proud veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force The highlight of Bill's career was being commissioned from the ranks at the age of 32. When Bill retired from the RCAF, he had achieved the rank of Major. He had 38 years of service with the Legion, 8 with Kanata Legion after transferring from the Almonte Legion.



**Audrey J. Hunter**  
October 20, 1926 - February 2, 2022

Age 95

It is with sorrow we announce the passing of Audrey J. Hunter, on. 02 Feb. 2022 at Garden Terrace. Audrey was a member of our Legion for 27 years and many will remember her husband Bill (William) and son Mark who often bartends. Audrey could often be found at events put on by the Legion, she was a classy lady, small in stature but had a large presence.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her



### Hans van den Berg

Feb. 10, 1929 - Jan. 13, 2022

Age 92

It's with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of comrade Hans van den Berg on January 13, 2022.

Members would know Hans and Jenny, as they frequented the Friday Fish & Chip lunches many years prior to actually joining. Finally in 2018 we finally convinced him to join.

They would often be found at the "Dutch" table, telling stories and entertaining the masses.

Hans was a very private and shy person but would go out of his way to make sure anyone who needed help got it. Years before he joined, Hans would secretly donate money during the Early Bird membership drive to help a legion member, down on their luck, so they maintained their membership with our Legion even though he was not a member.

Hans served with the Dutch army as a radio operator and later worked for KLM.

He will be sadly missed at our Legion; a celebration of life will be planned for later this year.

## Ladies' Auxiliary



On behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary, wishing you a belated Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

The Ladies' Auxiliary met the L.A. Provincial deadline to submit the per capita report.

It was decided not to hold a February general meeting as any business can wait until March and it was considered too soon after the legion re-opening to gather. We are planning to hold our March general meeting on Saturday, March 5, 2022, 1:30 p.m. and at that time three to four new members may be initiated. The general meeting is on a Saturday afternoon to accommodate those members who are not able to drive at night.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Fundraising Entertainment Committee met on February 6th to discuss possible upcoming fundraisers, activities, etc. keeping the 50% capacity restriction and all other restrictions in mind. Unfortunately, it is too late to host our annual February Family Fun Day. We are tentatively planning to host a Tea and Fashion show the afternoon of Saturday, June 11, 2022 and a Trinkets and Treasures sale on Saturday, July 9, 2022. Further details to come. Please mark these dates on your calendar! As always, your support is much appreciated!

It is our L.A.'s turn to host the annual L.A. Zone G6 convention, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 1st. So far, it is still a go. Planning and preparations will commence shortly. This means Sunday Bingo will have to be cancelled that day.

The L.A. Provincial Convention is September 11-13, 2022, in Kingston. Ontario Command Ladies' Auxiliary are raising funds to support the L.A. Charitable Foundation, Bursary, Track & Field and Veterans Welfare with a draw. Tickets are \$2.00 each for a chance to win cash amounts \$1500, \$1000, \$500, \$400 \$300 and \$100. Anyone interested in buying a ticket, please contact me at 613-831-8319 or our Treasurer, Betty Ann Pollock 613-836-2530.

Lorraine Lapensée  
L.A. President



Winter scene  
Photo Credit:  
Dagny Greby

## Dominion Command Initiatives

1. Veteran Family Welcome Program  
A one-year free membership to welcome eligible family members of Veterans to the Legion. This is to recognize the commitment and support immediate family members provide to our Veterans on a daily basis. This membership is available to spouses and children (18+) years of age of serving, retired or passed CAF or RCMP Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion.
2. The five-year Membership Special Offer  
Members who pre-pay for five years of membership can wear their support proudly with a free Poppy toque, mitts and scarf. Share this offer with new and renewing members! The deadline to pre-pay is March 15.
3. Option For Digital Membership Card vs Plastic Card  
The membership may be moving to an online or digital card which can be carried on a cellular device. Members may be asked which they would prefer when renewing for 2023. Stay tuned for more information.

Brenda Grant  
Membership Chair



# Youth Education

Poems, Essay and Poster Contest - February 2022

The Awards Ceremony was scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 23 at 4:30 pm. It is a great way for our Branch members to see how we affect the younger people of our community. Everyone is welcome to attend. The COVID restrictions forced us to postpone the Ceremony to April 2, 2022.

We have submitted all our first-place branch winners to the zone level but at the time of this report no results have been received.

In total 375 entries were submitted from 15 of the 33 schools.

Special thanks go out to the judges: Moira Green, Doug Rowland, Helen McKiernan, Gaëtan Chartier, Denis Pelletier and a new member, Yvan Lupien.

Following is a list of the first-place winners that moved on to the Zone Competition.

Brenda Grant

## 2021 Remembrance: Poems, Essay and Poster Contest Result of Local contest, Sunday 21 Nov. 2021

Category	Category	Name	School
Essay	Junior (Gr.4,5,6)	1. Keerthana Anandkumur	Katimavik E.S.
Essay	Intermediate (Gr. 7,8,9)	1. Annwyn Carter	Kanata Highlands P.S.
Essay	Senior (Gr. 10,11,12)	1. Sherilyn Wen	Colonel By S.S.
Poem	Junior (Gr.4,5,6)	1. Iliana Jorge	École Roger-Saint-Denis
Poem	Intermediate (Gr. 7,8,9)	1. Maya Arshakyan	Katimavik E.S.
Poem	Senior (Gr. 10,11,12)	1. Sherilyn Wen	Colonel By S.S.
Poster B&W	Primary (Gr. 1,2,3)	1. Alexander Gan	Kanata Highlands P.S.
Poster B&W	Junior (Gr.4,5,6)	1. Zichun Lin	Stephen Leacock P.S.
Poster B&W	Intermediate (Gr. 7,8,9)	1. Emily Wu	Earl of March S.S.
Poster B&W	Senior (Gr.10,11,12)	1. Isabella Zheng	Earl of March S.S.
Poster Colour	Primary (Gr. 1,2,3)	1. Yufei Zhou	St. Anne Catholic S.
Poster Colour	Junior (Gr.4,5,6)	1. Advaita Gopal	W. Erskine Johnson P.S.
Poster Colour	Intermediate (Gr. 7,8,9)	1. Sofiya Islam	West Carleton S.S.
Poster Colour	Senior (Gr.10,11,12)	1. Annika Xu	Merivale H.S.



## Bursary Assistance Program 2022

by Christopher Braeuel

Do you have a child, grandchild or even a great-grand-child who will be attending post-secondary education? If so, he or she may qualify for a bursary from the Kanata Legion under the following eligibility criteria:

1. Any person who is serving or who has honorably served in the Canadian Forces;
2. Merchant Navy personnel who are eligible for and who have been awarded campaign stars or decorations, and their dependents who are in need of assistance;
3. Ex-service personnel of commonwealth countries, other than Canada and of allied countries, resident in Canada;
4. Applicants who have graduated from or reside in the Kanata Area are given priority in the application process. Consideration is given to students who do not reside in the Kanata area, on the condition that funding is available; or
5. Applicant must have a relative that was or is a veteran.

The Bursary Program is designed to assist students entering or continuing their post-secondary education, including courses and programs of a technical and vocational nature, outside of and beyond secondary school. Approved bursary assistance is not based upon scholastic standing, but rather on the successful admission status to a post-secondary institution or successful completion of one or more years leading to a recognized degree, diploma or certificate.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LEGION NO LATER THAN June 1st, 2022, FOR THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR, SEPTEMBER TO AUGUST**

Mailing Address:  
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Kanata Branch 638  
70 Hines Road, Kanata, Ontario  
K2K 2M5  
Phone: (613) 591-5570



For an application please download directly at:

<https://kanatalegion.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/KANATA-BURSARY-FINAL-2022.docx> (see Application).

# Ways and Means Committee



**Irish Spring Celebration**

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Bar open at 5:00 pm      Dinner at 6:00 pm

**MENU**

**STARTERS**  
Sour Dough, Rye Bread & Butter  
Irish Spring Vegetable Soup

**ENTRÉE**  
Roast Beef, Gravy & Horseradish  
Baked Potatoes & Sour Cream  
Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce  
Mixed Vegetables

**FINALE**  
Buffet of Desserts, Carrot Cake  
Apple Pie & Ice Cream or Cheese Cake

**BEVERAGES**  
Tea, Coffee, Ice Water

Entertainment by  
**Roxy Swan and Peter Brown**

Tickets  
**\$20** per person

Reserve your tickets early to avoid disappointment by contacting **Debby Holden** at [debbyholden2993@rogers.com](mailto:debbyholden2993@rogers.com) or by calling **613-271-2993**  
Limit seating.  
Covid restriction apply.

**Royal Canadian Legion,  
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**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 [lmipensee@sympatico.ca](mailto:lmipensee@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**

**Royal Canadian Legion,  
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## EMERGENCY

### FRIDAY FISH AND CHIPS

Dear Comrades:

Friday Fish and Chips is gravely in danger of disappearing WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

Branch 638 needs volunteers for the positions of Fish Fryer and Chipmunk (chip fryer) for us to continue with our widely popular Friday event. PLEASE consider giving your time on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or bi-monthly basis. With enough volunteers we may be able to go back to fish and chips on a weekly basis, without new volunteers, our Fish and Chips program is in danger of closing.

### **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

Training is required for these positions and will be done at our Branch at no cost to yourself. A date for the training is to be advised as early as possible. If interested, please contact Mary-Jo Gauthier (Fish and Chip Coordinator) at [maryjogauthier865@gmail.com](mailto:maryjogauthier865@gmail.com) or Sheila Taylor (Volunteer Coordinator) at [princesssheila50@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:princesssheila50@yahoo.co.uk). You may also call the Legion at 613-591-5570.

THANK YOU

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