



CONTACT!

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President's Report

I get excited when I enter our Legion and it's just a beehive of activity. It seems like there is always something going on. If it's not a kitchen crew preparing food for a branch, L.A. or catering event, there is usually a committee making plans for an upcoming activity.

Speaking of events, our poppy chair is busy organizing his committee and volunteers, getting ready for our poppy drive this year. No small task, I must say.

Our annual financial review has been completed for this year. Thanks to all who did the prep work on getting ready for that to happen. Again, a task very well done.

Don't forget our Fish and Chips every Friday. This fundraiser is going over very well, keeps drawing more and more people. I thank the community for supporting this initiative. The timing for this event is 11:30 until 1:00 p.m. Catch the Ace is also drawn at that time. [Note that Fish and Chips is cancelled November 10th.]

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade Committee is moving along. There is a tremendous number of outside agencies to contact and coordinate to conduct this very important and meaningful ceremony.

November 11th is a day we gather to remember all of those who went to defend the freedom we have today. We remember those who gave the ultimate by giving of their lives. We remember those who returned home a different person. We recognize and remember all those men and women from the Great Wars all the way to our present day conflicts, and we appreciate and thank those who are presently serving our country.

LEST WE FORGET LEST WE FORGET

Jim Hemlin

Remembrance Services

Here follows the list of services for the week of Nov 6 thru Nov 10. There are 12 scheduled.

Mon Nov 6
12 30 Bridlewood Trails R R
1 30 Fairfield Manor, Hazeldean Road
3 30 Chartwell Brookside off March Road

Tuesday Nov 7
1 30 The Courtyards Eagleson Rd
3 30 Chartwell Empress McGibbon Street

Wednesday Nov 8
12 30 The Red Oak, Campeau Drive
1 30 Forest Hill, Campeau Drive
3 30 Garden Terrace, 100 Aird Place

Thursday Nov 9
1 30 Chartwell Stonehaven Drive
3 30 Hope Living, Castlefrank Road

Friday Nov 10
1 30 Symphony Living, Weaver Crescent
3 30 The Bradley, Goulbourn Forced Road

I hope to be able to MC all of them. **Still need a piano player for hymns and anthems.** If I can play I will.

Your attendance at all, please. If you cannot make a service, please replace yourself and let me know.

Yours in continued service,

Moira 🌸 ~ 613-592-3376 ~ mmgreen@live.com



KANATA'S ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY & PARADE

Saturday, November 11, 2023 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, before the roads close at 10:30 a.m.
and the parade marches in at 10:45 a.m. approximately.

Due to the size of this year's parade, parking will not be available at the
Russian Orthodox Church of Blessed St. Xenis' parking lot.

**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 at 613-836-2530
or remembrancebr638@gmail.com by November 1st, 2023
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, 2023, 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 Joyce.br638remembrance@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!*

*Lorraine Lapensée, Chair
Remembrance Day Ceremony & Parade Committee*

Seniors Committee

Members of our Seniors Committee continue to host our weekly Coffee Time and this event is well attended.

On November 1st the guest speaker will be our own **Tom Flood**, speaking on and addressing our questions re Prearrangements Recommended for Funeral Planning.

We are hoping to have someone speak in the future on Fall Prevention, and Wills and Estates. Once again, if anyone has any ideas for future speakers, please let us know.

Joan Hemlin
Legion Seniors Chair

All Veterans

Whether you belong to the Royal Canadian Legion or not, if you have any questions concerning your eligibility for pensions that are related to your service, please contact our Branch Service Officer Ken Fleming, at 613-965-6589. We are here to help.

Ken Fleming
Branch 638 Service Officer
613-965-6589

Sergeant at Arms Report

The Colour Party has several events in the next month or so.

We will be participating in the opening ceremony at the CTC on the 24th of October. Ottawa is playing Buffalo. When our Colour Party opens a game, we get free parking and 6 tickets.

We have been invited to attend the West Carleton Legion's Remembrance service on the 4th. of Nov. (We go to theirs, and they come to ours.)

St. Anne's school on the morning of the 9th of November.

Our own service on the 11th of Nov.

The Kanata Santa parade is back on, first time since 2019. The city is going to run it this year. We have already been invited and we have accepted.

We are short of Colour Party members. We were known as having one of the best in the zone. So far, we have managed to fill our minimum obligations. It would be nice if we had a few extra people. Let me know if interested.

John Robert (No P) Thomson CD
613-831-8221
dieseljohn@rogers.com

September Gaming Report

Bingo Report (4 Bingos)

Total Deposit to Bingo Trust	\$ 2,545.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 600.30
Building Operations & Maintenance	\$ 639.88
Donatable Funds	<u>\$ 959.82</u>

Catch the Ace Report (5 Draws)

Total proceeds from draws	\$ 3180.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 270.30
Building Operations & Maintenance	\$ 508.80
Donatable Funds	<u>\$ 763.20</u>

Total Donations (to Lottery Trust)	<u>\$ 1,723.02</u>
Total Rent & Building Reserve	<u>\$ 2,019.28</u>

One of the major contributors to the success of the Catch the Ace Raffle is the 101 members of the Branch and others who prepay the weekly \$5.00 cost. More members of the prepaid club would be most welcome. We had 120 members in the past. For details how to join, contact Brenda or Clay.

Readers should also note that a new self-serve Catch the Ace sales operation has been established in our Lounge. Proceeds from Bingo and Catch the Ace enable our Trust Committee to Donate up to \$2000 monthly to numerous worthy causes.

Gaming Committee



Public Relations Committee

Remembrance

Starting the last week of October and ending on 11th November, we wear a Poppy and reflect on the vital role that the Legion plays in our community and of our nation's history. The stories, sacrifices and enduring service that defines our mission is as relevant today as when our Kanata Branch 638 was founded 34 years ago. Our mandate is "To serve Veterans, including Military and RCMP members and their Families, to promote Remembrance and serve our Communities and our Country".

Working together with the Ladies' Auxiliary, our Remembrance programs commemorate the men and women who died in the military service of Canada during war and peace. By wearing the poppy, we demonstrate our gratitude to those who gave their lives for our country's freedom.

The Legion exists so that Canada never forgets. While November is recognized as a time of Remembrance for the Legion and for many across the country, Remembrance is a year-long commitment.

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

The Kanata Legion's annual Remembrance Ceremony is held on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kanata Cenotaph in Village Green Memorial Park, 10 Colchester Square Kanata.

Bruce Judge
Branch Public Relations Officer

Membership Report

Early Bird Campaign Membership Annual Renewal Reminder

The Early Bird Campaign is an opportunity for Kanata Branch 638 members to renew their annual membership dues at a reduced rate. The Campaign runs from 01 September to 30 November annually. During the Campaign, the annual membership fee is reduced from \$60 to \$55.

Payment may be made using cash, cheque, debit, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and online.

- **Cash payment** may be dropped off at the Legion using the mail slot located near the main doors or at the office or the bar (when open).
- **Cheques** may also be dropped off at the Branch mail slot, at the office or at the Bar (when open). Please make cheques out to the RCL Kanata Branch 638 and ensure you indicate "Membership" on the cheque memo line.
- **Debit payment** may be made using one of the Branch 638 Point of Sale debit devices. Please ensure you write your name on the back of the debit slip and indicate membership.
- **Electronic Transfer Funds** payment may be made to membershipbr638@gmail.com. Please ensure you indicate the member or members renewing in the ETF Subject Line. Passwords are not required.

Online renewal may be made through **legion.ca** using the Members Section. You may have to register to make online payments. Members may also pre-pay if they so wish.

Upon receipt of annual dues payment, it will take approximately one week to process. Your renewal stickers will then be ready to be picked up at the office or the Bar (when open). Keep in mind that all office staff are volunteers and are not always in the office if you drop by.

If you are unable to pick up your card(s), kindly provide a self-addressed envelope with postage and your renewal stickers will be mailed out to you.

Digital card holders will be updated electronically by Dominion Command.

Lastly, if your personal information has changed, please forward the changed information to the Branch office so your files can be updated.

Comrade Dennis Hearn
Membership Chair

Ways and Means Committee

The fourth euchre tournament, held on October 21st at the Kanata Branch 638, was another success. Lunch was provided and there were lots of door prizes.



Wilma Boisvenue and Noreen Cluett

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Noreen Cluett, receiving \$145. Congratulations to the first-place team Wilma Boisvenue and Noreen Cluett,

- second place team Bill Watson and Carol Brown,
- third place team Ruth Love and Judy Smith.

Special thanks to everyone who prepared the food for this event, donated door prizes, and helped set up and volunteered for the day.

Upcoming events: (mark these on your calendar)

Christmas Dinner and Dance	December 9th
New Year's Eve Party	December 31st
(first time since 2019)	

For more information on events, follow us on Facebook
Kanata Legion

Sylvia Monette
Ways and Means Chair
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Ladies' Auxiliary

Congratulations were in order at the Ladies' Auxiliary's second biennial Honours and Awards Ceremony held on September 30th! It was an opportunity for the Ladies' Auxiliary to recognize members for their achievements and to thank them and non-members for their contributions to and support of the Ladies' Auxiliary in fulfilling their mission in the past two years. Three extra special significant awards presented:

Congratulations to Branch and non-member recipients of the Ladies' Auxiliary's thanks and appreciation.



50 Year Service Pin

L-R
Suzanne St. John
H & A Committee Chair

Gladys Miller
Award Recipient

Debby Holden
Deputy Zone G6 Commander



Denis Pelletier



Gaëtan Chartier



Brenda Grant



John Kern



George Medynski



Jackie Terris



Trillium Pin for Outstanding Service

Suzanne St. John
Award Recipient

Debby Holden
Deputy Zone G6 Commander



J.P. Monette



Jamie Campbell



George St. John



Julie Mullins



Service Medal for Outstanding Service

Lorraine Lapensée
President

Debby Holden
Award Recipient



Ken Fleming



Bob Thomson



George Pollock

L.A. Member 5 Year Service Pin



Joy Taylor



L-R – L.A. members – Martha Dormor, Susan Martelle, June Tyrrell, Bev Connell, Sheila Taylor, Johanna Walters

L.A. Member 20 Year Service Pin



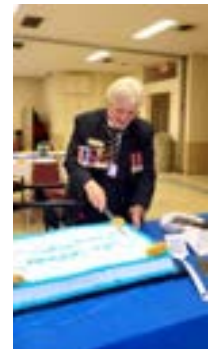
Eleanor Groot-Koerkamp



Lorraine Lapensée



Branch Servers, left side:
Pat Cher, John Cher, Bev Berry



Betty Ann Pollock
L.A. Founder

A delicious dinner was prepared and served by Branch members. A very special thank you to each Branch member who volunteered at our Awards Ceremony and dinner. We particularly appreciated being served our meal and not having to do the serving.

L.A. Member Certificate of Appreciation



Sylvia Monette



Stacy Mullins Campbell

The Ladies' Auxiliary's annual Apple Pie Sale held on October 7th was outstanding! Successful in more ways than one with a huge demand for pies, the excellent teamwork comprised of Branch members, L.A. members, friends, and family. The fun; 130 pies sold raising \$1700 before expenses and lots of content tummies! Special thanks to Branch members who helped and/or who purchased a pie or two!

L.A. Officer Medals and Bars



Rosanne Birtch-Treasurer



PJ Rose - Secretary



Jenna Sudds, Member of Parliament - Kanata-Carleton, with Lorraine Lapensée, L.A. President (photo, courtesy of Jenna Sudds)

The Ladies' Auxiliary is planning a 2nd annual Vendors Extravaganza Sale on December 2nd. Please see the poster for details.

Lorraine Lapensée
Ladies' Auxiliary President



Ongoing Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bingo & Book Sale 12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.		Euchre 7:00 p.m. Pickleball 1:30-3:30 p.m. indoors	Complimentary Coffee & Sweets 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Darts 7:00 p.m.	Fish 'N Chips & Book Sale 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Heads up: cancelled Nov. 10	Saturday Social in the lounge Noon to 4 p.m. Drop in for a visit!
	Walking 9:30 a.m.	Walking 9:30 a.m.	Walking 9:30 a.m.	Walking 9:30 a.m.	Walking 9:30 a.m.	

- Tuesday Euchre - a fun league, and we will teach how to play. For info, call Gaëtan Chartier 819-639-9343 or Debby Holden 613-271-2993.
- Saturday Social in the lounge - Open Mic the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
- Walking Club - Meet at the Legion. Dress appropriately and don't forget your water!

Kanata Legion Photo Website

You can visit the website at:

<https://kanatalegionphotos.weebly.com/>

Notice the different tabs across the top of the Home page.

Walter Arksey
Branch Photographer

Branch Executive and L.A. Executive Members and Positions

If you wish to contact a member listed below, please contact the Kanata Legion office at 613-591-5570 and provide your name and contact information as well as the name of the person you wish to contact, and the subject.

2023-2024 Branch Executive

President	Jim Hemlin
Past President	Bill Molnar
1 st Vice-President	Mary-Jo Gauthier
2 nd Vice-President	Denis Pelletier
3 rd Vice-President	Dennis Hearn
Treasurer	Nila Bronkhorst
Secretary	Brenda Grant
Poppy Chair	Dennis Hearn
Lottery Trust Fund	Mary-Jo Gauthier
Veterans Services	Ken Fleming
Cadet Liaison	Dennis Hearn
Membership	Dennis Hearn
Poppy Trust Fund Chair	George Pollock
Leadership Development	John Beard
PR & Marketing	Bruce Judge
Branch Bursaries	Bill Mercer
Chaplain	Rev. Canon Dr. William Prentice
Bldg. Grounds & Maintenance	George Royle
Sgt-At-Arms & Security & Housing	Bob Thomson
Sports Officer	Ken Fleming
Ways and Means Committee	Sylvia Monette
Legion Seniors Chair	Joan Hemlin
Volunteer Coordinator	Debby Holden
Youth Education	Brenda Grant

Other

Regulations & Website	Ann Ervin
Facebook	Pat Cher
Bar Manager	Mary-Jo Gauthier
Foot Clinic	Betty Ann Pollock
Gaming/Lottery	Brenda Grant/Ann Ervin
Hall Rental	Andy Shinnan
Branch Archivist	Doug Rowland
Honours & Awards	Lorraine Lapensée
Kitchen Manager	Gaëtan Chartier
Newsletter Editor	Lorraine Elmas
Military Service Recognition Book	Terry Jacobs
Photographer	Walter Arksey
IT Computer	Walter Arksey
Cenotaph Memorial Stones	Moira Green

Ladies' Auxiliary

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Treasurer	Rosanne Birtch
Secretary	PJ Rose
Executive Committee	Bonnie Jessup
Executive Committee	Sylvia Monette
Executive Committee	Sheila Taylor
Sgt-At-Arms	Johanna Walters

CONTACT! Submission Deadlines

Due Sunday Noon

19 November

21 January

Lorraine Elmas
Editor

No newsletter in July, August
and December 😊

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