



## The Royal Canadian Legion

### Kingsway Branch No. 175

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“The Home of Hospitality”

# February 2021

### BRANCH HOURS

Mon - 5:00 pm - Close

Tue - Sat 11:00 am - Close

Sunday - Closed

### BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tue - Fri 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday 11 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday – Closed

### CANTEEN BAR

Mon - 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Tue - Sat 11.00 am - 8.00 pm

Saturday 11 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday – Closed

### KITCHEN

Mon - 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Tue - Sat 11.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday 11 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday – Closed

### BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

The last Tuesday of every month  
except July, August, and December.

## Remember To Get Your 2021 Membership

Last year showed a drop of 394 members at Kingsway Legion. That’s approximately 22% of our 2019 membership numbers.

As of Jan 31, 2021 we had 863 members renew their membership. We hope this low numbers is a result of Covid19 and our members will be back in full force.

You can renew your membership three ways drop by the office, pay over the phone, or go online.

The office hours during this latest restriction Tue – Sat 12 – 4:00 pm starting Jan 4, 2021.

During the September 24th 2019 General Meeting a motion was made, and carried that we raise our branch registration fee by \$5 effective 1 Sep 2020.

The new rates are a follows: Regular \$70.00 Senior \$62.00. (a senior is classified as any member over the age of 65 with 20 years in the Legion).

### Members in Good Standing

as of Jan 31, 2021

Life Members	25
Ordinary	
Associate	
Affiliate	
<b>Total:</b>	

# 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



## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada

On July 5, 1921 the Great War Veterans Association adopted the Poppy as the flower of Remembrance. To celebrate this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The Legion Dominion Executive Council approved a commemorative Poppy flower pin, currently in development, which will be available to wear on Legion dress until Dec 31, 2021

## Meat Draws

Our Wed Draw tickets go on sale starting at 5:30 pm with the draw commencing at 6:00 pm

Sat Draws tickets go on sale at 1:00 pm with the draw commencing at 1:30 pm

There will be a new format and with limited seating why not come early and enjoy a meal.

## 50 / 50 Draws

Right after the meat draw is completed, we will be selling the 50/50 tickets.

There will be a new format and with limited seating why not come early and enjoy a meal.

## It's Your Legion Get Involved

Kingsway Legion is a safe & covid free location to enjoy a drink or a meal with your loved ones.

We run a daily special for both Lunch or Supper.

Check out our website for more information:

<https://kingswaylegion.ca/weekly-specials>

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

February 23, 2021

## *The Legion Dispatch*

### Your Legion Calendar: January — February 2021

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
FEB	<a href="#">Black History Month</a>
14 Feb	Valentine's Day
15 Feb	<a href="#">National Flag of Canada Day</a>
15 Feb	Family Day
28 Feb	<a href="#">Gulf War Ends</a> (1991)

Date	Event
3 Mar	<a href="#">World Hearing Day</a>
8 Mar	<a href="#">International Women's Day</a>
8 Mar	<a href="#">Commonwealth Day</a>
8 Mar	<a href="#">RCEL Support</a>
15 Mar	Last Canadian Soldiers Return from

## FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market has moved indoors

Sunday 11 am - 3 pm



**Closed Until Further Notice**

# Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



As we end this crazy 2020 we would like to wish all a happy, healthy new year!

Our Annual Christmas Raffle Draw was held on Dec 19th The winners were:

1. Poppy Lap Quilt - \$225.00—**Higgins Sitybonsy**
2. Autumn Lap Quilt - \$200.00—**Jodi Lastiwila**
3. Christmas Centrepiece - \$100.00—**Rob Yeates**
4. Canteen Gift Certificate - \$75.00—**Jackie Hyshka**

As soon as the Legions are able to open again we will begin the Saturday meat raffles and 50/50's.

**Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to all for your ongoing support.**

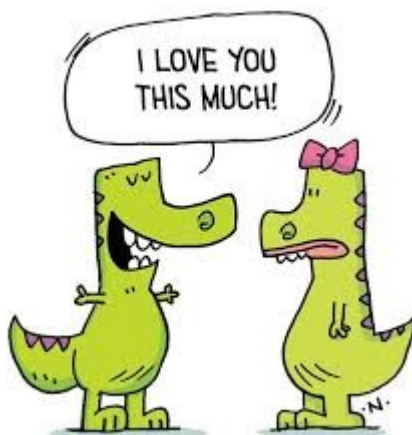


## **Mazatlán, Mexico TRIP FOR 2 RAFFLE**

**Due to a lack of participation this raffle has been canceled. If you purchased a ticket, you will be contacted about your refund.**

**Thanks to all those for supporting the Legion.**

THE KINGSWAY LEGION  
LICENSE #560836



"You came home early from your date," John observed to his roommate. "What happened?"

"Well," said the flatmate, "after dinner she invited me up to her flat. We had a couple of drinks and she put on some soft music. Then she reached over and turned out the lights."

"So, what next?" asked John, eyebrows raised.

"I can take a hint," said his flatmate. "I came home."

# What's Happening at the Legion?



**One Lucky Winner will receive a minimum \$2000, or up to 50% of funds raised.**

**Kingsway Legion** has served our veterans, their families, our military and RCMP with dedication and passion. Hundreds of thousands of dollars and volunteer hours have been invested in our community supporting our senior citizens, youth groups and community support systems such as Cadets, sports teams, school music programs, and school playgrounds, just to name just a few.

Kingsway Legion has been able to serve as a safe place for entertainment for the north east corner of Edmonton. We take pride in providing a safe venue for seniors as well as past and current serving military and their families while being able to be the main entertainment hub for the north east district of Edmonton.

These unprecedented times are creating challenges for our Branch, affecting our operations, fundraising and potential donations. By purchasing a ticket, not only do you have a chance to WIN CASH but can help us remain viable too!

We need your help to continue to honour and remember all those who have served and sacrificed for our great nation. When you win, we ALL WIN!

There is \$1,500 that has been donated from the cancelled Mazatlan Raffle that has been added to the pot.

We thank you for your support and wish everyone good luck.

**Ticket Sales End:** February 22, 2021

**Draw Date:** February 28, 2021

**Draw Location:** Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Br #175, Edmonton



# Photos



**Bernie Joly receives his  
Certificate of Appreciation**



**Carol Wills receives the Membership Bar  
for the Executive Committee Medal**



**Gary Forner receives his  
50 Year Pin**



**Geoff Biddiscombe receives his  
Certificate of Merit**

# Photos



**Glenda Rimmer receives her  
10 Year Pin**



**Jeff Biddiscombe receives his  
Certificate of Appreciation**



**Maria Sharp receives her  
5 Year Pin**



**Steve Criss receives his  
Executive Committee Medal**



# Photos



Trese Biddiscombe receives her  
Certificate of Appreciation



Terry Triska receives his  
25 Year Pin

## Dreaming of Gifts

One morning Emma woke up with a start. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter, she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," Jim said.

That evening, Jim home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, Emma opened it - only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".



Brian Carlson receives his  
35 Year Pin



# Sports Schedule (Sep - May)

## Member Sports Cancelled for 2021

The 2021 Dominion Member Sports Championships have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, subsequent restrictions and associated risks.

In addition all Area, District & Command Sports are cancelled as well.

### BRANCH LEAGUES:

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



## Veteran's Support



### Refer a friend to the Legion for a chance to win

The bigger our membership, the bigger the impact the Legion can make in the lives of Canada's Veterans.

Encourage your members to invite an eligible friend or family member to [join online here](#) before March 30 using promo code REFER. Both current and new member will be entered for a chance to win a \$500 Canada Post Visa gift card.

\* Referring member must be in good standing as of January 31, 2021. [See full Terms and Conditions.](#)

## Operation Santa Claus was a Success!

The Legion proudly supports Support Our Troops' Operation Santa Claus program, which provides gift packages to every Canadian Forces member deployed. This past Christmas, we sent over 2,500 gift packages to our troops, thanks to the support of our membership.

Take a look at what was waiting for our troops on Christmas morning:



# 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>

## Get healthy with MissionVAV

Get fit this fall with The Royal Canadian Legion and MissionVAV using a FREE web-based program designed to make Veterans and their supporters stronger, healthier and happier. Register or learn more about starting a team at your Legion Branch at [MissionVAV.com](https://www.missionvav.com).

## 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>



## Valentines for Vets

Make special valentines to show your appreciation for those who have served our country in times of war, military conflict and peace. Each year, we invite schools, individuals and organizations to make valentines for Veterans in long-term care facilities.

We encourage you to also share photos of your creations on social media using: #CanadaRemembers

For more information, visit: [www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/classroom/valentines-for-veterans](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/classroom/valentines-for-veterans)