



CONTACT!

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Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony, Parade and Reception Committee Report

The 2022 Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony, Parade and Reception were each a big success. This was the first time in over two years that hosting a full-scale Remembrance Day Ceremony with a parade was possible since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020. Due to many parade participants finding the parade route from the Earl of March Secondary School to the Cenotaph challenging, a shorter parade route was suggested, starting and ending in the parking lot of the Russian Orthodox Church of the Blessed St. Xenis. It is with much appreciation to Father Oleg for granting use of the parking lot on Remembrance Day.

The success is attributed to many dedicated volunteers, Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary members, support from the two Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Headquarters and Signal Squadron and the Canadian Forces Electronics Warfare Centre, the community, the 872 Kiwanis Air Cadet Squadron, and the 319 Centurion Sea Cadets. I must not forget to make mention how Mother Nature provided a warm, sunny day!

Vacant key positions were fortunately filled as follows:

Emcee - Denis Pelletier
Parade Commander - Jim Hemlin
Parade Warrant Officer - Ken Fleming
Committee Administrator - Joyce Prentice
Traffic Management Lead - Guy Foisy

Given that police were not able to guarantee traffic support due to a shortage of police personnel at this year's Kanata Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony, there was a need to create a new position, Traffic Management Lead and team. It worked out well that the parade route was shortened, not requiring police traffic control.

An estimated 1,000-1,500 people were present at the Kanata Legion's 24th Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony to "Remember." There was a good representation including military, politicians, veterans, cadets, scouts, cubs, brownies, guides, service groups, first responders, businesses, schools, particularly the Elisabeth Bruyere School with 52 students in attendance and the public.

The Canadian Showtime Chorus were not available to sing the two anthems at this year's Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony due to a previous commitment. However, the

2023 Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony is reserved on the Chorus' calendar.

The 319 Centurion Sea Cadets and the 872 Kiwanis Air Cadets supported the Kanata ceremony by distributing programs to the public, putting up reserve signs on chairs, wreath escorts, placing wreaths on behalf of others and parade participation. Many thanks.

Special thanks and much appreciation to the

Ladies' Auxiliary for the excellent luncheon reception, serving over 200 people. Great food and presentation! It is always good to know I can count on the Ladies' Auxiliary to put on a good spread. Thank you so much!

A very special thanks to the members of the 2022 Remembrance Day Ceremony & Parade Committee for their excellent input, work and support towards the ceremony and parade's success: **Gaëtan Chartier, Joseph de Lepper, Brenda Grant, John Kern, Lorraine Lapensée, Denis Pelletier, George Pollock, Joyce Prentice**



319 Centurion Sea Cadets
872 Kiwanis Air Cadet Squadron

Special thanks to the following volunteers for making the 2022 Kanata Remembrance Day Parade, Ceremony and Reception the huge success that it was:

- Administration: Joyce Prentice, George Pollock, Lorraine Lapensée
- Promotion: PJ Rose, Lorraine Lapensée
- Parade: Jim Hemlin, Parade Commander, Ken Fleming, Parade Warrant Officer, Gaëtan Chartier, Parade Veterans Officer, Bob Thomson, Sgt. @ Arms, Colour Party, Brenda Grant, Highland Mist Pipe Band
- Traffic Management: Guy Foisy (Lead), plus 3 volunteers from the Canadian Forces Electronics Warfare Centre, 2 volunteers from 2 Canadian Mechanized Group Headquarters and Signal Squadron (2 CMBG HQ & Sigs), George Royle and Bob Thomson, Kanata Legion
- Ceremony Set up and take down, including sound system, anthems music, chairs, podium, etc. 2 CMBG HQ & Sigs, Branch members-Joseph de Lepper, George Pollock, George Royle, Bob Thomson, Keith Hollyer, Can. Forces Electronics Warfare Centre (4)
- Program participants: Denis Pelletier, John Weiss, Brenda Grant, Gerry Dore, Lorraine Lapensée, Bill Mercer, Bruce Judge, Bill Prentice
- Reception: Ladies' Auxiliary-Debby Holden (Lead) - Hilary Dion Philebrown, Carole McCaskill, Joy Taylor, PJ Rose, Norma McCartney, Sylvia Monette, Susan Cooper, Joan Hemlin, Patricia Taylor, Suzanne St. John, Johanna Walters; Friends - Rachel Apps, Mary Thomas
- Reception greeters: Sylvia Monette and Patricia Taylor
- Hall set up and decorating: Gaëtan Chartier, Debby Holden, Lorraine Lapensée, Bob Thomson, John Thomson
- Bar Service: Mary-Jo Gauthier (Lead), Jane Cane, Edith Guimont, Yves Grimard, John Hawkins
- Photographer: Dennis Mah

What an amazing team!

Lest we forget.

Lorraine Lapensée, Chair
2022 Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony
and Parade Committee



l-r Joseph de Lepper, Wreath layer; George Pollock, Sue McLean, Anne Harbord



CWO Bob McCann, LGen Jennie Carignan (Reviewing Officer), 872 Kiwanis Air Cadet Corporal



Lorraine Lapensée, Ladies' Auxiliary President ; Air Cadet



CWO (Ret'd) Jim Hemlin, Private Simon



2022 Poppy Campaign

This year's Poppy Campaign has been an interesting one. Again we have been unable to put volunteers behind tables in stores within our Poppy Territory. Instead, we put in an increased effort to distribute Poppy Boxes and used Pay Tribute machines in more locations. To date that has proved successful.

The counting of donations is now underway, and I will be able to report the total value of donations received in the January issue of CONTACT.

I would like to congratulate all our Branch volunteers for their valiant effort throughout the Campaign.

Legion Seniors

The Wed Coffee Club is still going strong. To date, since the program started in March 2022, 434 people have attended our program.

The Legion Seniors Committee is working on developing new and innovative activities and programs for 2023.

John Kern
Poppy Chair and Legion Seniors Chair

Service Officer Report

So far, things have been pretty quiet. I received only a couple of requests for help, unrelated to pensions. Not exactly what is in my job description, but if I'm able to help, I will. Don't hesitate to contact me.

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Volunteer Coordinator

Thanks to all for the timely response to the Remembrance Dinner call!

I am currently working on updating lists and referring them to the appropriate chairpersons. This is based on what you filled out on your membership application/renewal. If there is anything else that you are interested in, please contact me.

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Remembering our Veterans

The following photos were submitted by comrade Moira Green. Lest We Forget.

Veterans and some of us at Fairfield Manor after our Remembrance service, Nov. 7/22. Great to see long time member Terry Jenkins.



Remembrance service at the Red Oak Veterans Centre, Nov. 8/22.



Veterans at our Remembrance service at The Courtyards, Nov. 9/22.



Remembering our veterans at The Bradley, Nov. 10/22.



Colour Party, Nov. 11/22.



Sergeant at Arms Report

The Colour Party had a greatly reduced remembrance week schedule this year. Some of us went to the West Carleton's service on 5 Nov. We once again provided a Flag Party for the CTC hockey game opener, 8 Nov, see photo below. We are only allowed 4 people on the ice plus the anthem singer, I am not singing. The Senators lost the game.



Bob Thomson
Tom Flood
Brenda Grant
Sue McLean

Our own remembrance service on the 11th went well. Thanks to those that stepped up to give us a good turn out for our Colour Party, Art Cornelisse, Sheila Horton, Terry Jacobs, Tom Flood, George Medynski, Dennis Hearn, Sue McLean and Jim Wilson from RCL616.

John Robert (No P) Thomson CD (Bob)
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Cenotaph Memorial Stones

To date 77 veterans have been remembered on the stones in front of our cenotaph. Please consider engraving a stone for a family veteran or friend.

Contact me next April to fill out an application. Thank you to all who have remembered. Lest We Forget 🌸

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Remembrance Dinner



On the occasion of the Branch's Remembrance Dinner held on November 19, our honoured guest speaker Brigadier-General (Retired) Linda Colwell and our Branch's oldest veteran, Don Raven, cut the dessert cake that was inscribed

with "Lest We Forget." The cake was donated by Sobeys at the corner of Terry Fox Dr. and Hazeldean Rd. in Kanata.

Finally, a big thank you to all those who attended and made this event a great success.



The Branch held its Remembrance Dinner on Nov 19. We had over 40 veterans, their families, and friends attend the event. Our guest speaker was Brigadier-General (retired) Linda Colwell who spoke about the Canadian Armed Forces and how they have played an important role in Canadian society.

Our delicious meal was prepared by Chef Kevin and was enjoyed by all.

Our Head Table included Mary-Jo Gauthier who acted as the MC, our guest speaker Brigadier-General (retired) Linda Colwell, Bruce Judge (our Immediate Past President), Margaret Judge, and Bill Prentice (Padre). Our bagpiper was Brenda Grant and our piano player for O Canada was Moira Green.



John Kern
3rd Vice President

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 Funds	Rent & Building Reserve Fund
October	\$ 549.60	\$ 561.05

Bingo Returns

Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Donatable Funds	Rent & Building Reserve Fund
Oct	\$1,911.00	\$ 513.81	\$ 963.69

Total Donations for October 2022: \$1,063.41
Rent, Operations, Maintenance, Bldg. Reserve: \$1,524.74

October Progressive Jackpot Report (4 Draws)

Monthly Revenue \$ 200.00
Branch Share \$ 100.00



A special thanks to the busy and professional volunteers from both the Branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary who worked very hard to make the meal a success.



OUR LAST FOR THE YEAR

“Soup & Hot Beef Lunch”

Next Lunch is Nov. 28,
· maximum 40 people,
· cost - \$10
If interested, please contact
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or
Brenda Grant - 613.863.4051
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The Gaming Committee

Roast Beef on a Bun

The second roast beef on a bun was conducted at lunch on, October 31. November 28 is the next and final event to be organized by the current team. Anyone care to take over? Brenda and Clay will be consultants if there are any takers.

Additionally, the Progressive jackpot game will also wrap up, and conduct its final must go jackpot on Sun., December 18. Should anyone be willing to take over this lottery, which raises close to \$2500 annually for our Lottery Trust Fund, **please see Clay before December 1 for license application submission to City Hall.**

Report on Beef on a bun luncheon as of October 31:

Revenue:

28 Paid entries at \$10.00	\$280.00
Pig race wagers	\$ 95.00
Total Revenue	\$375.00

Expenses:

Roast Beef	\$150.00
Buns	\$ 10.00
28 Entry CTA Tickets	\$140.00
15 Pig Race CTA Tickets	\$ 75.00
Total Expenses	\$375.00

43 Catch the Ace added to weekly draw
Deposit to Lottery Trust Account: \$215.00

Ticket Winners: Joy Taylor (1), Bill Wagstaff (1), Nila Bronkhorst (2), Joseph de Lepper (4), June Dore (2), John Beard (3)

Clay Wheaton
1st Vice

LTF Donations

The Lottery Trust Fund donated \$400 to each of the following Registered Charitable Organizations in November:

- Hospice Ottawa, Ruddy-Shenkman Hospice
- Shepherds of Good Hope Living Kanata
- The Ottawa Mission Foundation
- Cornerstone Housing for Women
This organization provides accommodation and assistance at several locations across Ottawa for battered and abused women.

As there will be no CONTACT! in December, I would like to thank Lorraine E. for providing all our members with an excellent newsletter. I also thank the committee members of the LTF: Nila Bronkhorst, Joan Hemlin, Helen McKiernan and George Royle for all their efforts and support - together we make a great team! Lastly, I wish all members of RCL Branch 638 a Merry and Safe Christmas and peace and happiness in 2023.

Margaret Judge
LTF Chair

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **327**



Early Bird Campaign

- I am happy to report that membership renewal is going very well. Out of our 327 members 250 have renewed, which is 77% with one week to go. There are a number of members that have renewed automatically and will be processed at the end of the month. I am confident that we will again be above 90% renewal once the dust settles.
- 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.



Welcome Members to the Branch

- **Bernard Patterson:** Transfer in Ordinary – transferred from Truro, NS
- **Walter Arksey:** New Associate – Joined online
- **Dennis G. Seebach:** New Associate - Joined in Person
- **Mark A. Smith:** Reinstating Associate – Son of Liz Smith
- **Monica Blaney:** Transfer in Ordinary - Member at Large
- **Steve Sibbert:** New Associate – Joined online
- **Richard McDonald:** New Associate – Joined online

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's annual review was conducted by L.A. Zone G6 Commander, Elaine Madore, and L.A. Deputy Zone G6 Commander, Debby Holden, at the Ladies' Auxiliary's general meeting on November 2, 2022, and received a good report.

After the general meeting, the Ladies' Auxiliary congratulated comrades George and Betty Ann Pollock, L.A. Immediate Past President, on celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. So many years of dedication to the Branch & L.A. Devotion to one another too!



George and Betty Ann Pollock, 65th Anniversary!

Our poppy campaign participation was modified from staffing a poppy table at the Superstore to overseeing poppy boxes at Superstore and several nearby businesses.

It was the Ladies' Auxiliary's privilege and honour to provide lunch at the 2022 Remembrance Day reception, including three different soups and a variety of sandwiches and desserts for an estimated 200 people.



By popular demand, the Ladies' Auxiliary held a second annual apple pie fundraiser on Monday, November 14th for a total of over 100 pies with a team of 17 volunteers from the branch, L.A., and friends! Thank you to those who supported this year's apple pie fundraiser by ordering a pie or two or more. Special thanks to the volunteers and to Debby Holden for organizing this fundraiser!

On Saturday, November 26th, the Ladies' Auxiliary is trying something new in place of a annual Christmas bazaar and in consideration of the volunteers available by hosting a Holiday Vendor Extravaganza Sale! There will be 30 different vendors and the L.A. will have a baked goods table and crafts table. Everyone is invited to come out to support the Ladies' Auxiliary by dropping by to shop, but not "until you drop" hopefully! A variety of items to check out for gift ideas, useful products and more!

Donations of baked goods, jellies, jams, preserves and/or crafts are much needed and would be very much appreciated. Please contact Sylvia Monette to let her know what you will be donating at s_monette@hotmail.com. Items can be dropped off at the Kanata legion on Friday, Nov. 25th any time between 3pm - 7pm, or before 9am on Saturday, Nov. 26th. We ask that you price your items, please.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is bringing back the annual Christmas Festive Luncheon (formerly known as the Seniors Festive Dinner luncheon) on December 6th. For only \$15, guests will be served a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings and be entertained with a Christmas concert performed by the PB 'n' J Quartet of the Canadian Showtime Chorus, a slight change from original promotion as an Octet due to circumstances beyond their control! The L.A. is very appreciative of the Canadian Showtime Chorus arranging for a quartet to perform and we can all look forward to an excellent performance. Good news! This event is sold out! A very special thank you to all those who reserved a seat!

Lorraine Lapensée
President

Robert Burns Night - 21 January 2023



Save the date.

The Legion will be hosting a Robert Burns Night, to include a fine meal, music and more. An email will be sent out to all branch members once details have been confirmed.

We hope to see you there.

Open Mike/Jam Session

On the 1st and 3rd Saturday each month, we host an open mike/jam session at the Kanata Legion Branch 638 at 70 Hines Road, from 1:00 -4:00 p.m. Bring an instrument or just come and listen. All are welcome.



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