



CONTACT!

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President's Report (returns next month.)

2022 Poppy Campaign

A recruitment letter has been sent out to all Branch members to solicit their support for this year's Poppy Campaign. Please reply by the date requested in the letter from our President Bill Molnar. We need your support by volunteering to assist us in making this Campaign a big success and being able to continue to help and support our veterans and their families. Lest we forget.

All Poppy Campaign Volunteers are invited to attend a complimentary Kick-Off Wine and Cheese Reception on Fri, Oct 21, at the Branch commencing at 7:00 pm. Meet the table captains and sign up for your Poppy Duty. The dress is casual. One free glass of wine is provided. Please register beforehand with Sue McLean: smclean@deadsquid.com or 613-291-1038. We need to know how many are planning on attending.

The 2022 Poppy Campaign starts on Fri Oct 28 and runs through to Thurs Nov 10. The Planning Team wishes to thank all our members who have volunteered to help with this year's Campaign. If you have not yet volunteered to assist with the Campaign, please contact George Pollock at 613-836-2530. If you have already volunteered to handle poppy coin boxes, you will be contacted when to pick them up as well as the locations or businesses where you will drop off the boxes. Table Captains will also be advised when they can pick up their supplies. If you have not been contacted by Oct 15, please call George Pollock, Deputy Chair of the Poppy Campaign. Without your support, the Legion will not be able to aid and support our veterans and their families.

The Royal Canadian Legion Kanata Branch 638 Poppy Trust Fund Branch Status Report 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2021		
Balance in Branch Poppy Trust Funds as of 1 October 2020		\$ 43,731.25
Income from Campaign & all other Sources	\$109,149.60	
Sub Total		\$152,880.85
Campaign Expenses & Youth Education Program	\$ 16,036.86	
Donations from Fund	\$ 44,350.00	
Total Expenses & Donation		\$ 60,386.86
Closing Balances as of 31 December 2021		\$ 92,493.99



Mark your calendar for the Remembrance Dinner to be held on Sat Nov 19 commencing at 5:00 pm. Come and join us for a sumptuous meal and an exciting speaker. Watch for the poster that will go up at the Branch in mid-October, after which tickets will go on sale.

John Kern
Poppy Chair and Legion Seniors Chair

Remembrance Services

The dates of our Remembrance Services at residences and care homes are November 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10. There are 12 services in all. I have sent letters to all concerned and bookings will be made on a first come first served basis. Once the schedule is completed, I will let you know when and the where.

Cenotaph Memorial Stones

I am sending a list of 10 stones to be engraved this time around. The total number of veterans remembered is 77. If you have not purchased a memorial stone, please consider doing so for next year.



President Bill presents Professor Catherine Bonier from Carleton U, with a gift for her work on our behalf. An article will appear in the Book of Ottawa Memorials featuring our Cenotaph and Memorial Stones later this year.

Moira
Committee Chair
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Lest We Forget 🌸

Legion Seniors

The Wednesday Coffee Club will continue throughout the Fall and Winter. Come and join us for a complimentary hot cup of coffee and special treats.

Our Branch and the Legion Seniors Committee would like to thank the following Residences for hosting the treats at our Wednesday Coffee Club events:

ASPIRA Red Oak Retirement Living,
 Bridlewood Trails Retirement Community,
 Chartwell Kanata Retirement Community,
 Chartwell Stillwater Creek Retirement Community,
 Chartwell Stonehaven Retirement Residence,
 Crystal View Lodge,
 The Bradley Gracious Retirement Living,
 Timberwalk Retirement Living, and
 VIVA Barrhaven Retirement Community.

The Legion Seniors Committee is planning a series of programs and activities for the fall and winter. Stay tuned for more details.

John Kern
 Poppy Chair and Legion Seniors Chair

Veteran Services Officer

Things have been very quiet this past month.

Anyone with questions regarding pensions or eligibility to apply for a VAC pension, please contact me.

Sue McLean
smclean@deadsquid.com
 613-291-1038

Gaming Report



Catch the Ace

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 101 Club members

Month	Donatable Funds	Branch Operations & Maintenance
June	\$ 852.80	\$ 961.80
July	\$ 859.60	\$1,267.53
Aug	\$ 588.00	Building & Reserve Fund \$1,237.98

Bingo Returns

Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Expenses	Donatable Funds
June	\$1,192.00	\$ 521.11	\$ 294.40
July	\$1,441.00	\$ 579.38	\$ 283.92
Aug	\$1,452.00	Rent & Bldg. Fund \$ 637.73	\$421.27

Total Donations for Jun July Aug 2022: \$3,335.99
 Rent, Operations, Maintenance, Bldg. Reserve: \$2,326.31

August Progressive Jackpot Report (4 Draws)

Monthly Revenue \$ 362.00
 Branch Share \$ 181.00

“Soup & Hot Beef Lunch”
 has begun on the last Monday of each month.

The Gaming Committee

LTF Donations

The Lottery Trust Fund donated \$400 to each of the following organizations for the month of September 2022:

- Kanata Food Cupboard
- Salvation Army
- Restoring Health Ministries - This Registered Charitable Organization provides critical assistance to homeless and street-engaged youth in Ottawa.

Margaret Judge
 Chair, LFT



\$5000 cheque presented to the Queensway Carleton Hospital Foundation from our Branch Poppy Trust on August 4.

Left: Karalee Bowles, Annual Giving Manager for the Queensway Carleton Hospital Foundation,
 Right: Comrade John Kern, Poppy Chair for Branch 638 Kanata.

Membership Desk



Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **323**

It has been a busy summer as you can see. Our membership has increased with the last group of new members approved at our General Meeting to a record high for me of 323 members.

Welcome New Members to the Branch

- **Robert L. St. Louis:** Transfer In Ordinary from Strathcona Legion, 41 years of service, Resides at The Bradley Retirement Residence
- **Harvey D. Brown:** Ordinary New – Resides at The Red Oak, was a member in the 50's and at the age of 93 is rejoining. Would love to get involved in a singing group.
- **Gordon James Smith:** Ordinary New – Contact thru Clay Wheaton. Wishing to join and play golf
- **Wadehra, Charanjit (Jeet):** New Associate – Has been attending Wed. Coffee Group
- **Chris Brych:** New Associate – Contact thru Sheila Horton. Wishing to join and play golf
- **Joseph René Leroux:** Transfer In Ordinary – Coming back to Kanata
- **Kenneth P. Fleming:** Transfer In Ordinary – Transferring from Dominion Command and looking to help out in the kitchen for a start
- **Sheila M. Nellestyn:** Welcome Veteran – Contact thru the Coffee Club
- **Norman D. Reid:** Welcome Family Program– Contact thru the Coffee Club
- **Joseph E. Mullins:** Welcome Veteran – Contact thru the Coffee Club
- **Michelle Mullins:** Welcome Veteran – Contact thru the Coffee Club



Early Bird Campaign

- The campaign started off like racehorses at the bell. Of the 319 members, to date after 3 ½ weeks, 149 members have renewed - approximately 46%.
- Duration of Campaign: Sept. 01 to Nov. 30, 2022
- All members can renew their 2023 membership during the EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN for the low price of \$55.

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: <https://www.legion.ca/join-us/memberperks>

Dominion Command Initiatives: “New” Digital Membership Card - coming this fall

- Digital membership card provided electronically directly to the member via email
- Card downloaded to a mobile wallet (Apple IOS and Android Mobile Devices)
- Available for both new and renewing Legion Members. New Members who join online will automatically default to receiving a digital card
- Stay tuned for an ALL-BRANCH email announcing the launch and full details!

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FISH & CHIPS

As you are aware the Branch is totally run by volunteers. |

We are now running Fish & Chips every week, starting Sept. 2nd. To do accomplish this, we need help in the kitchen in the following areas:

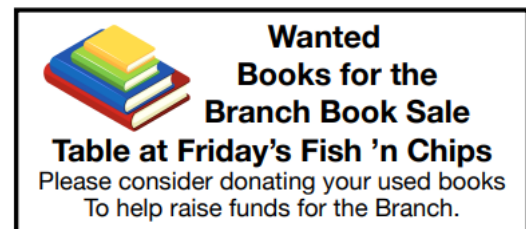
- Fish Cook
- Chip Cook
- Dishwasher
- Server



All of the above positions will have training provided.

Our aim is to have enough volunteers so people will get some Fridays off.

If interested, please contact Brenda Grant – pipergrant5@gmail.com



Branch Regulations, Policy and Procedures, and Clubhouse Rules

Did you know you can view all current Branch Regulations, the Policy and Procedures Manual, and the Clubhouse Rules online Go to the following link: <https://kanatalegion.ca/branch-policies-and-procedures/>

The Policy and Procedures Manual has had several updates over the last two and a half years. Check it out.

Ann Ervin
Branch Regulations & Website Manager

Branch Building Reserve Fund

The first meeting of the committee was held on 01 Sep 2022. At this time the purpose and aim of the Committee was formalized as follows:

The purpose/aim of the Branch Building Reserve Fund Committee is to identify future infrastructure needs of the Branch property and raise the funds, over time, to cover these projected needs as they arise.

The detailed funding for this reserve fund will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Currently some funding is coming from Branch Book Sales at the Friday Fish and Chips and Branch Lottery income.

It was also determined that this committee is not a general projects committee. Any branch projects will be dealt with as required by separate committees formed by the Branch Executive.

The Branch Building Reserve Committee members are:

Bruce Judge	Chair
Terry Jacobs	Deputy Chair
Nila Bronkhorst	Branch Treasurer
George Pollock	Advisor and Buyer
George Royle	Building Maintenance

Bruce Judge, Chair
Branch Building Reserve Fund

Ladies' Auxiliary

I hope everyone had a good summer and with COVID19 restrictions having eased up and some optional, we can look forward to getting back to as close to the old normal we all so miss.



Over the summer months, the Ladies' Auxiliary continued to fulfill their mission by:

- Fundraising - Hosting a very successful Trinkets and Treasures Sale, July 9th. A very special thanks to all those who donated items, came out to support our fundraiser and an extra special thanks to the Branch and L.A. volunteers as well as family members who all worked very hard. Your support is very much appreciated. When you support the Ladies' Auxiliary, you support the Kanata Branch and veterans.
- Catering - The Ladies' Auxiliary catered to three outside catering jobs with one more before the end of September.
- Supporting Branch Functions - volunteering at the annual President's Canada Day BBQ, Fish N Chips, Wednesday Coffee Club.
- Participating on the 2022 Poppy Campaign Planning Committee.

However, with time comes change and this year the Ladies' Auxiliary is no exception.

Due to family commitments, personal and/or health reasons, some members have had to either decrease their volunteer hours, modify or/and resign from various roles. Hence, it is time for the Ladies' Auxiliary to re-evaluate their fundraising activities, outside catering and internal catering services in conjunction with the skills and availability of members at the present time and is in progress.

In follow-up to the motion approved at the June 15th general meeting for the Branch to purchase a new sound system and the L.A. be requested to contribute from the sign funds raised towards the sound system purchase, upon receipt of the Branch request to transfer the sign funds, the L.A. requested the Branch to consider authorizing the formation of a committee to review the feasibility of an outdoor electronic/digital sign before closure of the sign project. Although the bylaw states L.A. money is branch money, these funds were designated towards the purchase of an outdoor sign pending its feasibility and then the Branch's decision to approve or not approve the sign purchase; that it was advertised the funds were being raised for an outdoor electronic/digital sign and the L.A. worked diligently for four years raising funds both for the Branch and for the sign project, it justified a committee review. After many deliberations, Branch President, Bill, conceded that a sign committee be formed and that it would be comprised of only Ladies' Auxiliary members and allotted four weeks to submit a report.

The L.A. Sign Committee submitted a comprehensive and complete report by the August 22, 2022, deadline. The report listed its findings, considerations, and benefits of an outdoor electronic sign. Although the cost of an outdoor electronic sign is expensive, the report suggested ways and means to cover the costs i.e., apply for a grant. This report provided the branch with the information and considerations required to make an informed decision regarding the purchase of an outdoor electronic sign when the Branch chooses to do so.

The Branch Senior Officers reviewed the Sign report and concluded an outdoor digital sign is not feasible/viable. One reason is that the cost is too expensive; that the money could go towards projects with a higher priority. There was question based on the only location a sign is permitted whether passersby would see the sign and would have enough time to read the message/s. Branch Executive approved a motion to close the sign project. A \$10,000 cheque from the L.A. sign project savings account was presented by me on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary at the September 14th Branch Executive Committee meeting as the fifty per cent down payment towards the purchase of a new sound system. My request that the sign report be kept on file for future reference was agreed to by comrade Clay Wheaton, Acting Chair of the Branch Executive Committee Sept. 14th meeting.

Ontario Provincial Convention

Four of the Ladies' Auxiliary executive attended the Ladies' Auxiliary's 59th Ontario Provincial convention from September 11-13, held in Kingston, Ontario. It was very informative, resolutions were approved or defeated, and it was an opportunity to meet other Ladies' Auxiliaries. With regard to the bylaw where it states L.A. money is branch money, we learned in addition to the compulsory donations, provincial convention attendance costs and per capita, there is one more exemption to that bylaw, and that is when the Ladies' Auxiliary fundraises for a special project approved by the Branch and the special project was/is advertised to the public, the funds raised can only go towards that project pending project approval by the Branch.

Our L.A. placed third in the Ontario recruitment/membership competition having recruited 22 new members from September 2018 to May 2022. The L.A. that placed first recruited 27 new members.

The L.A. Provincial Officers election results are as follows:

Kathy Moggy	President
Debbie Olmstead	Immediate Past President
Sharon Crown	1st Vice-President
Kathey Putman	2nd Vice-President
Yolande MacKinnon	3rd Vice-President
Brenda Deacon	Chair

The Ladies' Auxiliary got together on August 27 for their annual luncheon each paying for their own lunch. Very enjoyable time to visit with one another.

We are getting ready to man the Superstore poppy table during this year's poppy campaign. Should anyone be **interested in volunteering at the Superstore (Eagleson Road) poppy table** during the poppy campaign Oct. 28 - Nov. 10, please contact the L.A. Poppy Table Captain, Suzanne St. John, at 613-839-0320.

Lorraine Lapensée
President



Photo credit: Moira Green

Three veterans cut the Canada Day cake, July 1, 2022.

Happy 100th Birthday to Mary Egan

Thanks to comrade Jane Cane for submitting information about Mary's military background, written by her husband, veteran Bill Egan. Both Mary and Bill are members of the Kanada Legion and reside in their home in Kanata.



Mary Dorothy MacKinnon was born on September 8, 1922, on a farm located on the shores of Lake Ainslie on Cape Breton Island, as were her siblings - five sisters and two brothers. Mary, along with two of her sisters, joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps on September 13, 1942. She was sent to Kitchener, Ontario, for Basic Training and eventually was trained as a Teletype Operator, a trade she excelled in. Sometime later, some women came from England to interview selected CWAC members to choose those who would be considered most capable of adapting to the life they would encounter in England. Mary was chosen and then sent back to Kitchener for orientation and to prepare for travel.

Mary recalls that a fairly large number of the women who were chosen were sent to Debart, N.S. to be transferred to ships. She also recalls that they were held in Debart for some time because D-Day had just taken place and all available ships were being used for the invasion. Finally, some ships became available and the CWACs were on their way across the Atlantic. They spent several days, after arriving in England, in a camp on Salisbury Plain while they received more training. Mary was posted to Canadian Military HQ in London on Trafalgar Square where she served until March 8, 1945.

For her services, Mary was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, with Clasp, the War Medal, and the Defence of Britain medal.

When Mary returned to Canada, she was employed in her trade with a position in the R.C. Signal Corps in Halifax. She continued from there at other postings in Kingston, Ontario, until she retired to raise our three sons.

Happy 100th Birthday, Mary!

The Lounge

Saturday afternoon in the lounge announces live music. A good time was had by all. Note the lounge is open every Saturday from noon until 4:00 pm to drop in and say hello and make some new friends. There is always a special on tap as well as free popcorn.



Saturday, September 24. Musicians from left to right:

Ron Abernethy, Jim Hemlin, Teresa Wagstaff,
Donna Cummings and Gerry Banning.

Hope to see you soon!
MaryJo Gauthier
Bar Manager



Legion members and friends of the Legion helped with a School Supply Blitz, put on by the Branch to help community students with their needs for school supply items.

I truly believe that our members and the Friends of the Legion stepped up, as they always do, when we put out a request for help, especially when it concerns our community.

Pat (P.J.) Rose

Calendar, October to December

Ongoing Activities

Wednesday morning coffee club
Thursday nights - darts in the hall and euchre in the lounge
Friday - fish and chips
Saturday - afternoon social from noon - 4
Sunday - Bingo

Upcoming Events

1. **Harvest Dinner** - October 15: Pork, corn on the cob, coleslaw, apple crisp, vanilla ice cream, tea, and coffee
2. **Remembrance Dinner** - November 19: in planning stage (Legion Formal Uniform or Semi Formal Dress attire)
3. **Christmas Dinner** - December 10: menu TBD (possible turkey, mashed potatoes, salad, and desserts)
4. **New Year's Eve** (Lorraine Lapensée will be running with this as she's done it over the past several years.) It will be catered by Leatherworks and feature a DJ.

Sheila Horton
Chair
Fundraising & Activities.

HELLO
my name is

Our Branch will be starting a new program to assist both members and visitors to the Branch to let you know who you are taking to.

At the entrance of the Branch, there will be stick-on name tags to allow both members and guests to fill out their first names and wear the tags during their visit to the Branch.

Look for these stick-on ID name tags on your next visit to the Branch.

John Kern
Third Vice President



Saturday 29th October, 2022

**Kanata Legion Branch 638,
70 Hines Rd. Kanata**

Registration at Door - 12 PM (noon)
Light lunch provided, Cash Bar



Game Play Begins - 1:00 pm
8 games (18 mins or 10 points)



Cost - \$2000 per person

Cash Prizes Awarded - 4:00 pm

1st, 2nd and 3rd teams of two.
Plus door prizes



*Come solo or bring
a partner!*



Pre-registration/Questions:
Contact Debby Holden at
613-271-2993 or
debbyholden2993@rogers.com



Bar open: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:00 pm

MENU:

**PULLED PORK ON A BUN
COLESLAW, CORN ON THE COB
APPLE CRISP with VANILLA ICE CREAM
COFFEE / TEA**

COST: \$20.00
**(\$5.00 of which will be donated to
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS)**

Tickets available at the Bar



Source: Facebook

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