



CONTACT!

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President's Report

The long-awaited light at the end of the tunnel appears, thankfully, to be getting brighter and life is becoming a little more normal. Life at the Branch is showing encouraging manifestation of this with activities coming back to life and more people coming out to the little joys like the Wednesday coffee club and the Saturday popcorn and refreshments gathering for example.

Comrade Grant has finally seen her months and months of toil on the Youth Education projects come to fruition. The Awards Presentations took place on 5 June 22 and were an outstanding success.

The main hall was packed with recipients, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, and uncles. The winning pieces of art and poetry were well presented for viewing on stands around the room and the medals, certificates and sealed monetary prizes were in full view at the front of the room. After the Legion opening ceremony, Brenda announced by category, the winner and placement of the competing piece at the various Legion levels of the competition. Mary Jo Gauthier was ready with the correct medal and envelope, handed them to 3rd VP, Denis Pelletier, who handed the medal to the President for hand shaking and presentation to the winner who then received his certificate and monetary prize from the 3rd VP. Photos were taken and the process began again, for the next winner.

The most enjoyable aspect of the presentations was the stream of bright-eyed young faces coming forward to receive their well-deserved reward for their many hours of work. One of the biggest surprises was the youth of the many recipients and of course their relative youthful stature. It was very gratifying to see how much fine work these small hands and talented minds had produced in such a short time. There were some taller boys and girls, but not many.

Group photos were taken at the finale and the admiring crowd mingled to congratulate all the winners and made their gratitude known to the organizers before enjoying some of Debby Holden's goodies and refreshments. It was a fine event, and Brenda deserves all the kudos for her unstinting energy and organizational talent.

Bill Molnar

Second Vice President

Catering

Another happy client, 706 Ottawa Snowy Owl Air Cadet Squadron held an end-of-year barbecue for their Cadets and parents at Connaught Ranges, 16 June. The Catering team provided them 100 barbecued hamburgers, all the toppings and 100 cupcakes! Upon return of the hot boxes the following day it was reported that every morsel of food was eaten, and every cupcake devoured! Thank you, Gaëtan Chartier, Andre Noël for doing the barbecuing and PJ Rose for kitchen help, and always stepping up to help with catering.

25 June - our energy needs to quickly turn to the next Catering order, for a local swim club holding their end-of-year award ceremony for 250 swimmers and parents. Due to capacity limitations the event is split into two. The juniors come in early in the day and the seniors later in the afternoon. **"All volunteer hands on deck" for this event please, as catering for these numbers is a huge task!**

The summer will not provide rest and relaxation for the catering volunteers as we have two weddings and a celebration of life scheduled during the months of July and August.

Euchre

The first weekly euchre card playing was held on 16 June. Although the weather was threatening severe winds, rain and possible tornadoes, 12 venturesome players came out for a fun evening. If you enjoy playing cards of any kind, and want to learn how to play euchre, all beginners are welcome! Come out and join us every Thursday evening at 7 PM. For more information contact Debby Holden, 613-271-2993.

Debby Holden
2nd Vice President
613-271-2993



Poppy Campaign

During the summer the Poppy Planning Committee will be sending out a request for volunteers to act as Table Captains and for other volunteers to work at tables in our territory as well as distributing Poppy Boxes for the 2022 Poppy Campaign.

John Kern
Poppy Chair

Legion Seniors

Stay tuned for a series of exciting and informative series of seminars that the Legion Seniors Committee is planning for the fall.

The Branch's Coffee Club will continue every Wednesday during the summer. Come in out of the heat and have a delicious cup of coffee, a tasty treat and it's all for free. It happens every Wednesday in the Branch's Lounge between 9:00 am and 11:30 am. All are welcome.

John Kern, Chair
Legion Seniors Committee

Cenotaph Memorial Stones

Some weeks ago, I was interviewed by Catherine Bonier from Carleton University. Harry Needham was also interviewed. Catherine is compiling an Encyclopedia of Ottawa Memorials. Our cenotaph will be included. Catherine was particularly impressed by the diversity of veterans remembered on the memorial stones.

Please consider honouring a veteran in your family or a veteran friend or neighbour. Be a part of Kanata/Ottawa history by purchasing a memorial stone at the Kanata Legion Cenotaph. The cost is \$150 and application forms are available by contacting me.

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Lest We Forget 🌸

Remembrance

by comrade Harry Needham

Private **George Slater** served during the first world war in the Canadian Scottish Regiment, the 16th Battalion of the Canadian expeditionary force. He was wounded once in the ankle and at the end of the war homesteaded to Portage La Prairie Manitoba where he married my aunt Irene Gould who was a descendant of five loyalists who are also marked by stones in this memorial. 🌸

Sergeant @ Arms' Report

With the let up of COVID-19 the Colour Party is getting back to a more normal routine. Regular events have and are coming up that have not taken place for over two years.

I have received a request for our Colour Party for the Scott Tokessy Memorial Gold Glove Tournament. The opening ceremony is July 30th at 10am. This tournament has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for CHEO. I believe we have been involved in it since the start.

Also. I believe the Lanark Highland games will take place this year at the end of August in Almonte. Always fun and has a nice beer tent.

Our deputy Sgt at Arms Garth Lee has moved on and is sorely missed. If you are interested in this position, please let me know. We need some new Colour Party members; it is always the same group. Like most people they have other responsibilities and are not always available. Think about it; will train. Please let me know.

Bob Thomson

John Robert (No P) Thomson CD
Sgt at Arms
RCL 638 Kanata
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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 106 Club members.

Month	Donatable Funds	Branch Operations & Maintenance
May	\$ 824.00	\$ 424.50

Bingo Returns

Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Expenses	Donatable Funds
May	\$1046.00	\$ 421.18	\$ 320.32

Total Donations for May 2022 -	\$1,144.32
Rent, Operations and Maintenance -	\$ 845.68

"Lunch in the Lounge"
HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED FOR THE SUMMER

The Gaming Committee

LTF Donations

In June, the Lottery Trust Fund made donations of \$500 to each of the following:

- **Camp Misquah**
This camp assists all ages of people with developmental disabilities such as Autism, Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy.
- **Crystal Bay Centre for Special Education**
which assists students from ages 4 – 21 who have moderate to profound developmental disabilities.
- **Dave Smith Treatment Centre**
This organization provides youths and families with addiction treatment which is provided by competent professionals.

The Lottery Trust Fund donated \$17,500 to Registered Charitable Organizations and Veterans Organizations during the term 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022.

Margaret Judge
Chair, LFT

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **310**



Welcome New Members to the Branch

- **Robert Jensen:** Ordinary Transfer In – Transferred as a Member at Large from Dominion Command
- **George Palmer:** Ordinary Transfer In – Transferred in from Clinton Ontario

Transferred Out

- **Richard Lindsay:** transferred to Stittsville
- **Garth Lee:** transferred to Stittsville
- **Carole Piercey:** transferred to Col. John McCrae Memorial, Guelph
- **Ken Piercey:** transferred to Col. John McCrae Memorial, Guelph
- **Bernard Baker:** transferred to Barry's Bay

Dominion Command mailed out a renewal reminder to 26,000 members in May. Renewal reminder emails also continue to be sent to lapsed members with an email on file.

Collecting member renewals is a great opportunity to confirm or add a member's email address to their member profile.

Make the most of your Legion Membership

As a Legion Member, you take pride in the fact that your membership helps support and honour Canada's Veterans. Did you know that it comes with benefits you can use, too? Take advantage of all the benefits that come FREE with your membership.

Get exclusive deals and offers!
Go to: legion.ca/perks

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair

Youth Education

Poems, Essay, and Poster Contest

The Youth Education Awards Ceremony took place 5 June. It is estimated that 120 people attended, including students, family, friends, and Legion members.

Volunteers

- **Judges –** Moira Green, Doug Rowland, Helen McKiernan, Gaëtan Chartier, Denis Pelletier, and a new member Yvan Lupien.
- **Colour Party –** Bob Thomson
- **Kitchen –** Debby Holden
- **Photography –** Moira Green
- **Awards Distribution –** Bill Molnar, Denis Pelletier, and Mary Jo Gauthier
- **Programs –** Sheila Horton
- **Hall Set-Up –** Bob Thomson, George Royle, Terry Jacobs



Alexander Gan

Primary

Black & White poster

Placed 1st at the National Competition.

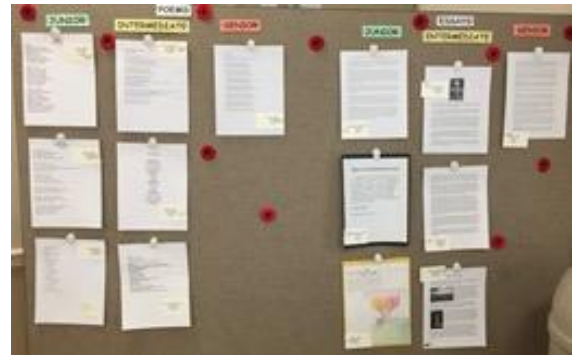
His poster will be on display at the National War Museum for the next year.



Sofiya Islam

Poster will be highlighted on the next Military Recognition Book.

Quite an honour



2022 Remembrance Poem Essay & Poster Contest Winners

Brenda Grant



Ladies' Auxiliary



The Ladies' Auxiliary kicked off the new L.A. year hosting a very successful Tea and Fashion Show on June 11 in conjunction with Valley Girls Plus fashion store. Guests still have up to thirty days from the date of the Tea and Fashion Show to shop at Valley Girls Plus. 10% of purchases will be donated to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

On behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary, I wish to take this opportunity to thank branch members who came out to support our fundraiser and to thank Branch members who assisted with hall set up, etc.



PJ Rose



Sheila Horton



Joan Hemlin

Our next fundraiser will be a **Trinkets and Treasures Sale, Saturday, July 9.** We ask everyone for their support either by donating items between June 17 – July 8 or/and coming out to shop at our Trinkets and Treasures Sale.

Donations Required for Trinkets & Treasures Indoor Sale

Clean out your closets, garages, storage sheds & please donate to the sale!

Looking for household items, books, toys, sports gear, jewelry, any quality items etc.



Please note: We cannot accept broken or dirty items, obsolete electronics or tires. We also cannot accept large items or furniture due to unavailable storage space

Questions? Please call Sylvia at 613-986-3520

Donations can be dropped off at the Legion, 70 Hines Road, Kanata June 17th until the evening of July 8th
Please call 613-591-5570 to ensure someone is there to receive the items.



When you support the Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch 638, you support the Kanata Legion and Veterans



Guests



Stacy Campbell, Valley Girls Plus Fashion



Trinkets and Treasures Indoor Sale

Saturday July 9th, 2022
10am-4pm
Free Admission!



Tell your friends, family and neighbours to come check it out!



None of those pesky rain showers will spoil the fun!



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The new Ladies' Auxiliary Executive held their first meeting on Sunday, June 5, where much business was covered for the new year.

Our June general meeting was held on June 14, where business took place such as:

- We welcomed our newly appointed Branch L.A. Liaison Officer, Denis Pelletier
- the proposed budget was approved
- the appointment of comrade PJ Rose to one of the three Executive positions that recently became vacant unexpectedly
- general membership confirmed the number of delegates and observers to attend the upcoming L.A. Provincial convention in September and last, but not least
- two new members, Brenda Perkins and Joyce Prentice, were initiated and welcomed!

Lorraine Lapensée
Ladies' Auxiliary President

The Ladies' Auxiliary and Branch 638-Kanata were jointly represented at Expo 55+ on June 17, organized by Kanata North Councillor Cathy Curry. Thank you, Sylvia Monette, L.A., and John Kern, Branch #638.



Photo credit: Comrade Tom Flood

Honours and Awards 2022

For the first time in three years, Kanata Branch #638 held an in-person Honours and Awards Ceremony on Sunday May 29, 2022. Invited to this event were 50 members eligible to receive service pins; 17 members and one non-member eligible to receive certificates of appreciation; 6 members eligible for certificates of merit; and 4 members eligible to receive Branch service medals or past officer medals and bars. Two community Friends of the Legion are also being recognized by the Branch for all their support.

Service pins are distributed to members at every 5-year period in their membership in the Legion. This year we had 13 for 5-year pins; 10 for 10-year pins; 8 for 15-year pins, 7 for 20-year pins; 7 for 25-year pins; 2 for 30-year pins, 1 for a 40-year pin; and 3 for 50-year medals, a real accomplishment for them and for our Legion.

Certificates of appreciation and certificates of merit are given to members who have made a significant contribution to the Legion in any one year and particularly this very difficult second year of COVID.

Unfortunately, not everyone was available to attend the ceremony and their pins, medal, and certificates are at the Legion for them to pick up at their convenience. The most available times to do this would be Wednesday morning Coffee Club or every second Friday Fish and Chips. Otherwise, please call the office at 613.591.5570 to check if the Legion is open before driving over.

Making the evening a success were the Honours and Awards Committee members, Comrades Bruce Judge, Bill Molnar, Lorraine Lapensée and Brenda Grant; the catering team volunteers, Comrades Gaëtan Chartier, John Hawkins, Jim and Joan Hemlin, Debby Holden, Andrée Noel, Pat Rose, Mary Thomas, and Johanna Walters; the Bar Tender, Comrade Yves Grimard; and, the photographers, Comrade Margaret Judge and Community Voice News Reporter, Nevil Hunt.

The final significant portion of the evening was recognizing the contribution that then President Comrade Bruce Judge made to this Branch over the past four years. This recognition came in the form of a work of art created and presented by then 1st Vice-President Comrade Bill Molnar and long-time friend of Comrade Bruce.

Helen McKiernan
Former Chair
Honours and Awards Committee



Bruce Judge, Bill Molnar, Helen McKiernan



Jim Hemlin, Marianne Wilkinson, Bill Molnar, Stephane Kenney, Bruce Judge
Recipients of 20-year Service Pins



Bruce Judge, Andy Shinnan, Patricia Taylor, Denis Pelletier, Debby Holden
Recipients of Certificates of Merit



Bruce Judge, John Kern, Sheila Horton, Lorraine Elmas, Nila Bronkhorst
Recipients of Past Officer Medals, Bars and Branch Service Medals



Bruce Judge, Doug Rowland, Joy Taylor, Father Bill, Carolyn McIlquham, Daniel Bond, Margaret Judge, Joseph de Lepper, John Kern
Recipients of Certificates of Appreciation



Gaëtan Chartier, Doug Rowland, Helen McKiernan, Bruce Judge
Recipients of 10-year Service Pins



Margaret Judge and Bruce Judge



Jim Riordan and Bruce Judge
Recipient of 30-year Service Pin



Recipients of 50-year Service Medal:
Ralph Miller and Bruce McKittrick

Recipients of 25-year Service Pin:
Bob Adkins and Roland (Roly) Boisvenu



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Happy Canada DAY

Hope you can
 Join us

Friday July 1st 11:30 am - 3 pm

For a **FREE BBQ** hosted by
 the Branch President

★ Hamburgers
 ★ Hot Dogs
 ★ Cup Cakes & other Sweets

Bar will be open for refreshments

Everybody welcome

Donations are welcome

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