



CONTACT!

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Newly Elected Executive Committee Members



Photo credit: Margaret Judge

Back l to r: Gaëtan Chartier, Bob Thomson, Nila Bronkhorst, George Royle, Sheila Horton, Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Dr. William (Bill) Prentice, Lorraine Lapensée, Debby Holden
Front l to r: Dennis Hearn, Mary Jo Gauthier, Jim Hemlin, Bill Molnar, Denis Pelletier
Missing: John Beard, Ken Fleming

Veterans' Service

New clients: none this month!

Veterans' Luncheon, Tuesday, May 9.

Please contact me directly by phone or email to get your name on the list. Let us know whether you are coming alone or accompanied: you are allowed to bring 1 family member or caregiver. Extra tickets may be purchased. See page 6 for further details.

Veterans' Comforts

It took an extra long time to get all the results of the Poppy Campaign tabulated this year. We now have a budget and

will be purchasing our gifts shortly. Delivery will begin later in May. You will be contacted before any of the merry men and women on the team visit. No surprises!

Cooking Class

Some of you know that I "hang out" at another veterans' help organization. It helps vets young and old get information on medical cannabis. For me it has been a real eye opener, as well as a learning experience. There I learned firsthand about PTSD, and the needs of those suffering from it. One need was to learn how to cook simple, nutritious meals.

Along with Chef Kevin McCarthy, the two of us put together a three-part pilot programme. Thank you to the Branch Executive for funding this!

Unfortunately, we only had one "student." Fortunately, he loved it! Hopefully, my successor will continue to explore this avenue.

Problems Encountered

- Contacting people: I emailed seven branches in close driving distance to our own. Branch email addresses were taken from the Ontario Command website. Five bounced, the other two failed to reply.
- Our lone student came from CannaConnect, another organization helping vets.
- The weather: I booked three consecutive dates. Then the ice storm hit, and we lost one class. No rental space is available until the end of May, therefore only two classes were held.

Lessons Learned

- Command website is not up to date. They can't carry the blame if individual branches fail to update them. Which begs the question: What happens to veterans using the website who are looking for help?
- Contact more veterans' groups such as Military Families, Wounded Warriors, etc.
- Better advance planning is required.

Goodbye

Due to health related issues, I find it necessary to give up the position of Service Officer. It is with great regret that I do so. I have considered it an honour, as well as a pleasure to have served you in this position.

Sue McLean
SO, Kanata 638
613-291-1038
smclean@deadsquid.com

Remembrance

Cenotaph Memorial Stones

After a lengthy stay in hospital I am now home with support help. I will continue as Cenotaph Memorial Stone Chair for the time being and if, for health reasons, I am unable to do so, I will pass it on.

The importance of remembering our veterans can never be forgotten. If you have not yet honoured a family veteran, friend or neighbour, please consider purchasing a stone.

Lest We Forget
Moir Green 🌸
613-592-3376
mgreen@live.com



Seniors Committee

The Seniors Committee continues to host the complimentary Wednesday morning coffee time from 9 until 11:30 am in the lounge. We will be having a **presentation on May 10** at 10 am provided by representatives from the Ottawa Police Service concerning **fraud**. All are welcome, hope to see you there!

Joan Hemlin
Chair
Seniors Committee
joan.hemlin@gmail.com



Gaming Report - March

Bingo Report (4 Bingos)

Total Deposit to Bingo Trust	\$ 2,522.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 677.85
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 561.26
Donatable Funds	\$ 841.89

Catch the Ace (5 Draws)

Total proceeds from draws	\$ 4,390.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 373.15
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 702.40
Donatable Funds	\$ 1,053.60

Total Donations (to Lottery Trust)	\$ 1,895.49
Total Rent & Building Reserve	\$ 2,314.66



Daniel Chartier
Round 14 - Draw #39
07 April 2023
\$8,375



Marie & Daryl Bean
Round 15 - Draw #1
21 April 2023
\$290



The Gaming Committee

Donations

The Lottery Trust Fund donated \$500 to each of the following in April:

- Operation Leave the Streets Behind
- Operation Service Dog
- Restoring Hope Ministries

Margaret Judge , Chair
Lottery Trust Fund

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **308**

Welcome Members to the Branch

- **ROXANNE MCLAREN** – ORDINARY TRANSFER IN – joined thru the Welcome Veteran program and wish to transfer to Kanata Legion
- **LOUIS ARSENEAULT** – ORDINARY TRANSFER IN – joined thru the Welcome Veteran program and wish to transfer to Kanata Legion
- **BRENDAN DOYLE** – NEW ORDINARY – joined ONLINE
- **RICHARD LADOUCEUR** – NEW ORDINARY – joined ONLINE
- **LINDA SHINNAN** – NEW ASSOCIATE – spouse of our Hall Rental Officer
- **CLAUDE BOUCHARD** – NEW AFFILIATE VOTING – attended coffee Club and Fish & Chips

Make the most of your Legion Membership

As a Legion Member, you can 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>

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair



Found on Facebook – Lorraine E.

Youth Education

Emily's colour poster has gone on to the National Level for judging, but no results so far.



Emily Wu

Brenda Grant

Kanata Legion Bursary Assistance Program 2023 June 1st Deadline

OPEN TO STUDENTS OF:

- Ex-Service personnel or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy) and their children & grandchildren
- Commonwealth war veterans & their children & grandchildren
- Ordinary & Life Members of The Royal Canadian Legion - children & grandchildren
- Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children only
- L.A. members and their children & grandchildren

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.

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
K2K 2M5

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

Congratulations to the newly elected Branch Executive! The Ladies' Auxiliary looks forward to working with the new Branch Executive in the new legion year commencing June 1st.

It has not been business as usual in the past four weeks for the Ladies' Auxiliary. The most recent example was having to reschedule the April 5th general meeting due to an ice storm. A week before, the March 29th Joint Executive Committee meeting had to be cancelled due to unsafe inclement weather. Most significantly there was the need to modify how we fulfill our catering services due to our catering lead not being able to continue to do some of the tasks she used to do because of a serious injury. The ladies stepped up to the plate with one member in particular assisting with these tasks and with support of others, three catering commitments were met. As well, the type of catering jobs the L.A. can commit to had to be reassessed.

Upcoming Activities and Events

Our Ladies' Auxiliary will be well represented at the annual L.A. Zone G6 convention being hosted by the Perth Ladies' Auxiliary on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

L.A. Executive elections will take place at our May 3rd general meeting.

The Ladies' Auxiliary would love to have you join us at our **Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show** on **May 13th** at the Kanata Legion from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Come to the event and enjoy some treats, tea and a fashion show! Bar will be open for you to purchase a beverage of

choice. We will also have vendors, door prizes and will be selling tickets on a gift basket. We hope to see you there!

Should you wish to volunteer, we would appreciate help during the event or by baking squares or cookies. Contact Sylvia to reserve your seat, volunteer or/and confirm your baking at s_monette@hotmail.com or call 613-986-3520.



MOTHER'S DAY TEA AND FASHION SHOW

MAY 13, 2023 2PM
TICKETS: \$10 INCLUDES TEA AND DESSERTS

CASH BAR & IN-PERSON SHOPPING WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS

KANATA LEGION
70 HINES ROAD, KANATA K2K 2M5

RSVP: LAKANATAEVENTS@GMAIL.COM OR 613-986-3520

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@VALLEYGIRLSPLUS ON FACEBOOK

PRESENTED BY THE LADIES' AUXILIARY BRANCH 638 AND VALLEY GIRLS+ - SPECIALIZING IN SIZES SMALL TO 5X

A **Trinkets and Treasures Sale** is planned for Saturday, **June 24th**. Please save this date and make it a date with friends and family. More information coming soon!

On behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the branch Lounge Committee for designating a display area for the Ladies' Auxiliary's plaques, etc. as a part of the lounge upgrade project. This gesture of appreciation of the Ladies' Auxiliary is very much appreciated.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be supporting the branch's May 9th Veterans luncheon with the provision of decorations and covering the cost of drinks.

At the April general meeting, the Ladies' Auxiliary's requests for Branch approval to donate \$1,000 to Operation Service Dog program c/o Ontario Command and to purchase a laptop were carried.

Lorraine Lapensée
President

Past Events

Kanata Legion Euchre Tournament 25 March 2023



Another successful and fun euchre tournament was hosted at the Kanata Legion! Lunch was served, lots of door prizes, plus cash prizes for first, second and third teams. A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who made the lunch and worked the event! Without you and all your energy, this event would not be possible!

Sports Officer, Jim Hemlin, presenting Marjorie and Tony Bifolchi the first place winners award.

Debby Holden
613-271-2993

District G Convention

Members of our Branch 638 attending the District G Convention in Pembroke Ontario 15 - 16 April 2023.



From the left to right:
Mary Jo Gauthier - 2nd Vice President
Terry Jacobs - District Executive
Bruce Judge - Immediate Past President
Margaret Judge - Lottery Trust Chair
Anne Molnar - First Lady
Bill Molnar - President
Joan Hemlin - Seniors Chair
Jim Hemlin - 3rd Vice President
Patricia Royle - Ontario Command Service Officer

Bruce Judge

Branch Election 2023-2024

Photos and captions by comrade Margaret Judge



Jim Hemlin being inaugurated as President
by Rob Madore, G6 Zone Commander



Bill Molnar, Immediate Past President



Mary Jo Gauthier, 1st Vice President; Denis Pelletier, 2nd Vice President; Dennis Hearn, 3rd Vice President



Don Raven being presented with a quilt from the Kanata Kozy Quilters by Heather Krajaefski

Ongoing Events

Adult Line Dance Lessons - Mondays 3:30-4:30 pm. A great way of getting exercise both physical and mental. The classes start at the beginner level and advance as we go.



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.

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

Open Mic Music 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.

Jim Hemlin
Sports Officer

Upcoming Events

Kanata Legion Invites CAF veterans to a luncheon

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. / Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.

MENU

Beet & Avocado Salad
Breast of Chicken with sautéed peppers
"Mexican" rice
Tea & Coffee
Churros

Please RSVP by Monday, May 1, 2023

To: Sue McLean

smclean@deadsquid.com or 613-291-1038

Fish & Chips Dinner and Dance



Friday 26 May, 2023

5:00 pm: Bar Open

5:30 pm: Dinner



Fish & Chips

1 pc - \$12

2 pc - \$16

3 pc - \$20

6:30 pm: Musical

Entertainment by our own Jim Guillemette

Tickets Available at the Bar

Limited to the first 96 people who prepay

Tickets will be on sale at the bar for cash, cheque or credit/debit.
Alternate: buyers may e-transfer to clayvheaton@rogers.com



CONTACT! Submission Deadlines

Due Sunday Noon

21 May

25 June

24 September

22 October

19 November

July, August and December, no newsletter 😊

Lorraine Elmas

Editor

The names, positions and contact information of Kanata Branch 638's new executive members and the Ladies' Auxiliary's new executive members will be published in the May or June issue of CONTACT!

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