



CONTACT!

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President's Report

We are looking forward to putting this pandemic and its restrictions cautiously behind as we move forward with our regular meetings and Branch activities.

Your Executive Committee has steered us through this pandemic, and I commend them for stepping forward, meeting the challenges of acting on behalf of the General meetings and our membership since our last General meeting held on 15 January 2020. I would like to remind everyone that General meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month except July, August, December and February, starting at our regular time of 7:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend and take part in these meetings.

Comrade **Garth Lee** has resigned from the Branch Executive and the position of 2nd Vice President for personal reasons. I have conveyed our thanks to him for many years of service on the Executive especially as the Branch Food Services Officer and Chair of the Sports Committee.

This has triggered the need to make adjustments to the Executive Committee. In accordance with the Ontario Command Regulations, I have automatically moved comrade **Mary-Jo Gauthier** from 3rd to 2nd Vice President and appointed comrade **Deborah Holden** as 3rd Vice President. In addition, I have asked comrade **Gaëtan Chartier**, as Kitchen Manager, to take on overall responsibilities for the kitchen operations, now reporting directly to the 3rd Vice President. These changes have been approved by the Executive Committee and were ratified at the General Meeting on Wednesday 16 March 2022 (the first meeting in over two years) and will take effect immediately. The position of Sports Officer is yet to be filled. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact me at (613) 599-3553. In the interim, comrade **Brenda Grant** will temporarily assume this position.

Our next General meeting is on Wednesday, 20 April at which time we will be conducting our Branch Elections. Please attend and cast your votes to select your next President and Executive Committee members. After serving four years as President, I will be stepping aside

at the end of this term on 31 May to assume the position of Past President.

Thank you for your continued support.
Bruce Judge CD

First Vice President

Following is an update re the pandemic and how the Branch is reacting to the changes.

Based on the best data available, the Provincial government has declared that the masking mandate will end on 21 March, while recognizing that there are still dangers in effect which require due diligence.

Your Opening Committee has considered the ramifications as they affect the operation of the Branch and reached a reasonable consensus which was made known to members who attended the Branch General Meeting on 16 Mar 2022.

There is light at the end of the tunnel but it is still some distance away so we must still be as careful as possible. Effective 21 March, people entering the branch premises may, if they wish, refrain from wearing masks all the while remembering that the safety measures previously in effect for distancing, hand washing, etc., are still valid and in effect.

Those who feel that they have a higher degree of risk may continue to wear a mask to mitigate the ever-present possibility of infection. No one shall be offended by mask or no mask.

The various health authorities that govern our daily conduct and operations strongly advise that everyone not fully vaccinated, up to the third dose, do so as soon as practical to ensure that the decline of the pandemic spread will continue as smoothly as possible.

Stay safe.
Bill Molnar



Poppy Campaign

Dominion Command has advised that revisions are being made to the Poppy Manual. One of these revisions will be changing the Poppy Reporting Year to be January 1 of 2022 to December 31, 2022. The other revisions will be included when the new Poppy Manual is produced soon.

John Kern, Chair
Poppy Campaign

Legion Seniors

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 638 would like to invite all our members and seniors in the community to join us in the Lounge every Wednesday between 9:00 am and 11:30 am to enjoy a complimentary hot cup of coffee and a treat, play cards, darts, board games, read a magazine, or meet a friend or just relax. Treats on Wednesday, April 6, will be sponsored by Chartwell Stonehaven Retirement Residence.

The Legion Seniors Committee Branch is also developing an additional series of activities and programs for our members and the public. Stay tuned for more info coming soon.

John Kern, Chair
Legion Seniors Committee

Veterans Services

Veterans' Comforts

We are in the process of buying the comforts for delivery in May. Hopefully this year, we will be able to go into the retirement homes! Probably not the long-term care though.

For the deliveries, we need teams of two people to deliver these comforts. Please contact me if you are interested: 613 291-1038 or smclean@deadsquid.com

We attempted to sell off surplus comforts at Fish & Chips, but still had a lot left. They have been donated to Ottawa Command for use by homeless veterans.

Service Officer

No new clients in the past couple of months. However, the Provincial Service Officer will be attending our branch during the week of April 11. The specific day has yet to be determined. However, you will be contacted with the actual time and date on April 4. If you have any concerns or problems that you would like to speak with her about, please contact me (Sue) to make an appointment.

Sue McLean
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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 131 Club members. Our jackpot has reached a record high of \$11,000, won by Terry Jacobs.

Month	Donations	Branch Operations & Maintenance
February	\$1,444.80	\$ 773.70

Catch the Ace Winner: Round 11 - 45 Draws Terry Jacobs - \$11,693.50



Clay Wheaton and Terry Jacobs

Winner Round 12: - Finished in 2 Draws Ken Major - \$660.00



Ken Major & Clay Wheaton

Our NEXT Breakfast is Monday 28 March with a cap of 32 people.

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

CATCH THE ACE PIZZA NIGHT
No Pizza Night is scheduled in March.

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **307**



Welcome New Members to the Branch

- Jeffery Donaldson: New Ordinary - joined online
- James Hemlin: Transfer in Ordinary - coming from Belleville
- Joan Hemlin: Transfer in Associate - coming from Belleville
- Andre Vezina: Transfer in Ordinary - coming from Pointe-Claire, QC
- Sebastien Turpin-Thauvette: Transfer in Ordinary - Welcome Veteran
- Rob Jensen: Transfer in Ordinary - Welcome Veteran

Pandemic Overview - Jan. 2020 - March 2022 (2 Years)

- New & Transfer Members: END TOTAL 68
 - 85 PROCESSED
 - 14 LAPSED MEMBERSHIPS
 - 3 PASSED AWAY
- Deceased: 20 Members

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 was 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



Bingo Returns

Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Expenses	Donations
Feb.	\$1,824.00	\$ 996.15	\$ 662.28

Progressive Jackpot



The Progressive Jackpot was started February 6, 2022. The Draw is done each week at the Sunday Bingo. To enter the Progressive Jackpot one must pay \$2.00 and sign the entry sheet situated in the Lounge of the Legion. If the winner drawn

has not entered that week, the pot then accumulates until the next draw. Five draws have been conducted so far. To date the amount of revenue for the Branch is \$195. Bill Wagstaff won \$121 on the third draw and to date the accumulated pot is \$125.

Catch the Ace History & Summary

Catch the Ace Draws began 02 September 2016. Since then, we have done 12 Rounds. The following tables indicate the monies generated during this period for both the branch and donatable funds.

Total Revenue	50% for Branch	Rent Pd to Branch	Operations Maintenance	Donatable Funds
\$149,315	\$74,657.50	\$12,200.75	\$13,079.40	\$46,647.60

During the Pandemic

Total Revenue	50% for Branch	Rent Pd to Branch	Operations Maintenance	Donatable Funds
\$ 74,650	\$37,325.00	\$6,405.25	\$ 5,972.20	\$23,888.80

Gaming Committee

LTF Donations

With the approval of the Executive Committee, the Lottery Trust Fund donated \$500 to each of the following Charitable Organizations:

- Camp Maple Leaf
- Lanark County Therapeutic Riding
- Shepherds of Good Hope, Hope Living Kanata and \$250 to:
- Kanata Kozy Quilters

Margaret Judge
Chair



Bursary Assistance Program 2022

by Christopher Braeuel

Youth Education

Poems, Essay and Poster Contest - March 2022

The Awards Ceremony has been rescheduled to 03 April 2022 with the hope that we will be able to have the students, families and friends present to celebrate the successes of the winners.

We have amazing results both from the Zone, District and Provincial Levels. First place submissions from each level are sent to the next level. The following were the condensed results.

Branch - 375 entries
Zone - 8 First Place, 2 Second Place, 1 Third Place
District - 6 First Place, 1 Second Place, 1 Third Place
Provincial - 1 First Place, 1 Second Place, 3 Third Place

Brenda Grant

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.

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ZONE RESULTS ESSAYS

Category	Place	Name	School
JUNIOR (4,5,6)	1 st	KEERTHANA ANANDKUMAR	KATIMAVIK
INTERMEDIATE (7,8,9)	1 st	ANNWYN CARTER	KATIMAVIK
SENIOR (10, 11, 12)	1 st	SHERILYN WEN	COLONEL BY

POEMS

	Place	Name	School
JUNIOR (4,5,6)	3 rd	ILIANA JORGE	école ROGER-SAINT-DENIS
INTERMEDIATE (7,8,9)	1 st	MAYA ARSHAKYAN	KATIMAVIK
SENIOR (10, 11, 12)	1 st	SHERILYN WEN	COLONEL BY S.S.

COLOUR POSTER

Category	Place	Name	School
JUNIOR (4,5,6)	1 st	ADVAITHA GOPAL	W. ERSKINE JOHNSON P.S.
INTERMEDIATE (7,8,9)	1 st	SOFIYA ISLAM	WEST CARLETON S.S.
SENIOR (10, 11, 12)	1 st	ANNIKA XU	MERIVALE H.S.

BLACK & WHITE POSTER

Category	Place	Name	School
PRIMARY (1,2,3)	1 st	ALEXANDER GAN	KANATA HIGHLANDS P.S.
JUNIOR (4,5,6)	2 nd	ZICHUN LIN	STEPHEN LEACOCK P.S.
INTERMEDIATE (7,8,9)	1 st	EMILY WU	EARL OF MARCH S.S.
SENIOR (10, 11, 12)	2 nd	ISABELLA ZHENG	EARL OF MARCH S.S.

The first-place finishers at Zone then went on to the District Level

DISTRICT RESULTS

ESSAYS

Category	Place	Name	School
INTERMEDIATE (7,8,9)	3 rd	ANNWYN CARTER	KATIMAVIK
SENIOR (10, 11, 12)	2 nd	SHERILYN WEN	COLONEL BY

POEMS

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COLOUR POSTER

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PRIMARY (1,2,3)	1 st	ALEXANDER GAN	KANATA HIGHLANDS P.S.
INTERMEDIATE (7,8,9)	1 st	EMILY WU	EARL OF MARCH S.S.

We are proud to say that 6 out of 14 Kanata Legion submissions have now gone to the Provincial Level.

PROVINCIAL RESULTS

COLOUR POSTER

Category	Place	Name	School
JUNIOR (4,5,6)	3 rd	ADVAITHA GOPAL	W. ERSKINE JOHNSON P.S.
INTERMEDIATE (7,8,9)	2 nd	SOFIYA ISLAM	WEST CARLETON S.S.
SENIOR (10, 11, 12)	3 rd	ANNIKA XU	MERIVALE H.S.

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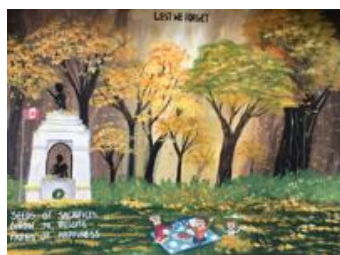
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Alexander Gan
Primary B&W



Emily Wu
Intermed B&W



Advaita Gopal
Junior Colour



Sofiya Islam
Intermediate Colour



Annika Xu
Senior. Colour

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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

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For an application please download directly at:

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



Ladies' Auxiliary



The Ladies' Auxiliary held their first 2022 in-person general meeting on Saturday, March 5th. Two new members were initiated, Faten Fallouh and Sylvia Smith.

Our annual elections will take place at our May 4, 2022, general meeting. Branch President, Bruce and two branch designates will be conducting the elections. L.A. members are currently in the process of nominating candidates for the executive positions.

Preparations to host the L.A. Zone G6 Convention on Sunday, May 1, are in progress working with L.A. Zone G6 Commander, Marilyn Devlin. Election of a L.A. Zone G6 Commander, Deputy Commander and Sport Officer will be taking place.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Catering Committee have committed to approximately eight catering requests between now and September.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Fundraising Entertainment Committee will be hosting a Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday, June 11 and a Trinkets and Treasures Sale on Saturday, July 9. More details coming soon!

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, at 613-836-2530.

Ladies, did you know:

- You do not have to be a veteran, family member or a legion member to join the Ladies' Auxiliary?
- Ladies' Auxiliaries assist the Branch in carrying out its daily operations to support Veterans in our community by fundraising, catering, and participating in other activities that benefit both the Branch and the community
- Becoming a Ladies' Auxiliary member is a great way to be active in your community and supporting veterans, the community and seniors, a benefit is a sense of belonging!
- You can join anytime.

To learn more about the Ladies' Auxiliary or/and to get an application for membership form, please contact Judy Homma at 613-592-9627 or Sylvia Monette at 613-986-3520.

Lorraine Lapensée
L.A. President

Ways and Means Committee

An Irish Spring celebration took place on 19 March with 106 attendees and 20 volunteers. The event sold out in one week, and we had a long waiting list of people who wanted to attend. This indicates that our members and friends are excited to get back together for a good meal and some entertainment as we exit the most recent wave of Covid!



Eleven roast beefs were cooked and 150 potatoes baked, along with all the vegetables, trimmings and desserts!

The entertainment was provided by Roxy Swan and Peter Brown and our very own Brenda Grant provided some Irish tunes on her bag pipes. The energy was high in the room, the bar was busy; and from the comments received, everyone enjoyed the food.



A sincere thank you to all the volunteers, who worked for several days preparing the meal. Without their dedication and hard work an event such as this would not happen. A gift basket was graciously donated by Crystal View Lodge and was won by Bev Bryan Bennett. Also, thank you to all the attendees who supported this event!



Reminder to all, that our bottle collection fund raising is still ongoing and to date over \$18,500 has been raised! Thank you to all those who have donated your bottles!

Happy Spring from the Ways and Means Committee!

Debby Holden
Ways and Means Committee Chair



Seeking Catering Volunteers

There has been a major uptick recently in inquiries for renting the Legion space and the requirement for catering. RCL Kanata Branch 638 is a great Community venue to gather for meetings, conferences, sports activities, social events, such as weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties etc. Many of these events require refreshments!

If you like food and like to cook/eat food and serve food then we need your skills. Join our catering team, where you will meet new people, have fun, and participate in catering in the various activities in the Legion. Don't worry it doesn't have to be a major commitment, even if you want to help once in a while.

For more information please contact the Branch Catering Chair, Debby Holden - 613-271-2993 or debbyholden2993@rogers.com

Seeking IT Volunteer

Communication via technology is so important in this day and age, but never so much as it has been this last two years during the pandemic.

Computers, iPads, cell phones, laptops, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Zoom, TikTok etc.; and so much more!

Our Branch is looking for an information technology volunteer to evaluate our current equipment and needs and to recommend what is needed to upgrade systems, devices and programs.

We need your help! So, if you are skilled in information technology please, contact Brenda Grant at pipergrant5@gmail.com to volunteer your services!

So many cups and mugs!

It started with a small idea: What if we asked Legion members if they could donate unused mugs to some agencies in Centretown. These agencies serve, support and work with people, including many veterans, who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. In my mind, I could see a few hundred mugs - no small amount of coffee would be shared with a few hundred mugs. Although a small voice to my right at the meeting reminded me that my vision was too small.

Within a few days, we had 30 or 40 boxes - enough to fill the entry hall of the Branch Hall. I collected the first load. And a few days later, the corner was full again, and I added these to the small but growing mountain of mugs in my garage. And a few days later, there were more. Once again, I filled my van. One member compared this project to a runaway train, so many people wanted to help. In the end, I made three trips with my van fully loaded to the Well / la Source, the Well, in turn, distributed the mugs to related centres as the need arose.

My best estimate is that Legion Members and their friends and neighbours gathered about 3750 mugs (about 120 boxes with an average of about 35 mugs per box). What a blessing for these agencies and those who are served!

So, my thanks to all who donated to this project. Thanks to all who stacked mugs, called me to remind that the corner was full, those who encouraged the project, those who helped load my van - so many helped in so many ways. Thanks! Thanks!! Thanks!!!

Thanks and blessings. Bill Prentice, Padre.



Back of my van, with cups and mugs.



Entry hall of the branch, full of cups and mugs.

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