



The Royal Canadian Legion

Kingsway Branch No. 175

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“The Home of Hospitality”

January 2022

BRANCH HOURS

Mon - 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tue - Wed 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sun - 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tue - Wed 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sun - Closed

CANTEEN BAR

Mon - 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tue - 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 12:00
Sun - 11 am - 2:30 pm

KITCHEN

Mon - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Tue - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sun - 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

The last Tuesday of every month except
July, August, and December.
Start time 7:00 pm

President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a great new year. Our Christmas Dinner event went very well with approximately fifty members attending.

Seventy-five meals were prepared for pickup or delivery.

Without the help of the executive and the branch's dedicated volunteers this would not be possible.

We take great pride in our volunteers and extend our heartfelt thanks to them all.

We are entering in a new year and look forward to the challenges that we will be facing. The new Covid restrictions have affected our News Eve Celebrations in so far as we cannot hold the dancing and mingling.

However, we still have a great meal and comradeship.

On behalf of myself and the entire executive committee, I wish you all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

WK Fecteau

President

Membership

Fallen Comrades

It is with deep regret that we announce the following members have passed on since we last gathered together.

Name	Age	Date	Service
HAIGH, Alain	84	8 Oct 21	

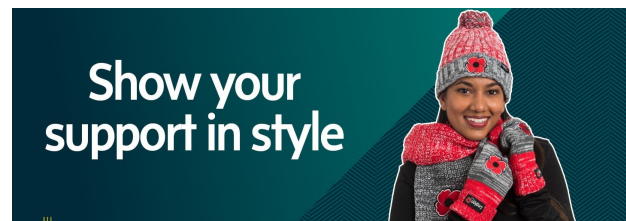


Our Newest Members

If you see our new members in the Legion please take a moment out and welcome them.

Scaglione, Salvatore	Clarke, Lucille	Feth, Adam	Thistle-Boucher, Jose
Owcharuk, William	McDermott, Lillian	Shumansky, Ernest N.	Trudel, Lorraine
Harper, Brigitte	King, Christine A.	Nash, Tara	Wyllie, Marnie
Fuchs, Desiree			

Members in Good Standing as of Dec 14, 2021	
Affiliate	337
Associate	441
Life Members	27
Ordinary	491
Total:	1269



Members who prepay for 5 years receive a FREE Poppy toque, scarf, and mittens!

Apply online at www.legion.ca

Membership Recognition

Did you know that you can recommend any of your fellow comrades for a Legion Award.

If you know a members that you feel has promoted the Branch by working or volunteering their time we look forward to receiving your recommendation.

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm

The general meeting gives you a chance to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to make it better for you the members. Please attend the General Meetings and help to keep the Legion running.

New! Veteran Family Welcome Program

This free first year of membership is available to spouses and children (18+ years of age) of serving, retired or passed CAF or RCMP Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion.

How to apply to the Veteran Family Welcome Program and the Veteran Welcome Program

Eligible applicants can fill out an application form online:

<https://legion.ca/join-us/veteran-welcome-program>

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.

This New Year's, I'm going to make a resolution I can keep: no dieting all year long.



Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The Ladies Auxiliary had a very successful bake & craft sale, ham & turkey draw and 50/50 on Dec 18th. Thank you to all for your donations and support to the auxiliary. A huge thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Claus for coming to visit with the children on Dec 18th. There were fewer attendees to the breakfast and Santa visit than expected but the Ladies Auxiliary and Michelle (another one of Santa's Helpers) got busy to find a place we could donate the gifts we had left over. We donated over 130 gifts to the Stollery Children's Hospital.

The following are the winners of our raffle held Dec 18th.

Prize 1 – Food Hamper – Rob Yachimec

Prize 2 – Lap Quilt - Len Hostyn

Prize 3 – Air Fryer – Chris Payea.

At the end of November we began doing our annual donations from our Meat Raffle and 50/50 (AGLC) account. We were able to donate a total of \$12,230 to the recipients. We are very grateful for all your support at the Saturday meat raffles and 50/50. Recipients include the Kingsway Legion, Kipnes Veterans Centre, four cadet units, Ladies Auxiliary Command, The Last Post Fund and The Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund.

Thank you once again to all our supporters.

**WE WISH YOU GOOD
HEALTH & HAPPINESS IN 2022!**



LA made up 120 Christmas gift bags for Kipnes residents and 8 bags for the houses with puzzles games etc. Thank you for all your support as fundraising dollars help support this project.



What Does "Auld Lang Syne" Really Mean?

There are scores of traditional Christmas songs, but New Year's really just has the one—and we're willing to bet you don't even know what it means.

Historians call it "the song that nobody knows." And yet we've all tried to sing it on New Year's Eve. Here's the real "Auld Lang Syne" meaning.

"Auld lang syne" is the title and key phrase of a 1788 Scottish poem by Robert "Rabbie" Burns, typically sung on New Year's Eve around the world. The phrase "auld lang syne" literally translates to "old long since" and basically means "days gone by." Or, as Merriam-Webster puts the auld lang syne meaning, "the good old times."

*Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and old lang syne?*

CHORUS:

*For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.
And surely you'll buy your pint cup!
And surely I'll buy mine!
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.*

CHORUS

*We two have run about the slopes,
And picked the daisies fine;
But we've wandered many a weary foot,
Since auld lang syne.*

CHORUS

*We two have paddled in the stream,
from morning sun till dine;
But seas between us broad have roared
since auld lang syne.*

CHORUS

*And there's a hand my trusty friend!
And give me a hand o' thine!
And we'll take a right good-will draught,
For auld lang syne.*

CHORUS

New year, new start. May all your dreams come true in 2022!

Some New Years Eve Traditions From Around The World

Greece - An onion is traditionally hung on the front door of homes on New Year's Eve as a symbol of rebirth in the New Year. On New Year's Day, parents wake their children by tapping them on the head with the onion.

Spain - it is customary to eat 12 grapes – one at each stroke of the clock at midnight on New Year's Eve. Each grape represents good luck for one month of the coming year.

Colombia - On the last night of the year, Colombians place three potatoes—one peeled, one unpeeled, and one half peeled—under their beds. At midnight, they pull out the first potato they touch. Peeled means they'll have financial problems, unpeeled indicates abundance, and half peeled...well, somewhere in between.

Denmark - residents greet the New Year by throwing old plates and glasses against the doors of family and friends to banish bad spirits.

Finland - people predict the coming year by casting molten tin into a container of water, then interpreting the shape the metal takes after hardening. A heart or ring means a wedding, while a ship predicts travel and a pig declares there will be plenty of food.

Scotland - New Year's Eve celebration of Hogmanay, "first-footing" is practiced across the country. The first person who crosses a threshold of a home in the New Year should carry a gift for luck. Scots also hold bonfire ceremonies where people parade while swinging giant fireballs on poles, supposedly symbols of the sun, to purify the coming year.

Philippines - You'll find round shapes all over the on New Year's Eve as representatives of coins to symbolize prosperity in the coming year. Many families display piles of fruit on their dining tables and some eat exactly 12 round fruits (grapes being the most common) at midnight. Many also wear polka dots for luck

Brazil, - as well as other Central and South America countries like Ecuador, Bolivia, and Venezuela, it is thought to be lucky to wear special underwear on New Year's Eve. The most popular colors are red, thought to bring love in the New Year, and yellow, thought to bring money.

Japan - Just before midnight on New Year's Eve, the Japanese eat soba noodles. The Toshikoshi soba, which translates to a "year-crossing" buckwheat noodle dish, has lots of symbolism. The long noodle denotes the crossing from one year to the next. Since it's an easily cut noodle, it signifies a letting go of the past year's regrets—a cutting-off, if you will, before the fresh start the new year brings.

Italy - Italians love lentils for their coin-like shape, symbolizing luck and prosperity. A New Year's Eve dinner usually features this legume to bring on luck in the coming year.

Chile - New Year's Eve masses are held not at church, but in cemeteries. This change of scenery allows for people to sit with their deceased family members and include them in the New Year's Eve festivities.

Turkey - it's considered good luck to sprinkle salt on your doorstep as soon as the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Day. Like many other New Year's Eve traditions around the globe, this one is said to promote both peace and prosperity throughout the new year.

Upcoming Events

75th Anniversary Dinner & Dance Saturday February 5, 2022

Menu



Appetizer

Fresh Lettuce and Vegetables w/Bread Stick

Entrée

Broiled Lobster Tail

Bacon Wrapped Filet Mignon

Twice Baked Stuffed Potato

Oven Roasted Root Vegetables,

Dessert (gluten-free)

Dreamy Strawberry Cake

and

Decadent Chocolate Cake

Your ticket includes:

A meal

Dance to “**The Edmonton Swing Band**”

Swag Bags

Door Prizes

Glass of Wine with the Meal

Tickets



Advanced Sales:

(purchased prior to Jan 22nd)

\$65.00/Legion Members

\$70/Non-Legion Members

Sales: Jan 24 - 29

\$70.00/Legion Members

\$80/Non- Legion Members

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER JAN 29TH

Program



5:00 pm	Doors Open
5:30	Cocktails
6:00	Dinner
7:30	Slide Show & Presentations
8:30	Dance

RESERVE SEATING ONLY - NO REFUNDS!

At this time we have not made a decision to cancel the 75th Dinner & Dance.

The AB Gov is planning to make a new update regarding restrictions in mid January. Regardless, we will make that decision no later than January 22

75th Anniversary Dinner & Dance Sponsors



Alberta Sign Rentals



Bank of Montreal



Leon's



West Edmonton Hyundai



PROGRAMMED INSURANCE
BROKERS INC.

There are still some
75th Anniversary Pins
available
\$6.00
Limited Quantity
so get yours now



The Legion Dispatch

Your Legion Calendar: December 2021 - January 2022

This calendar lists upcoming commemorative days of relevance to The Royal Canadian Legion that raise awareness of an issue, commemorate a group or event, or celebrate an important topic.

Date	Event
1 Jan	New Years Day
27 Jan	Holocaust Remembrance Day
28 Jan	Bell Let's Talk for mental health awareness

Date	Event
FEB	Black History Month
14 Feb	Valentine's Day
15 Feb	National Flag of Canada Day
15 Feb	Family Day
28 Feb	Gulf War Ends (1991)

2022 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Tickets Now On Sale



For more information
click on the image.

The Tattoo is back from June 25 – July 2, 2022, and we want you there on the edge of your seat! Veterans and service members save 10%.

Pay it forward to the Veteran community: buy a \$25 Thank a Veteran ticket.

Start a new family tradition: KIDS ARE FREE! Add a free children's ticket to your order with the purchase of an adult/senior ticket. Additional kids' tickets are only \$30.

Special group rates are available: book now, pay May 31st.

Sports Schedule

BRANCH LEAGUES:

Cribbage	Mon	6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
Darts	Mon	6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
Euchre	Wed	7:00 pm — 10:00 pm
Darts (Over 60)	Thur	1:00 pm — 3:30 pm
8 Ball Pool	Thu	7:00 pm — 10:00 pm
Shuffleboard	Thu	7:00 pm — 10:00 pm
Shuffleboard	Fri	6:00 pm — 10:00 pm



NON-BRANCH LEAGUES:

Pool (Drop in Tourney)	Tue	11:30 am
Darts (Drop in League)	Tue	1:00 pm
Pool (Drop in Tourney)	Thu	11:30 am
Pool (Drop in Tourney)	Sat	11:30 am



- All members, whether novice or expert, are invited to participate.
- All times are approximate and maybe changed to fit the requirements of the Branch.

All Sports queries should be directed to the Legion Sports Officer:

Audrey Ferguson.



We are currently in the middle of redoing our Weekly Specials & Menus. If there is something you would like to see added please drop us a line and let us know.

Thanks,

The Kitchen Staff

Command Sports Schedule

COMMAND SPORTS EVENTS 2021 - 2022				
SPORT	AREA B	DISTRICT	COMMAND	DOMINION
EUCHRE	Gibbons #226 Sep-19-2021	Kingsway #175 Nov-20-2021	District 1 Jan 21-22, 2022	
CRIB - LEGION	Strathcona #150 Sep-25-2021	Gibbons #226 Nov-27-2021	District 4 Jan 28-29, 2022	Cochrane, Alberta Apr 22-25, 2022
DARTS - LEGION	Ft. Sask #27 Oct-02-2021	Smoky Lake #227 Dec-04-2021	Forest Lawn #275 Feb 04-05, 2022	Chilliwack, B.C. Apr 29-May 2,
SHUFFLEBOARD - MENS & LADIES	Kingsway #175 Oct-09-2021	Strathcona #150 Dec-05-2021	Norwood #178 Mar 18-19, 2022	
SHUFFLEBOARD MIXED & SENIOR	Kingsway #175 Oct-09-2021	Strathcona #150 Dec-05-2021	Distict 8 Feb 18-19, 2022	
POOL - DOUBLES	Norwood #178 Oct-17-2021	Kingsway #175 Dec-11-2021	Ft. MacLeod #76 Mar 25-26, 2022	
DARTS -SENIORS	Smoky Lake #227 Oct-23-2021	Norwood #178 Dec-12-2021	St. Albert #271 Feb 25-26, 2022	
CRIB - PAIRS	Ft. Sask. #27 Oct-30-2021	Smoky Lake #227 Jan-08-2022	Vegreville #39 Mar 04-05, 2022	
DARTS - MIXED	Strathcona #150 Nov-06-2021	Gibbons #226 Nov-28-2021	Worthington #29 Mar 11-12, 2022	
POOL - SINGLES	Kingsway #175 Nov-13-2021	Norwood #178 Dec-18-2021	District 5 Mar 04-05, 2022	
CRIB - SENIORS	Norwood #178 Nov-21-2021	Ft. Sask #27 Dec-19-2021	Strathcona #150 Apr 1-2, 2022	
GOLF		Smoky Lake #227 Summer 2022		
SPRING RALLY		Kingsway #175 Apr-24-2022		
FALL RALLY		Strathcona #150 Sep-11-2022		
8 BALL LEGION	1st & 2nd Doubles Teams Advance to Dominion			Innisfail #104 May 27-30, 2022

A Talk With The Padre

Well, we are into a new year, and we really need to believe that 2022 will in many ways be better than what we may have experienced in 2021. But, as the Omicron Variant of Covid19 gallops through our country, it gives us pause to think, will it really be? We sure want it to be, but where do I put my trust or faith that it will be?

I would like to introduce you to two people, who I know very well and am very close to. One is Retired Captain Darin Wiebe, my son, and the other is now Cpl. Josh Wiebe my grandson, currently stationed at CFB Edmonton.



Besides being father and son, these two men have something else in common. They both enjoy jumping out of perfectly good airplanes, something I do not understand. My son has many jumps under his belt and my grandson just starting in that direction. When they jump, they rely entirely on a parachute, rigged by a trained and experience rigger. Their very lives depend on how well that chute was prepared, as the picture to the right indicates. Neither of them, nor anyone else for that matter would even consider making a jump with a chute that I had rigged. Why, because I have zero clue on how that might be done. If they put their faith and trust in me, in this instance their faith would be misplaced.

So, the question I pose is what or perhaps better put is our Faith based on as we walk into the new year? There is an interesting and powerful passage of scripture found in the book of Hebrews which is often referred to as the Faith Chapter. It's a long chapter but I would like to share a couple verses with you. First the definition of faith and then the application of that definition: Verses 1-3,

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

Faith is having trust in something or in this case someone even though we are not able to see. God created this world out of nothing as it were, something which could not be seen, and made into something we can see. The earth, the universes, and galaxies, and of course people.

A Talk With The Padre

That passage in Hebrews then goes on to name 19 different people to whom God made promises, and each one of them died before those promises were realized. Today we look back on those promises and from the pages of scripture we can see that they have come to be. Our Faith Object God Himself promised and has brought about those promises. So, the real issue is what am I putting my faith and trust into?

I propose to you that as we enter 2022, we may well be in a Covaid19 state for a long time. But God who promised to walk with us, to provide for us, is still God, and He can still be trusted. We do not have the ability to see into the future, but He does! The passage in Hebrew ends with these words:

All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us.

I would think that at least most members of our Legion would have placed a certain trust and faith in me in some small area at least. I show up when I have said I would. I prepare whenever I am asked to do a service or presentation. I can be trusted to even say the right words most of the time. But I cannot be trusted, and you would be ill advised to put your faith in my ability to pack a parachute, and then jump out of a airplane.

Our trust and Faith needs to be placed in the only one who can and will deliver on His promises of caring for us. God has walked with and cared for people for literally millennia, and He can be trusted to do that as we walk into an uncertain 2022. I for one, and I knows many others as well have placed our faith in Him for our eternal wellbeing.

God sent His Son Jesus at Christmas for the sole purpose of being Emmanuel, which means “God with us.” The Angel told Joseph, you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save the people from their sins. If God would send His only Son into this world to ensure we can have a relationship with Him, He can be trusted to carry us into the future.

I close with the words you will often find on large signs held up in the end zone of a football game; John 3:16.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that who so ever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Rev. R.D.(Bob) Wiebe, Padre Kingsway Branch RCL #175



Veteran's Support

Veterans Review and Appeal

Veterans Affairs Canada and the Veterans Review and Appeal Board launched an accessibility consultation on 17 November with Veterans, their family members and other Canadians. We need your feedback to learn about any accessibility barriers you or others may experience.

Canada has a [vision](#) of its public service being the most accessible and inclusive in the world. This includes working with persons with disabilities to help identify, prevent and remove accessibility barriers.

You'll find this consultation on our [Let's Talk Veterans platform](#) until 14 December. The final report will be published on the platform in 2022.

To learn more about our consultations and to stay connected on Veterans' issues, visit [Let's Talk Veterans](#).



Coding for Veterans helps Canada's military veterans to retrain and reskill for jobs in Canada's tech sector.

Take the life skills you have learned in the military, together with our university accredited classes, allows you to the opportunity to enter Canada's technology based workforce in as little as 8 months.

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Veteran's Support



CAF-DND Sexual Misconduct Class Action Settlement

A class action lawsuit has been initiated against the Government of Canada to compensate Canadian Armed Forces and other military community members who experiences sexual harassment, assault or discrimination while serving.

For more Info click on the image.

Wounded Warriors Canada is a national mental health service provider utilizing clinical best practices and evidence-informed care to create an environment of compassion, resiliency and hope for Canada's Veterans, First Responders and their families. Our programs are designed to provide support in the following areas:



- Trauma Informed Workplace Training
- Operational Stress Injury Group Based Programs
- Spousal & Youth Programs
- K9 Assisted Therapy

[Learn more about Wounded Warriors](#)

Nijmegen Marches call for submissions



Each year, Dominion Command of The Royal Canadian Legion invites Legion Members to apply for an opportunity to participate in the world's largest walking/marching event held in mid-July in the Nijmegen area of Holland. Please share the call for applications with your members. Applications must be submitted to their Provincial Command office by 14 January 2022.

Click on the image for more info

Veteran's Support

Veterans Service Centre

The Veterans Service Centre in Edmonton is a place for veterans to get help accessing:

- financial programs and supports
- employment and training services
- housing location and supports
- crisis supports
- community services and opportunities

Supports and services are available to any veteran who is:

- homeless
- at-risk of homelessness
- struggling in the civilian community

To visit the Veterans Service Centre:
Hours: 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm (Monday to Friday)

For more information visit:
<https://www.alberta.ca/veterans-service-centre.aspx>

The Veterans Emergency Fund

The fund covers essential needs, such as:

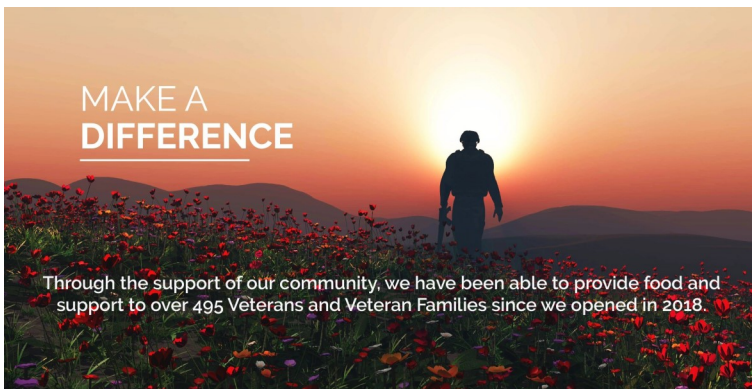
- Food, Clothing, Rent, Mortgage
- Medical care/expenses
- Expenses required to maintain safety and shelter.

As this is only temporary financial relief, we will also work with you to identify your long-term needs. Together, we will look for solutions to improve your financial stability.

If you have an urgent financial need, and are:

- a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF);
- the spouse/common-law partner of the former member;
- a survivor of a deceased CAF member or Veteran;

For more information go to: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/financial-support/emergency-funds/veterans-emergency-fund>



Veterans Association Food Bank Edmonton

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Edmonton, Alberta T5S 1E9

(403) 367-8387

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Tue. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Wed. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Thu. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Fri. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Sat. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Sun. Closed