



CONTACT!

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President's Report

As President of the Royal Canadian Legion Kanata Branch 638 it is my pleasure on behalf of our Legion Members to thank everyone who attended the Remembrance Day Service. It was especially heart-warming to see all the youth in attendance.

Royal Canadian Legions across Canada are the keepers of Remembrance. We remember those who in WW1, WW2, Korea, Afghanistan and the numerous Peace Keeping tours, laid down their life, and those who returned a different person.

To all the dedicated, hardworking Legion and non-Legion members who played a role in the organizing and execution of all the components leading up to and during the week of Remembrance, I wish to say: **Extremely well done and a very sincere thank you.**

The Ways and Means Committee are now in the planning stages for many activities scheduled for the up-coming months; check it out on social media.

Jim Hemlin

Remembrance Services

Eleven Remembrance Services were held in our community Seniors' Residences and Nursing Homes. A huge thank you to the Rev Canon Stephen Silverthorne from St Paul's Anglican Church, Hazeldean, who stood in for our chaplain, Father Bill, who is recovering well after hip surgery.

My thanks to Jim and Joan Hemlin, Ken Fleming, Denis Pelletier, Bob Thomson, Sue McLean, Brenda Grant and Garry and Lydia Fancy whose dedication and commitment to the cause was so much in evidence.

The Veterans, residents and staff were most appreciative of our services.

Lest We Forget



Moira

 SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE
LES BERGERS DE L'ESPOIR



 BRIDLEWOOD TRAILS
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY



Poppy Campaign

The Poppy Campaign ran from 27 October to 11 November. George Pollock and his team labelled 750 poppy boxes. It appears that 30 boxes were not used.

During this year's Campaign, area supervisors expanded their coverage locations. One area doubled its location inventory. Table Captains and their volunteers also worked extremely hard to maintain the Legion presence and to cover their volunteer shifts.

Cadets also volunteered to staff locations and staff evening and weekend shifts at Tables. All Tables were very successful. This year, alongside Branch volunteers, cadets also volunteered to provide poppy distribution coverage at two of the three Sens home games. Well done Area Supervisors, Table Captains, and all volunteers!

Cash counting is now the priority and has been ongoing since 13 November. It may take another week before the cash counting concludes. Once the cash counting concludes the Planning Committee will turn its attention to completing the administration requirements set out by Provincial Command.

Thank you to all who helped make the Poppy Campaign successful.

Dennis Hearn
Poppy Chair



872 Kiwanis Kanata Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron and their officer at the Senators Game on 9 November, offering poppies as part of the Poppy Campaign. Seated, left to right: Gord McBride, John Kern and Tom Flood.

John Kern
Deputy Poppy Chair

Cenotaph Memorial Stones

Thank you to those members and community persons who purchased a stone to honour a veteran. If you would like to share a story or some info about your veteran for the CONTACT! newsletter, that would be appreciated. If you have not yet honoured a veteran, please consider doing so next April.

Lest We Forget
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Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade

On November 11th, 2023, the Kanata Legion, Branch 638 hosted its 25th Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade. A means of fulfilling our duty to remember.

There was a good public turnout, an estimated 500 - 700 people and a very good representation of individuals laying wreaths in memory of their beloved fallen; community service groups, first responders, politicians, schools, businesses and, of course, Veterans and their families.

Special thanks to the following for making the 2023 Kanata Remembrance Day ceremony, parade and reception possible and as successful as they were:

- Reviewing Officer - Colonel Catherine Marchetti, Commander 7 Wing; Director Canadian Space Operations Centre, Canadian Armed Forces
- 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Headquarters and Signal Squadron provided the sentries, public address technician and sound system, traffic management and parade participation
- Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Centre, (CFEWC)- Traffic Management
- 28 Field Ambulance 33rd Canadian Brigade Group
- Canadian Showtime Chorus - National Anthem and Royal Anthem
- Russian Orthodox Church of the Blessed St. Xenia - emergency shelter and use of their parking lot
- 319 Centurion Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, Kanata
- 706 Snowy Owl Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron
- 872 Kiwanis Kanata Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron
- 2870 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, Royal Canadian Dragoons
- City of Ottawa Special Events, Traffic Control & Parks and Recreation
- Emcee - Denis Pelletier
- President's Address - President Jim Hemlin
- Last Post / Rouse - John Weiss
- The Lament - Highland Mist Pipe Band
- In Flanders Field - Comrade Joyce Prentice
- Prayers & Blessing/Benediction - Canon Steven Silverthorne, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Kanata
- Placing of poppies at the 22 memorial trees - Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, and Girl Guides
- Parade Commander - Ken Fleming
- Luncheon Reception provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 638

An extra special thanks to the Kanata Legion's Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade Committee - Gaëtan Chartier, Joseph de Lepper, Ken Fleming, Guy Foisy, Brenda Grant, Dennis Hearn, Lorraine Lapensée, Denis Pelletier, George Pollock, Joyce Prentice. A great team!

Lorraine Lapensée, Chair
Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade Committee

Kanata's Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade



Left - Air Cadet receiving instructions from Sgt. @ Arms, Bob Thomson, how to lower and raise the flag

Below - Laying of long stem poppies at each of the 22 memorial trees by Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies



Comrade Moira Green laying a wreath in memory of her father, H.G. Arnold, a Burma Veteran



Four Sentries
2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group
Headquarters and Signal Squadron

Canadian Showtime Chorus singing the National Anthem



Cenotaph and Wreaths



Karen McCrimmon, MPP Kanata-Carleton



Brenda Grant, Highland Mist Pipe Band



Comrade Denis Pelletier, Emcee

Colour Party led by Sgt. @ Arms, Bob Thomson. On the left is Comrade Tom Flood, behind him on the left is Comrade Gary Pitts. On the right behind Bob is Comrade Terry Jacobs, behind him is Comrade John Kern



Cubs laying a wreath



Colour Party and Parade



Canon Steven Silverthorne / Comrade Denis Pelletier



Worshipful Master Colin Mackenzie
Hazeldean Masonic Lodge no 517 AF-AM



John Weiss, Last Post / Rouse



Front left - Colonel Catherine Marchetti
Branch President Jim Hemlin, Joan Hemlin,
Patricia Hearn, Dennis Hearn, 3rd Vice-President

Remembrance Dinner

On Saturday 18 November 2023, Comrade Jim Hemlin, President, Kanata Branch 638, hosted the Annual Remembrance Dinner in the main hall of the Branch. Ninety-seven Branch members and their guests attended.

Lead by Comrades Debby Holden and Gaëtan Chartier, the Ladies' Auxiliary and a group of volunteers from both the Auxiliary and the Branch, prepared and served an outstanding meal of chicken parmesan, roasted potatoes, Harvard beets and mixed peas & carrots. The dessert menu was a delicious choice of tiramisu or rhubarb & strawberry crisp with ice cream. Rumour has it that most members partook in both choices!



The President opened the Dinner with the traditional Land Acknowledgement followed with grace by Father Bill Prentice. After the meal, the President offered the Loyal Toast which was then followed by a statement of Respect to Our Fallen Comrades. The Emcee described the meaning of the Fallen Comrade table and explained what each item on the table represented. The solemnity of the statement was very clear. A Toast to Our Fallen was then made by the Emcee.



Following the Respect to Our Fallen Comrades, our guest speaker, Lt Col (Ret'd) Ken Campbell spoke to all those in attendance about his very unusual career as a Signals/Communication Officer in the Canadian Forces. He discussed Remembrance, PTSD and Veterans Affairs issues.

Next the President acknowledged the outstanding work of the caterers, kitchen staff and servers. This was followed by the Royal Anthem and adjournment.



As you all know, Kanata Branch 638 is managed totally by volunteers. It would be remiss of us not to make special mention of them.

Events such as these include much preparation, mostly behind the scenes. The hall must be booked, and contracts signed. Menus must be arranged, food items purchased and then stored until preparation day. Volunteers must be arranged and coordinated. Hall set-up must be arranged then followed by a dedicated decorating team and other volunteers. Bartenders must stock the bar and prepare for the event and maintenance staff must prepare the Legion hall for the set up before the decoration team and others enter to do their work. Believe it or not, our Branch is a well-oiled machine.

All of this takes great pre-planning, dedication, and teamwork, not to mention the massive coordination required for any one event. Given the numerous events that are planned in the remainder of this season and the upcoming season, we encourage members to become part of the volunteer teams which in turn helps make our Branch a successful one.

Dennis Hearn
Poppy Chair

Cadet Liaison Officer Report

Kanata Branch Legion continues to support four cadet corps in the Kanata region. They are:

- Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) Centurion
- Royal Canadian 2870 Dragoons Army Cadet Corps
- 872 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Kanata Kiwanis Squadron
- 706 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Snowy Owl Squadron

During the Poppy Campaign, cadets volunteered their services to distribute poppies at many of our Kanata locations. They proved indispensable at our poppy tables volunteering to cover evening and weekend shifts. They also covered shifts at the Sens hockey games during the Poppy Campaign. Their enthusiasm, dedication and interest in community service are very notable.

While very apparent at the Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade, cadets also volunteered to work behind the scenes completing many tasks that are not so evident to the public. At all times, cadets are supervised by their Officers and Sponsorship Committees who support these young women and men in their citizenship journey at this stage of their lives.

Branch 638 acknowledges, appreciates, and thanks cadet involvement and support to Legion activities.

Yours in comradeship,
Dennis Hearn
Cadet Liaison Officer

Seniors Committee

On November 1, Tom Flood was our guest speaker, giving a very informative presentation on funeral and burial rights. He answered many questions from the floor, and everyone really appreciated the information that he shared with us.

Our Seniors Committee met following Coffee Time, with five members present. Discussion took place about when to start our Seniors Exercise Program, and it was decided that, due to a very busy November and December, we would wait and begin in January.

We also discussed the fact that we have speakers in place for the topics relating to Functional Exercise, Wills and Estates and Power of Attorney that will take place over the next few months.

Our Coffee Time continues to be well attended, and everyone enjoys the fun and camaraderie.

Joan Hemlin
Legion Seniors Chair

October Gaming Report

Bingo Report (5 Bingos)

Total Deposit to Bingo Trust	\$ 3,717.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 994.20
Building Operations & Maintenance	\$ 870.12
Donatable Funds	<u>\$ 1,305.18</u>

Catch the Ace Report (4 Draws)

Total proceeds from draws	\$ 2,905.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 273.07
Building Operations & Maintenance	\$ 464.80
Donatable Funds	<u>\$ 697.20</u>

Total Donations (to Lottery Trust)	<u>\$ 2,002.38</u>
Total Rent & Building Reserve	<u>\$ 2,602.19</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 Lottery Trust Committee to donate up to \$2000 monthly to numerous worthy causes.

Gaming Committee



Membership Report

Early Bird Campaign

The Early Bird Campaign is working out quite well with approximately 50% of our membership taking advantage of the reduced annual membership rate. The Early Bird Campaign closes at the end of November, at which time the regular membership rate will apply.

Members may pay online via ETF or at the Branch using our debit machines (at the Bar or the Branch Office) or pay by cheque or cash. Members may also use Canada Post mail services.

Membership

Membership applications continue to be notable with an overall membership of approximately 345 Branch members. Some of these applications are a result of the recent local community newspaper articles on Branch 638.

Last Post

On 3 November 2023, Comrade Terry Jenkins passed away. Terry was a well known Branch figure who dedicated many years of service to Branch 638 and is sadly missed. The Branch plans to arrange a tribute to honour Terry and his long and dedicated service to the Royal Canadian Legion. The Branch will post and distribute an obituary once received by the family and will post tribute details once they are arranged.

Lest We Forget.

Dennis Hearn
Membership Chair

Ways and Means Committee

Thank you to all for taking the time to attend our Halloween Party. Your attendance was much appreciated and contributed to its success. I can't thank our volunteers enough for dedicating their time and helping to make the Halloween party possible.

Upcoming events (mark these on your calendar)

Decorate the Legion Halls November 26
Christmas Dinner and Dance December 9
New Year's Eve Party December 31 (first time since 2019)
Trivia Night starting February 2024
Karaoke Night starting February 2024

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

Sylvia Monette
Ways and Means Chair
s_monette@hotmail.com



**Everyone is invited
to help decorate
the Kanata Legion for Christmas!**

on Sunday 26 Nov 2023 3:15 p.m.

(right after Sunday Bingo) for just a couple of hours.

Put your creative talents to the test while having fun!

An opportunity to meet and get to know legion and L.A. members!

Pizza is being offered. If you wish to have pizza, please contact Lorraine Lapensée by 21-Nov 2023 at 613-831-8319 or lm1apensee@sympatico.ca

Decorations are provided!
Many elves make light work!



Ladies' Auxiliary

For the first time since 2019, the Ladies' Auxiliary ran the Superstore poppy table. We thank the Superstore on Eagleson Road for their support permitting the Ladies' Auxiliary to have a poppy table open during operating hours. A very special thanks to Branch members, friends, relatives for volunteering at one or more shifts during the 2023 Poppy Campaign. Without this support the success of the L.A. Superstore poppy table would not have been as successful.

On November 1st, the Ladies' Auxiliary's annual review was conducted by Elaine Madore, L.A. Zone G6 Commander and Debby Holden, Deputy Zone G6 Commander. We passed with flying colours!

The Ladies' Auxiliary continues to provide a catering service for branch functions i.e. the Remembrance Day reception for over 180 people, outside catering and in-house catering jobs. The Ladies' Auxiliary is planning their 2nd annual Vendors Extravaganza and Bake Sale on December 2nd between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Donations of baked goods, preserves, jams and/or jellies will be very much appreciated. To learn more, please contact Sylvia Monette at 613-986-3520 or s.monette@hotmail.com.



**Christmas Dinner
and Dance**

Saturday, December 9th

Reception 5:00 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.



Turkey Dinner
with all the
Trimmings
\$30 pp



Music by
singing
artist,

Ann Miner

To avoid disappointment, reserve tickets early by calling
613-831-8319 or emailing lm1apensee@sympatico.ca
before 2nd December



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LEGION BRANCH 638
LADIES' AUXILIARY PRESENTS
**THE 2ND ANNUAL
VENDOR EXTRAVAGANZA
& BAKE SALE**

FREE ADMISSION - 30 LOCAL VENDORS
A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATION FOR THE KANATA
FOOD CUPBOARD WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SHOPPING BAGS.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 2023

9:30AM - 2:30PM

Kanata Legion
70 Hines Road, Kanata ON K2K 2M5

Be sure to put the Dec. 2nd Vendor Extravaganza & Bake Sale on your calendars!

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food donation, please!

When you support the Ladies' Auxiliary, you support the Branch, Veterans and the Community!

Lorraine Lapensée
Ladies' Auxiliary President



Happy New Year 2024

New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance
Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Music provided by:
ALL 4 ONE ENTERTAINMENT

MENU
 French Onion Soup w/ Baguette & Gravy cheese
 Ham & Butter
SALAD
 Shrimp & Citrus Salad
ENTRÉE
 Roast Top Sirloin Beef & Gravy • Creamed Horseradish
 Smashed Potatoes • Buttered Corn
 Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage w/ Bacon
 Sweet Potato Casserole w/ Candied Pecans
FINALE
 Carrot Cake or Fruit Cake
 Tea, Coffee, & Ice Water
 Special dietary needs upon request.

\$60.00
 per person

To avoid disappointment, reserve your seat early
 by contacting Lorraine at 613-831-8319 or
 lmlapensee@sympatico.ca

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Call For Volunteer Facebook Coordinator

Branch 638 seeks a volunteer to staff the Facebook Coordinator position. The volunteer must have an interest in, and a strong knowledge of, Facebook and be willing and able to work in a team.

If interested in this position, please contact me at the Branch Office at 613-591-5570 or at rclbr638@gmail.com.

Dennis Hearn
 3rd Vice-President

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



The Highland Mist Pipe Band invites you to a
Burns Night Supper



Join us for an evening of celebration, to include live pipe music, poetry reading, a Burn's quiz and a Scottish dancing lesson.

Saturday, 20 January, 2024

Reception: 5:00 pm
 Dinner: 5:45 pm
 Dress: Highland dress / business attire

Menu
 Scottish smoked ham hough soup
 Haggis
 seasoned meatloaf & beef gravy
 Scottish rumbledethumps
 neeps and carrots
 roasted onions w/ balsamic glaze
 Tippy Laird trife and shortbread
 whiskey toast

Tickets (in advance only) - \$30.00
 Available by contacting:
 Ann Ervin (613-592-9289 or ae0ervin@yahoo.com)

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CONTACT! Submission Deadlines

Due Sunday Noon

21 January
 18 February

No newsletter in July, August
 and December 😊

Lorraine Elmas
 Editor

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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.	Saturday Social in the lounge Noon to 4 p.m. Drop in for a visit!

- 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 will resume in the spring.

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
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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	Vacant
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

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