

CONTACT!

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President's Report

I would like to congratulate the newly elected members of the 2022/23 term Executive, beginning on 1 June 2022. It looks like the President Elect, comrade Bill Molnar, will have a great team going forward. I wish them all the best in carrying out their responsibilities. I will be moving on to the position of Past President supporting the President and his team. Comrade Bill and I go back a long way as comrades in arms and friends.

Thankfully, things are getting back to normal with in-person meetings, branch functions, committee initiatives, hall rentals and many new members that have joined us, just to name a few. I'm pleased to report that we are coming out of this pandemic financially fit with loads of enthusiasm. I congratulate everyone on such a refreshing and positive attitude.

After serving four years as President, I would like to thank all members who have served the Branch, in any capacity, for your continued support during my time as President of this great Branch 638, Kanata. Thank you.

A very special thanks to my wife, Margaret, always at my side, standing by me with unfaltering support and love.

Bruce Judge CD





Elected for 2022/23 Executive

L to R: Sheila Horton, Secretary; Denis Pelletier, 3rd VP; Clay Wheaton, 1st VP; Bill Molnar, President; Bruce Judge, Past President; Deborah Holden, 2nd VP; Nila Bronkhorst, Treasurer

Back row L to R: George Pollock, Executive Member; George Royle, Executive Member; Sheila Taylor, Executive Member; John Kern, Executive Member; Bob Thomson, Sgt at Arms

Missing: Rev. Dr. Cannon William Prentice, Padre; Gaëtan Chartier and John Beard, Executive Members



Bruce Judge, Past President Bill Molnar, President

Legion Seniors

In preparation for our Branch applying for the 2022 New Horizon Grant for Seniors, it would be appreciated if you could provide me with any ideas or suggestions you might have for projects that could be considered to form part of our submission. Please send your ideas/suggestions to me at jh.kern@rogers.com no later than the end of May.

The Legion Seniors Committee in cooperation with Chartwell Empress Retirement Residence will be hosting a seminar on Financial Management to be given by an expert from IG Wealth Management. This will give you the opportunity to see how you can more effectively manage your financial portfolio. The seminar will take place on Wednesday 11 May commencing at 1:30 pm at our Branch. All are welcome to attend.

A reminder that the Coffee Club takes place every Wednesday of the week in the Lounge between 9:00 am and 11:30 am. Come and enjoy a complimentary cup or two of coffee. Treats are being hosted by Seniors' Residences located in our area.

John Kern, Chair Legion Seniors Committee



13 April Coffee Club event at our Branch. The treats were provided by Bridlewood Trails Seniors Community.

Wanted

Our Branch is looking for amateur guitar players to come and practice together to form a small group to perform at some of our upcoming Legion events. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Jim Hemlin by email at jim_joan_hemlin@yahoo.com by the end of April 2022.

/John Kern

Cenotaph Memorial Stones

Do you have a veteran in your family? A veteran friend or neighbour? The purchase of a memorial stone at the Kanata Legion Cenotaph is a perfect way to honour and remember. The cost is \$150 and application forms are available by contacting me.

Please consider honouring a veteran.

Moira 613-592-3376 mmgreen@live.com





Remembering Vimy Ridge in Walter Baker Park, Kanata 105th Anniversary Lest We Forget 🍨 Moira

Veterans Services

On 26 April the PSO for Eastern Ontario will be present to interview veterans re pensions/disabilities. Therefore, the office will be in use that day from 1030hrs until 1230hrs. It is interesting that 4 out of the 5 persons who made appointments are not Legion members.

For our General Meeting in May, I have arranged for the owner, and the local manager of **Wheels for the Wise** to give a short address to our members. This is a growing company that provides transportation to both veterans and the general public. Come and find out whether you may be interested in using this company. In certain cases, transportation for veterans may be free.

Once Jane has contacted all seniors' residences, we will be starting to distribute Veterans' Comforts next month.

Sue McLean BSO, Kanata 638 613-291-1038 smclean@deadsquid.com

Gaming Report



Catch the Ace Report

A large part of the success of Catch the Ace is due to the Catch the Ace Club, where members prepay for draw tickets for each week. Currently we have approximately 118 Club members.

Month	Donatable Funds	Branch Operations & Maintenance
March	\$ 944.00	\$ 492.00



Bingo Returns

Month	Deposit to	Expenses	Donatable
	Bingo Trust		Funds
March	\$1694.00	\$ 792.45	\$ 721.24

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.

The following are the results for the month of March:

# Draws	Revenue	Branch 50%	Accumulated
		of revenue	Jackpot
4	\$ 350.00	\$175.00	\$225.00



Coming the Last Monday in April

No more Catch the Ace Breakfast! Replaced by a New Event Serving from noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch in the Lounge

For the same \$10 we are offering a **hot smoked meat platter** includes fries and coleslaw

one **ticket** on the next Catch the Ace draw Restricted to **32** attendees **Bar will we open**



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

The Gaming Committee

LTF Donations

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

- Camp Smitty
- Heroes Mending on the Fly
- Women's Warrior's Healing Gardens
- Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa

Margaret Judge Chair

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing to date: 310



Welcome New Members to the Branch

- Brenda Perkins: New Associate Joined Online
- Demetrios J. Reklitis: New Ordinary Joined Online

Dominion Command Initiative: Automated Telemarketing Renewal Calling Campaign

- Canada Direct will begin this automated renewal campaign on Tuesday, April 5th
- Using Canada Direct technology and existing Member Services staffing resources, 28,000 non-renewed member phone numbers will be uploaded into predictive dialing software
- A pre-recorded message will remind members to renew their Legion membership (also a recorded French message is available for French members)
- A member can transfer at any time to speak to one of our Agents and pay directly over the phone with a credit card. If the member is not home a message will be left on their answering machine encouraging them to renew.
- Campaign expected to last until early June
- All Branches will be notified in the upcoming All Branch communication

Brenda Grant Membership Chair

Youth Education

Poems, Essay and Poster Contest

The Awards Ceremony that was rescheduled for 3 April had to again be postponed due to the rapid rise in Covid cases. It was felt the risk was too great.

The NEW date for the Ceremony will be Sunday 5 June 2022

Six submissions went up to the Provincial competition. Results were one 1st, one 2nd and three 3rds.

Alexander Gan, Primary



Black & White poster National Competition

Below: Sofiya Islam

Poster will be highlighted on the next Military Recognition Book. Quite an honour



Brenda Grant

Bursary Assistance Program 2022 by Christopher Braeuel

Do you have a child, grandchild or even a great-grandchild who will be attending post-secondary education? If so, he or she <u>may</u> 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 need 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.

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: The Royal Canadian Legion Kanata Branch 638 70 Hines Road, Kanata, Ontario K2K 2M5

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For an application please download directly at:

https://kanatalegion.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2022/02/KANATA-BURSARYFINAL-2022.docx (see Application).

Ladies' Auxiliary

L.A. members continue to plan for their annual elections which will take place at their May 4th general meeting. Executive positions are President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, three Executive Committee positions and Sgt. @ Arms.

The L.A. are preparing to host the L.A. Zone G6 Convention on Sunday, May 1st for the Zone G6 Ladies' Auxiliaries in Zone G6 from Almonte, Carleton Place, Kanata, Lanark, Orleans, Perth, Smiths Falls, West Carleton. Kanata North Councillor, Cathy Curry and Kanata South Councillor, Allan Hubley will be saying a few words of welcome.

The L.A. continues to host a book sale at Friday's Fish N Chips. Special thanks to branch members who help set up and take down and to all those who donate books and support our book sale. With regards to books and other items being dropped off, a special request when placing these much-appreciated items in the hallway closet a.k.a. the cloakroom to keep a clear path from the door to the mail basket for the branch secretary. Thank you.

A reminder, the Ladies' Auxiliary will be hosting a Tea and Fashion show on Saturday, June 11, and a Trinkets and Treasures Sale on Saturday, July 9. Details coming mid-May.



At the Branch's April 20th general meeting, the Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch #638-Kanata, presented a cheque to the Branch in the amount of \$2,000!

Lorraine Lapensée L.A. President

Looking for

Pipers and Drummers for Kanata's own **Highland Mist Pipe Band**

Proudly supported by members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Kanata Branch 638 Want to learn, tired of the competition circuit or just want to get back and have some fun.



Practices are: 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at the Kanata Legion 70 Hines Rd. Kanata

> For Further Details: contact Brenda Grant H (613) 832-4127 or C (613) 863-4051 pipergrant5@gmail.com



SPORTS

Upcoming is the Zone Golf. If you are interested in taking part please contact Brenda Grant (acting Sports Officer) See the information below:



The Royal Canadian Legion



Regular, Senior, Ladies, Super Seniors

Date: June 11, 2022 Location: Mountain View Golf Course 311 Mountain View Rd. Arnprior ON K7S 3G9 613-623-8919

Number of Teams: 12 teams of 2 @ \$100.00 per team Carts Included is can be Senior, Regular, Ladies or Super Senior 70 or ove

Registration: 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM Shot gun start at 8:30 Sharp

Entry Deadline: May 16, 2022

Remember for all Zone events entries must be on Official Form and Signed

Will be At Arnprior Legion Prizes for 1st and 2nd only Last Year Winners Please ensure Plagues are engraved and Returned

It is very important to have entries in by the deadline to ensure no delays at the event. Your help in this will

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