



CONTACT!

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President's Levee 1 January 2023



For
President's
report, see
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Additional photos, courtesy of comrade Margaret Judge:
<https://kanatalegion.ca/new-years-day-levee/>

Seniors Committee

Right now, I'm trying to get a handle on things, having taken over from John Kern.

The Coffee Club continues to do well. We have attracted new members, some of whom are now active volunteers.


Jim and I have yet to figure out who will be in charge of the Line Dancing and Yoga that are in the process of being finalized. They may fall under Seniors' or Sports, but the original ideas were hatched under the auspices of the Seniors' Committee. Stay tuned for further developments!

Sue McLean
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WANTED
Used Books
in Good Condition

As one of our fund raisers, we need to increase our stock of used books.
We will take most books in good condition.

Please drop off at the Legion or call
Margaret Judge at 613-599-3553

Service Officer Report

Three new clients this month. SM

Volunteer Coordinator

No new events requiring volunteers.

Sue McLean

Gaming Report December End

Catch the Ace (5 Draws)



Total proceeds from draws	\$ 3,520.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 299.20
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 563.20
Donatable Funds	\$ 844.80

Bingo Report (3 Bingos)

Total Deposit to Bingo Trust	\$ 1,487.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 503.70
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 263.72
Donatable Funds	\$ 395.58

Total Donations (to Lottery Trust)	\$ 1,240.38
Total Rent & Building Reserve	\$ 1,629.82

Progressive Jackpot Report

Closed out Dec. 18, 2022.

Over the course of the Progressive Jackpot a total of \$2,161 was paid out to winners and \$2,161 went to the Branch Lottery Fund.

The final winner was Wayne Primeau, winning \$430.

The Gaming Committee



LTF Donations

The Lottery Trust Fund Committee donated \$475 to each of the following in January:

- Canadian Adaptive Ski Program - This program is specifically provided for disabled veterans.
- Centre 454 - Centre 454 provides counselling to individuals in crisis. It is a community ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.
- Friends of the War Museum - The Lottery Trust Fund donation helps offset the free entrance cost for Veterans to the War Museum.

Margaret Judge
LTF Chair

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **284**



Early Bird Campaign

Renewals this year were approximately 85%. There were a number of individuals not renewing for various reasons as well as a number of individuals who need reminders.

Welcome Members to the Branch

- **Stephen Kinnear:** Welcome Veteran – transferring from Dominion Command
- **Sarah M.E Smith:** New Associate- Granddaughter of Elizabeth (Liz) Smith
- **Cheryl Ann Teeter:** New Associate- parents or in the military
- **Herbert (Bert) Bussey:** New Associate- joined at coffee club.
- **Roger Proulx:** New Voting Affiliate – dropping into Legion as a guest.
- **Russ Morgan:** Welcome Veteran Family Member – stepson of Bruce Judge
- **Cliff Hubble:** Transfer in Associate - 36 years a Legion member and held many Executive positions in the past. Transferring from Hastings, ON
- **Harvey Baker:** New Associate - spoke to him on the phone and then he joined online.

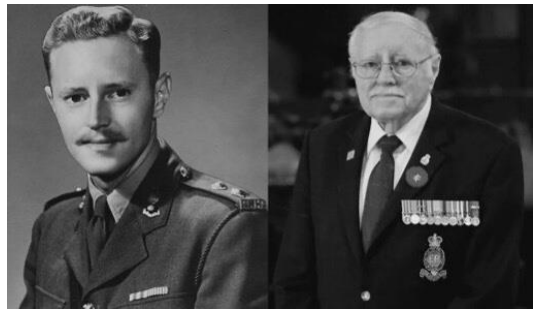
Make the most of your Legion Membership

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>

Last Post



Donovan J (Reg) REDKNAP CD

Major (Ret' d) RCHA

Korean War Veteran

Passed away November 22nd, 2022.

Reg had 26 years as a member of Kanata Legion. He was often found counting the cash during the Poppy Campaign and was a regular at our fish & chips. He will be missed.



Cecil Howard MASSICOTTE

July 5, 1925 - November 27, 2022

Cecil transferred from Almonte Legion and had 9 years of Service with the Legion. Cecil joined the RCAF, and after the war ended, he started his career with the CP Rail and retired as Superintendent of Transportation in Montreal.



Frederick A. NACHBAUR

Ottawa, Ontario

March 22, 1926 - January 2, 2023

Fred joined our Legion in 2015 having 8 years of service. He and his wife Marion would often be found at the Friday Fish & Chips sitting at the round table "the Dutch Table." A jovial and friendly soul who always had good stories to tell.

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair

Youth Education Report

At the time of newsletter submission, the Awards Ceremony has not happened. A full report will be in the next issue of the Contact. The Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd at 4:30 pm. It is a great way for our branch members to see how we affect the younger people of our community. Everyone is welcome to attend. That being said the COVID restrictions may alter the way in which we conduct the ceremony.

Below is a list of the Zone results. The first-place winners have moved on to the District Competition.

Brenda Grant

Nominations are welcome via email or snail mail plus there will be a box in the lounge into which you may drop your nominations. Nominations are **due by March 15, 2023**.

The Honours and Awards presentations and dinner this year is scheduled for Sunday, May 27th, at 5:00 pm in the Legion Hall. We thank you in advance for participating and look forward to receiving your nominations for consideration.

Bruce Judge, Chair
Honours and Awards Committee

Kanata Legion Bursary Assistance Program 2023 June 1st Deadline



Do you have a child, grandchild or even a great-grandchild who will be attending post-secondary education? If so, he or she may qualify for a bursary from the Kanata Legion under the following eligibility criteria:

- Any person who is serving or who has honorably served in the Canadian Forces;
- Merchant Navy personnel who are eligible for and who have been awarded campaign stars or decorations, and their dependents who need assistance;
- Ex-service personnel of commonwealth countries, other than Canada and of allied countries, resident in Canada;
- 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.



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.

Category	Place	Name	School
<u>Zone: ESSAYS</u>			
Intermediate (7,8,9)	3 rd	Miya Sora Suzuki	Jack Donohue
<u>Zone: POEMS</u>			
Junior (4,5,6)	2 nd	Tessa Rea	École Roger-Saint-Denis
<u>Zone: COLOUR POSTER</u>			
Primary (1,2,3)	3 rd	Ainsley Griffin	Castlefrank E.S.
Junior (4,5,6)	1 st	Zichun Lin	Stephen Leacock P.S.
Intermediate (7,8,9)	1 st	Changqi Zheng	Merivale H.S.
Senior (10, 11, 12)	1 st	Emily Wu	Earl Of March S.S.
<u>Zone: BLACK & WHITE POSTER</u>			
Primary (1,2,3)	1 st	Amy Yang	Kanata Highlands P.S.
Junior (4,5,6)	3 rd	Alexander Gan	Kanata Highlands P.S.
Intermediate (7,8,9)	1 st	Alina Wen	Earl Of March S.S.
Senior (10, 11, 12)	1 st	Isabella Zheng	Earl Of March S.S.

Honours and Awards

This term the Honours and Awards (H&A) Committee invites you to nominate those members, whom you feel, deserve recognition for their contribution to our Kanata Legion Branch 638 (even with the off and on closures) over the past term 01 June 2022 to 31 May 2023. (Nomination forms and Awards Descriptions and Criteria are attached.)

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LEGION NO LATER THAN JUNE 1st, 2023, FOR THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR, SEPTEMBER TO AUGUST.

Mailing Address:

The Royal Canadian Legion
Kanata Branch 638
Bursary Committee
70 Hines Road, Kanata, Ontario
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Phone: (613) 591-5570

For an application please download directly from <https://kanatalegion.ca/bursary-program/>

Chris Braeuel
Bursary Committee Chair
613-402-4244



Ladies' Auxiliary

Happy New Year, everyone! Hope everyone had a good holiday season!

Since the November CONTACT Newsletter Ladies' Auxiliary report, the Ladies' Auxiliary held two very successful fundraisers. One was a Holiday Vendor Extravaganza Sale on Saturday, November 26th featuring 30 vendors, a L.A. baked goods table and a L.A. crafts table.



One of many vendors



Johanna Walters,
L.A. Craft table

The other was a Christmas Festive Dinner held on Dec. 6 serving over 130 delicious turkey dinners with all the trimmings and great entertainment by the Canadian Showtime Chorus, PB'n'J Quartet enhancing the Holiday spirit with their harmonizing songs.



Christmas Festive Dinner luncheon - Full House!



PB'n'J Quartet

Special thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication towards making these two events very successful. Special thanks to all those who came out to support the Ladies' Auxiliary's fundraisers.

Unfortunately, due to freezing rain in the forecast, the Ladies' Auxiliary's Jan. 4th general meeting had to be cancelled. Fortunately, the L.A. Fundraising Entertainment Committee met via Zoom on Jan. 2nd and have planned three events in the next six months as follows:

Family Fun Day on Monday, February 20, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! There will be games, bingo, colouring, tattoos, mini manicures and much more.

Family Fun Day at the Legion
Hosted by The Ladies' Auxiliary Br. 638
February 20, 2023 - 11:00am - 3:00pm
\$5.00 per person, includes lunch & activities!
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Family Bingo
12:45-1:30

PRIZES!

SCRATCH ART

Hotdogs, Fries, Dessert

FUN & GAMES

Kanata Legion
70 Hines Road

*no monetary prizes to be awarded - gifts only

- Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday, May 13.
- Trinkets and Treasures Sale on Saturday, June 24.

As per the bylaw that two Joint Executive Committee meetings are to be held in a legion/L.A. year, a Joint Executive Committee meeting was held on Nov. 16th, 2022. The next Joint Executive Committee meeting to be held in March 2023.

I am pleased to inform you that three Ladies' Auxiliary members (two of which are also legion members) attended a Dec. 10th Food Handlers Course and all three qualified. Thank you to comrade John Beard, Leadership and Training Development, for making available course details and processing.

We expect to be initiating five new members at the L.A. February general meeting! Membership renewals will be finalized by the end of January, and hopefully there will be a good renewal percentage. New members are welcome anytime. For further information, please contact Sylvia Monette, Recruitment, at 613-986-3520 or s.monette@hotmail.com

Lorraine Lapensée
L.A. President

Past Events



The mayor of Chicago (Andy Shinnan) spending some time with a few of the troupe from the **Great Gatsby Murder Mystery**. It was a great show held at our legion. / Jim Hemlin



Spudnuts - Gaëtan Chartier organized a donut making day at the legion during the Christmas holidays. These donuts are called "Spudnuts" because they have mashed potatoes in the recipe, famous from Lethbridge, AB. Thank you to those members who participated by bringing in the recipes and ingredients. Everyone who had an opportunity to taste them agreed that they were excellent! We will be making another batch for the Family Fun Day at the Legion on 20 February. Hope you can attend! Debby Holden

Ongoing Events

The **Legion Euchre Club** continues to provide a fun night of cards for our members and the community! All skill levels are welcome from the beginners to the pros. We meet every **Tuesday** night at 7 PM in the lounge. In December one team represented Branch 638 at the G6 Zone Euchre tournament in Lanark, placing third. They are advancing to the district tournament being held in Petawawa on 11 February. We wish them luck!

Darts - every **Thursday** evening 7 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Music is going very well. The fiddlers enjoy playing on the 1st and 3rd **Thursday** from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. If you like old time fiddle music, come join us!

Open Mic is held in the lounge the 1st and 3rd **Saturday** each month 1-4 pm. If you like to sing or play or just listen, come and join us. We had over 20 entertainers on the 7th January. Everyone had a great time.

Hopefully soon we will be able to offer **line dancing and yoga**. If anyone is interested in either of these activities, please email me Jim Hemlin jim_joan_hemlin@yahoo.com or Ken Fleming kfleming44@hotmail.com

Jim Hemlin
Sports Officer

Fundraising and Activities Committee

CONTACT! Future Submission Deadlines

We will be having a **Valentine's Dinner and Dance** on **February 18th**. Menu items will be salad, roast chicken, fries and dessert. Poster and tickets will be available soon.

St. Patty's Day Dinner on **March 17th**. Poster will be coming soon.

Sheila Horton, Chair
Fundraising & Activities

6pm Wednesday 22 February
Noon Sunday 19 March
Noon Sunday 16 April
Noon Sunday 21 May
Noon Sunday 25 June

Lorraine Elmas
Editor

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**HONOURS and AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM
RCL, Kanata Branch 638**

NOMINATION of : _____

For: _____ **(Type of Award)**

Reasons and details to substantiate the nomination:

Nomination made by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

**Please forward this completed form to the
Chair, Honours & Awards Committee
rclbr638@gmail.com**



For Committee Use

Date Received: _____

Action: _____

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Kanata Branch 638
Awards Description and Criteria – 2022/23**

Certificate of Appreciation – Awarded to Legion members for outstanding services provided to the Legion and to outside Legion supporters who provide branch support in various areas. Could be possible every 2 years.

Certificate of Merit – Awarded to Legion members who, having received 1 Certificate of Appreciation, provide service above and beyond what is expected; demonstrate leadership in their volunteer position; and, for service, although short in duration, has a high order that deserves recognition.

Branch Service Medal – Presented to those with at least 5 years of service and 3 significant volunteer tasks demonstrating a significant level of service to the Branch which can be outside of or prior to any Executive position.

Legionnaire of the Year Award – Presented to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the branch in that Legion year.

Life Membership - Awarded to any Ordinary, Associate or Affiliate Voting member for significant, outstanding and with 10 years continuous service and approved by Provincial Command. When granted, the Branch is recognizing a member's outstanding service and devotion to the Purposes and Objectives of the Legion.

Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) – Approved, only once, by the Dominion Command Ritual and Awards Committee considering the nominee's outstanding continuous service of at least 15 years of service. The nominee must be active in Legion events, must act as a mentor for new members and must hold or have held an executive position.

Palm Leaf – Approved, only once, by the Dominion Command Ritual and Awards Committee, for a member who has previously been awarded the MSM and who has performed further outstanding services to the Legion.

President's Report

It is satisfying to be able to look into the near future with some degree of optimism. As I have reported in previous submissions to the Branch, my time away from the desk was extended by a holiday cruise which turned into a very extended time off because of a bout of Covid and the mandatory isolation. I must thank my stand-in, 1st VP Clay Wheaton, who valiantly took on all of the duties of the President with patience and understanding for a much longer period than he should have been expected to be Acting President. When I tested negative for Covid, I continued to have a nasty cough and hack which my doctor said was "going around" and he couldn't do very much about. Not wishing to pass the respiratory virus problem on to anyone at the Branch, I had to stay close to home and bed. With only very mild symptoms now, I can at least feel somewhat safer in a crowd and am back on full time duty.

With the reduction of Covid restrictions, and the generally milder weather, activity in the Branch and the L.A. have been very encouraging, with regular functions like fish and chips, coffee club, darts, quilting, etc., resuming. The Poppy Campaign appears to have been reasonably successful although the final tally is still to be ascertained. The Bingo ladies, I understand, are ecstatic that we are at full steam ahead again. Happily the hall is well used by rental clients and the kitchen is bustling.

The recent Youth Education competition was once again a roaring success with the hall jammed with contestants, parents and other visitors. Thank you, Brenda Grant, for your boundless energy in doing all of the ground and follow-up work to make it all happen, producing so many happy smiling faces on contestants, parents and observers.

Robbie Burns would have been proud of the organizers of the annual celebration of his Haggis Day. The Pipes and Drums went all out to make it a very enjoyable function, with a lot of our kilt-clad men showing off their favourite plaids and knobbly knees. We are grateful to Gaëtan Chartier and his kitchen gang for the wonderful menu of Scottish dishes.

If you haven't tried it yet, come out on Wednesdays for the coffee club.

Jim Hemlin and a merry group of fiddlers normally gather on the 1st and 3rd **Thursdays** from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. If you like old time fiddle music, come join them on Thursdays. All are welcome.

One of the amazingly positive aspects of this function is that non member visitors are so impressed by the activity that there have been a surprising number of new memberships resulting from their visits. Who knew?

Things are slowly on the mend after the height of Covid and we can all be thankful for the reprieve. Get out to the Branch when you can and bring friends to enjoy the comradeship.

Bill Molnar