

CONTACT!

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First Vice President's Report

Over the past several years Gambling and Raffles have been a major contributor to the financial well being of our Branch. Currently three separate Lottery licences are held. The Weekly Sunday Matinee Bingo is the oldest, started way back in 1988 when our newly formed Legion was invited to fill the Saturday Matinee time slot at the now defunct Kanata Bingo Theatre. The Bingo moved to the Legion in 2003 when KBT closed and has continued, closing only for several weeks caused by Covid lockdowns. The Catch the Ace Lottery was legalized in Ontario on October 1, 2016, and our Legion was the first charitable organization in Ottawa to get licensed. This Lottery has been immensely successful as the revenue is divided 50/50 and half goes out in prizes with the balance, less expenses, going to our Legion Lottery Trust Fund, which yearly donates most of the proceeds for various charitable and Veterans organizations. Details on the donations are posted regularly in the Contact Newsletter.

In the last year the province authorized a new Progressive Raffle which collects two dollars weekly from participants. A draw is conducted with branch members and others eligible, and if the number was paid up for the week, the person wins the Progressive Jackpot (at time of writing \$491.00). This Raffle is similar to the old Snowball Game conducted back in the day designed to promote attendance to the Branch.

Your Gaming Committee has developed a system to support Catch the Ace or Progressive Jackpot Raffles by joining a Prepaid Club where the committee enters you in the draws while your money lasts. For details contact either Clay or Brenda.

Clay Wheaton First Vice and Gaming Committee



2022 Poppy Campaign

Reminder that the 2022 Poppy Campaign starts on Fri Oct 28 and runs through to Thurs Nov 10.

The Poppy Campaign Volunteers Wine and Cheese Reception scheduled for Oct 21 was canceled due to COVID-19.

The Remembrance Dinner will take place at the Branch on Sat Nov 19 with the bar opening at 5:00 pm and the event commencing at 5:30 pm. The cost per person is \$ 25 for a great meal and an exciting speaker. You can obtain tickets prior to Nov 1 by emailing Sheila at rclbr638@gmail.com or calling 613-591-5570. You can also get them at the Bar at our Branch.

Legion Seniors

Our Wednesday Coffee Club is going strong. Come and join us for a complimentary hot cup of coffee and special treats.

The Legion Seniors Committee is planning a series of future programs and activities. They will include a Health Fair, Seniors' Residence Fair, and several other activities and seminars for 2023. Watch for more information soon.

Via Rail Canada Exclusive offer to Legion Members

As we roll into Remembrance Day Celebrations, we're happy to welcome Legion Members on board. Be it a trip for work, pleasure, or perhaps a new adventure, fall is a great season to explore Canada by train.

The Royal Canadian Legion members can save 25% off the best available fares in Economy class valid across the VIA Rail network and Berths in Sleeper Plus class on board the Canadian. Bring up to 3 guests! Book by November 11 to save on travel between November 1 and November 30. *Other conditions apply, and forms of identification are required.

For more details about the offer, please click here.

DISCOUNT CODE: LEGION25

BUY NOW

John Kern Poppy Chair and Legion Seniors Chair

KANATA'S ANNUAL

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY & PARADE

Friday, November 11, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.

Will take place at the Cenotaph located in Village Green Memorial Park
Colchester Square Road
(off Campeau Drive at the corner of Teron Road and Campeau Drive,
next to the OPP Station)

Be sure to arrive early to allow time for traffic, parking and before the parade marches in at 10:40 a.m. approximately.

Wreaths remain a strong symbol of remembrance and a means of supporting the Kanata Legion and our Veterans. Please consider ordering a 14" wreath by donating \$60.00 to the Kanata Legion's Poppy Trust Fund. To order a wreath, please contact George Pollock at 613-836-2530 or remembrancebr638@gmail.com and at the same time confirm with George if a wreath will be placed during the Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Those wishing to participate in the parade are asked to:

- contact Joyce Prentice on or before November 1st with the organization's name, contact name, phone number and email address as well as approximate number of parade participants and names of those who will be laying a wreath. Joyce can be reached at prudencejp@gmail.com or leave a message at 613-592-4426.
- arrive at 10:15 a.m. in the Russian Orthodox Church of the Blessed St. Xenis' parking lot (2 Colchester Square); across from the OPP Station

After the Ceremony

Please join us at the Kanata Legion (70 Hines Rd.) for some Refreshments and Comradeship!



Remembering our Veterans

On a chilly October morning our engraver was busy engraving the stones in memory of a veteran family member or friend.

If you have not remembered a veteran at our cenotaph, please consider doing so next spring.

To date 77 veterans are remembered at our cenotaph in Kanata.

Moira Committee Chair 613 592 3376 mmgreen@live.com Lest We Forget 🍨

Sergeant at Arms Report

I have not made a Sergeant at Arms report for a while. Was waiting to see if the COVID situation would improve and if things would pick up.

So far, I believe our Colour Party will be participating in only a handful of events. We have been asked to provide a Colour Party for the game opener on the 8th of November at the Canadian Tire Centre.

It looks like we will have a shortened route for our 11th of November Remembrance Day parade this year. Form up will be the parking lot of the Russian Orthodox Church off Colchester Square instead of the Earl of March High School.

There will be no Kanata Santa Clause parade again this year. According to the event originator there is a shortage of volunteers. People are getting older, and others are moving on. The same problems that we have and other organizations. Volunteer organizations waited for years for Baby Boomers to retire. Well they have, and Baby Boomers tend to not volunteer.

Some of our key Colour Party members are not able to carry on. We need some new blood. The Colour Party is the visual part of our branch. Oh, Kanata has a legion? We are looking for and need new members. If interested let me know. No experience required, just need to know your left foot from your right. We do legion drill, no about turns, no advance in review order.

John Robert (No P) Thomson CD (Bob) RCL 638 Kanata 613-831-8221

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 96 Club members

Month	Donatable	Rent & Building	
	Funds	Reserve Fund	
Sept	\$ 826.80	\$ 844.03	

Bingo Returns

Month	Deposit to	Donatable	Rent & Building
	Bingo Trust	Funds	Reserve Fund
Sept	\$1,200.00	\$ 206.82	\$ 609.18

Total Donations for September 2022: \$1,033.62 Rent, Operations, Maintenance, Bldg. Reserve: \$1,453.21

September Progressive Jackpot Report (4 Draws)

Monthly Revenue \$200.00 Branch Share \$100.00

"Soup & Hot Beef Lunch"

has begun on the last Monday of each month.

Next Lunch is Oct. 31st,

· maximum 40 people,

· cost - \$10.00

If interested, please contact

Clay Wheaton - 613.592.5417 claywheaton@rogers.com or

Brenda Grant - 613.863.4051 pipergrant5@gmail.com

The Gaming Committee

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **325**



Early Bird Campaign

- I am happy to report that membership renewal is going very well. Out of our 325 members 212 have renewed, which is 65% with 5 weeks to go.
- Early Bird Special
- 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.

Last Post



Margaret Muriel "Mimi" Mole

After a courageous fight with Leukemia, Muriel passed away at the age of 75 at the Ottawa General Hospital on Sept. 29, 2022

Muriel was a fixture at the Legion's Sunday Bingo and would often come to our Fish and Chips.

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

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary catered to an outside client on September 28th serving 130 plates. A huge catering job, but very successful thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch members and friends who worked very hard to provide excellent customer service. Special thanks to these volunteers and an extra special thanks to Debby Holden for organizing and working this catering event.

Although we could not hold our October general meeting due to the Branch being closed-COVID concerns, we are planning to hold the November 2nd general meeting at 7:30 p.m. The annual review will be conducted by the L.A. Zone G6 Commander, Elaine Madore, and the L.A. Deputy Zone G6 Commander, Debby Holden, prior to the general meeting.

October has been a month of planning. Planning and assisting with food preparations for the legion's Harvest Dinner and a Celebration of Life both of which were cancelled due to COVID concerns.

Regarding a previous email requesting vendors to consider participating at the Ladies' Auxiliary's upcoming Holiday Vendors Extravaganza Sale, November 26th, I am pleased to report all vendor tables are sold. However, vendors who did not get an opportunity to reserve are welcome to contact the following email to be put on a waiting list should there be a cancellation: lakanataevents@gmail.com

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be supporting the poppy campaign, overseeing poppy boxes at the Superstore, Eagleson Road. Please drop by with your \$donation! The Ladies' Auxiliary team will be happy to be kept busy replacing full boxes of money!

Attention faithful L.A. supporters! The L.A.'s annual Christmas Bazaar has a new look and a new name! Holiday Vendor Extravaganza! Please see the nearby poster for details. With this new look - vendors, bake sale and craft sale, donation of other items is not required. The Ladies' Auxiliary asks those who have items to donate to please hold on to

them until the new year when an event will be planned to welcome your trinkets and treasures. Thank you very much

On Tuesday, December 6, 2022, the annual Christmas Festive luncheon (formerly Seniors Festive Dinner Luncheon) is planned for the first time in two years. Delicious meal and great Christmas music entertainment featuring the Canadian Showtime Chorus Octet concert! All for only \$15.00! Please see the nearby poster for details. You will note there is a new form of reserving a seat/meal. No tickets! Reserve by phone or email! Reserve early to guarantee a seat!

New members are always welcome! You don't have to be a legion member or a veteran to join! If you wish to learn more about becoming a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, contact Sylvia Monette at smonth or 613-986-3520. Consider coming out to our next monthly general meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 7:30 p.m. at the Kanata legion to get a sense of what the Ladies' Auxiliary is all about.

Lorraine Lapensée President







TUESDAY night Euchre 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY Coffee Club 9 -11:30 am
Enjoy complimentary Coffee
with tasty treats.

THURSDAY Darts 7:00 pm

Non-competitive \$5. Hot dogs \$1. For more info contact 613-884-9097

FRIDAY Fish 'n Chips 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

SATURDAY SPECIALS in the Lounge,

Noon - 4 pm, with live music 1 - 4:00 pm
Meet new people, have fun,
and make new friends.

SUNDAY Bingo Starts 12:45 pm.



Promotion / advertising

Our Branch will have a booth at the Katimavik-Hazeldean Community Association Outdoor Craft Market on Nov. 5th in Hewitt Park (at Pickford and Kakulu) from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. We will be offering poppies to the public and handing out literature on our Branch and membership. We invite all our members, their families and friends to visit us at our booth during the Craft Market Place.

The Kanata Theatre will be performing Doubt, A Parable by John Patrick Shanley from November 8th-19th. This brilliant and powerful drama was a New York Broadway hit in 2005 and adapted as a film in 2008 with Meryl Streep as Sister Aloysius and Philip Seymour Hoffman as Father Flynn. The play won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and Tony Award for Best Play as well as being nominated for several Academy Awards. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.KanataTheatre.ca, or contact our box office by email at boxoffice@kanatatheatre.ca, or phone at 613-831-5535. Discount tickets can be purchased for groups of 10 or more, as well as veterans.

Submitted by John Kern

Photos of Legion Events

If you have photos of Legion events, please send them to me at amjacklin61@gmail.com so I can post them to Facebook. Remember that the photos posted online must not have alcohol displayed, according to Legion regulations. I am able to remove the odd glass of wine or bottle from a photo if it happens to make its way.

Angie Jacklin Facebook

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