



The Royal Canadian Legion

Kingsway Branch No. 175

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“The Home of Hospitality”

MARCH 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

Monday February 14th was Valentines Day. Hopefully, everyone had the opportunity to bring joy to a loved one or friend by contacting them and wishing them a happy day.

Your executive has been actively working to bring the branch toward a debt free environment.

However, we need **YOU** the members to help us achieve that goal by attending our various events.

I know that Covid19 is a contributing factor, we always maintain a safe environment. There are several events planned such as a Garth Brooks show and Nestor Pistor. Please contact the front desk or go to our website for information.

In the meantime, stay safe.

WK Fecteau
President

Spring Forward - Fall Back



On Sunday March 13 we
change to:

Daylight Savings Time

So don't forget to move you
clocks one hour forward.

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
Robinson, Paul	86	9 Jan 2022	Army
DeGroot, Ted	81	20 Dec 2021	
Goeree, Jan	89	16 Jan 2022	RCAF



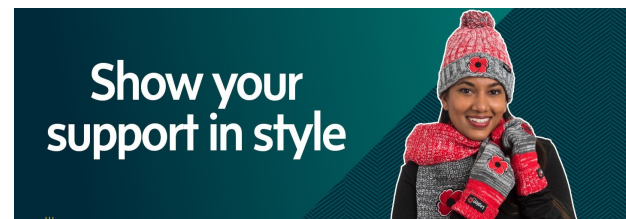
Our Newest Members

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

Gompf-Spence, Sherry	Boyd, Wayne	Sexton, Dennis	Huculak, Erick
Shaw, Beverly	Vriens, Lorissa	Cochrane, Neil	Cochrane, David
Matthews, Patrick	Nelson, Maxine	Hemeon, Clifford	Masse, Cathy
Ochoa-Goeree Teresita	Aitken, Roy	Wrenn A.J.	McConnell, Christine
Boyden, Reg	McCann, Tanya	Davenport, Eugene	Smyth, Jim

Members in Good Standing as of Feb 14, 2022

Affiliate	271
Associate	274
Lifetime	27
Ordinary	338
Total:	910



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

Apply online at www.legion.ca

Membership Recognition



Tara Nash attends the Welcome Ceremony on February 22nd

Noella Mahe receives her 5 Year Service Pin



Congratulations to All!

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.

Membership

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 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,

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>

There were 4 henchmen: Winter, Summer, Spring, and Autumn

The boss stood before them.

"Winter," he began. "I need you to stay cool in the face of pressure. Ice in your veins," he said, patting his shoulder.

"Then there's you, Summer," he continued. "If the heat becomes too much for Winter, use that hot temper of yours to make sure the cops remember who they're working for.

"As for you, Spring," he chuckled, "this operation is gonna bring in a lotta *green.* Make sure that it keeps growing."

He turned for the door as Autumn stood up.

"Boss!" he sputtered. "What about me?"

The boss turned back, shaking his head.

"Sorry, son. You're just the Fall guy."

Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



The Ladies Auxiliary resumed their Saturday meat raffles and meetings in February. It was great to see everyone again!

The auxiliary is actively working on getting their Spring Raffle underway. April 9th is the planned date for the raffle with a bake and craft sale. We will also have our ham & turkey meat raffle and 50/50 on April 9th.

While we are busy with these activities if you use an i-Pad, tablet, computer or cell phone you may want to try out these games.

- 1) "WORDLE" This can be found at www.powerlanguage.co.uk/wordle. Each day one game is released. You get six chances to guess the five letter word. If you guess the correct letter in the correct spot it shows green. If you guess a correct letter in a wrong spot it shows yellow. All wrong letters grey out. The keyboard at the bottom of the screen shows the choices you have made. Give it a try!
- 2) "Codycross" This is a download from your app store. It's free. It's a cross between trivia and a crossword puzzle. Easier than a crossword puzzle because as you guess the correct answers free letters pop into some other squares.



LA President Kim Earles presents Bill Fecteau a Cheque for \$5,000 towards our fundraiser "Help Keep the Roof Over Our Head"

Upcoming Fundraiser Events



100.3 The Bear sponsored a Raffle Meat Draw on behalf of the branch.

Tickets went on sale Feb 28 at 8:00 am and were **Sold Out** by noon of the same day.

The winner of just over \$4,000 worth of meat was:

Matt Tompkins of Fort Saskatchewan

From the Bear: Special thanks to our amazing friends for coming through with donations to help support the Kingsway Legion and of course a big thanks to all our amazing listeners.



Saturday April 30 & Sunday May 1

Cattail Crossing Golf & Winter Club with Kingsway Legion will be hosting a golf tournament in an effort to raise funds for the Branch.

More information will be coming within the next two weeks

Country Club Tours will be hosting a Simulation Golf Tournament in an effort to raise funds for the Branch.

Entrance Fee:\$75.00 per player

Prize Board

- 1st \$1000.00
- 2nd \$500.00
- 3rd \$300.00
- 4th \$200.00
- 5th 100.00

More information will be coming soon.



“Help Keep the Roof Over Our Head”

If you are a resident of Edmonton and would like to support our request to the City of Edmonton to pursue the full tax forgiveness option please send your Councillor a letter letting them know how you feel.

You can click on the link for a sample letter

[Sample Letter](#)

Please share this with all your friends and family.

The Legion Dispatch

Your Legion Calendar: March - April 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	Date	Event
Mar 3	World Hearing Day	April 3	Battle of Moreuil Wood (1918)
Mar 8	International Women's Day	Apr 4	NATO Accord signed (1949)
Mar 9	Commonwealth Day (RCEL support)	Apr 9	Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917) - Legion flags lowered to half mast
Mar 15	Last Canadian soldiers return from Afghanistan (2014)	24 - 30	National Volunteer Week
		Apr 25	Anzac Day
		Apr 25	Battle of Kapyong (1951)

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Sunday March 13

Tickets: Show & Meal \$50.00 / Show Only \$30.00

Doors open at 5:00 pm / Meal 5:30 pm / Show 7:00 pm

**Menu: Fresh Garden Salad, Braised Chicken Breast w/ White Wine & Mushroom
Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Maple Glazed Baby Carrots,
Fresh Apple Pie a la mode, Coffee / Tea**

Upcoming Events



80'S MUSIC BINGO

Saturday March 19

First Game 7:00 pm



UKRAINE DINNER

Sunday April 24

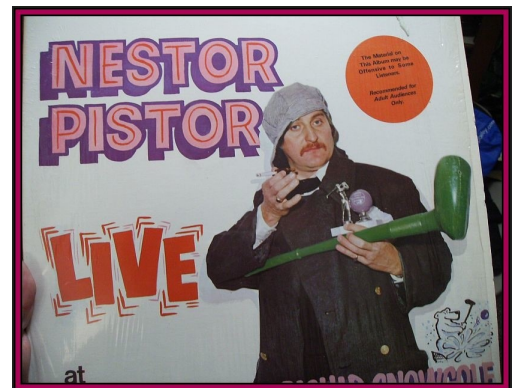
5:00- 6:30 pm



MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday May 8th

First Sitting 12:00 pm



NESTOR PISTOR

Saturday June 4

Dinner: 5:30 pm

Show: 7:00 pm

For more information on these events visit our website; www.kingswaylegion.ca



Upcoming Events

75th Anniversary Dinner & Dance Saturday April 2, 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

Tickets



Advanced Sales:

(purchased prior to Mar 12)

\$65.00/Legion Members

\$70/Non-Legion Members

Sales: Mar 13 - 26

\$70.00/Legion Members

\$80/Non-Legion Members

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MAR 26

Program



Your ticket includes:

A meal

Dance to "The Edmonton Swing Band"

Swag Bags

Door Prizes

Glass of Wine with the Meal

5:00 pm

Doors Open

5:30

Cocktails

6:00

Dinner

7:30

Slide Show & Presentations

8:30

Dance

RESERVE SEATING ONLY - NO REFUNDS!

A Talk With The Padre

“The Golden Rule”

As I sit here on this chilly Monday in February writing this piece for this Newsletter, I am reflecting on the past months and years. In fact, it is just over two years ago that the first case of the Coronavirus was detected in our country, and by the time you read this, it will be all of two years since much of Canada and the world was shut down because of this virus. All of us, and admittedly some more than others have been impacted by Covid19. Some have been ill with the virus, we all know someone who has passed away because of it, and some of us have been closely affected by the death of family members and or very close friends. I fit into the latter category. To say the least it has been a difficult time for us all. In short, our lives have been altered by the past years.

A fellow Chaplain of mine tells the story that while he and his spouse were returning from the United States where they had visited their daughter. They were caught up in the blockade at the Canada/US Port of Entry at Emerson, Manitoba, a port I have used frequently while living in Manitoba. After showing all the proof of vaccinations, the appropriate QR Codes, they were welcomed back into Canada, only to find forced to drive at a snail’s pace by the Freedom Convoy, who were moving, but just barely. He followed for a time creeping behind these huge vehicles when he had had enough. He pulled onto the paved right-hand shoulder and began to pass the large vehicles. He was able to keep on the shoulder when suddenly a protestor in the line must have seen him and pulled his truck onto the shoulder blocking his way. My colleague realized that while it appeared to be a rather innocent action, he had put himself into harms way.

I reflected on his story and realized that these protestors both here in the Southern, Manitoba region, those at the Coutts Border Crossing, the International Bridge at Windsor, Ontario and in Ottawa are angry and upset because regulations and mandates are denying them the freedom to move around and work as they wish. But these convoys were doing to others, my colleague, shop owners, Emergency Vehicles, International Trade, and a host of other service providers, exactly what they were protesting. They were denying many their freedoms, and in the process desecrating, and showing complete disrespect to the men and women of our Armed Forces, by dancing on the tomb of the ‘Unknown Soldier,’ and the hallowed space of our National War Memorial. The very people who had given their lives so, they could freely protest, were now along with thousands of others being treated with complete disdain. True, only a hand full of protestors went to that level, but the point was that many innocent people lost their freedoms, with no respect for the “Golden Rule,” going on here. **“Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”**

This has parallels to another moral code, called “an eye for an eye, or tooth for a tooth,” or the law of retaliation. It was an attempt at fairness: “if someone steals something, you steal something back from him/her. If he pokes out your eye, you poke out his, but not both. So, in our current environment were many protestors saying, **“you stole my freedom, so now I will steal yours?”**

The truth is that the law of retaliation was an attempt three thousand years ago to bring legal balance and fairness to conflicts between people. “May the punishment fit the crime.” **But, it proved unreliable and unworkable.**” Laws were developed to ensure fairness, fines and or jail time, and people were encouraged not to take the law into their own hands, but allow the authorities, the police to do their jobs, and allow the courts to settle the appropriate penalties.

I have seen as we all have the anger that has come into play as protestors who believe they have lost their freedoms, demonstrate, and impede others who sit on the opposite side of the same issue. I felt often over the past weeks intense anger as I saw borders closed, people in Ottawa, (I have a son who makes his home in the Ottawa area) having to shut their business. I wasn’t anywhere near the place and yet I felt it. I asked myself what do I do, or maybe better put, what should I do?

A Talk With The Padre

I have spent much of my life trying to live up to what the Bible says, “**Be angry but do not sin.**” Ephesians 4:26. In the **Sermon on the Mount**, found in Matthew 5, Jesus said this:

If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well. And Jesus lived up to this principle, fully! When he was wrongfully convicted of treason, and sentenced to torture and death, he forgave and prayed for his executioners.

Christians have struggled with this one for two thousand years. If a guy steals my car, am I supposed to say, “Here, have my RV, too.” **No.** As any police officer knows, the perpetrator of an offence should not be encouraged to keep on doing it. The sooner we take him or her out of circulation, even at risk to our own safety, the safer our community will be! And (this is a true echo of Christian moral principles) we have a system whereby, if judge or a parole board thinks that the perpetrator has changed, and will live successfully in the community, he or she is permitted to try again to live a peaceful life.

What Jesus said, after telling people to “turn the other cheek,” is that the primary moral principle, in the face of an offence, must be: “love your enemy.” So, we may protect others by putting the perpetrator in jail, but we must love him or her. Loving people – how appropriate for a Padre’s article being written just seven days after Valentine’s Day.

So, I must love those who by their actions deny me, freedoms, even if their actions annoy me. And I would urge anyone, to live by the Golden Rule: Do to others what you want them to do to you! If you want “freedom,” then grant “freedom” to others even when in complete disagreement with you. It is after all; **“The Way of Jesus, who loved us with an unconditional love, regardless of our acceptance or rejection of Him as the one who came to die for me.”**

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 CSB

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

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam’s ribs. Later in the week, the boy’s mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: “Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I’m getting a wife.”

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: “It’s right here—HEBREWS.”

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

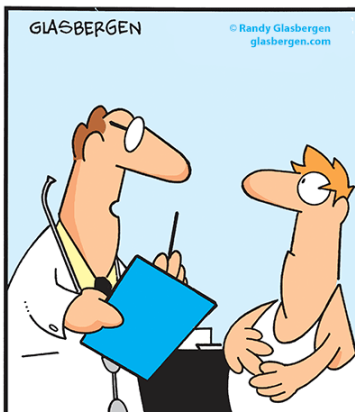


- All members, whether novice or expert, are invited to participate.
- All times are approximate and maybe changed to fit the requirements of the Branch.

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

Audrey Ferguson.

**All Area, District, Command and Dominion Sports Events
have been cancelled for 2022**



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Class Action Regarding Annual Adjustment of Benefits Administered by Veterans Affairs Canada

The Federal Court has certified a class proceeding dealing with errors in the annual adjustment of disability pensions payable to Canadian Veterans.

Virtually every Canadian Veteran who receives a monthly disability pension is a class member. There is no cost to class members to participate in this proceeding.

Members do have the option to opt out – details and the deadline to do so are on the Notice.

[Learn More](#)

Veteran's Support

Legion Funds Concussion Support & Research for Veterans

Up to 35% of Canadian Armed Forces members and Veterans are living with the effects of concussion, which can have a serious impact on their quality of life and lead to other mental health conditions. In light of this issue, the Legion has donated \$75,000 to Concussion Legacy Foundation Canada's Operation Brain Health, a program which helps Veterans and their families living with the effects of concussions by providing recovery programs, a peer support network, education, and critical research

[Learn More](#)

Veterans and Cannabis Use Research

The University of Alberta's Heroes in Mind. Advocacy and Research Consortium is conducting research into benefits and risks of cannabis use by Veterans and its impacts on families. Veterans, family members, service providers, and producers are invited to participate by filling out the survey below. Please share this opportunity to contribute to this research with your members

[English Survey](#)

[French Survey](#)

MemberPerks:

Exclusive Offers and Preferred Pricing Through Venngo

MemberPerks[®] gives Legion members access to thousands of offers and deals at stores and restaurants across Canada, including national chains, local businesses and online stores.

MemberPerks[®] is included free with membership. It can save you \$1000s every year — so your membership could pay for itself many times over!

New to the Legion? You can access MemberPerks[®] 30 days after your Legion membership number has been issued.

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>

VAC Wants Your Opinion!

Veterans Affairs Canada wants to know how it can better communicate with the Veteran community. Tell them how you like to receive information and what you know about their services, by taking part in the survey below.

If someone you know served in the Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP, Veterans Affairs Canada want to hear from them. www.ekos.com/veteransurvey.

The **AB-NWT Command Convention** is planned for
Fri May 6 10:00 am to Sun May 8, 2022 4:00 pm

Location: **Cambridge Red Deer Hotel & Conference Centre 3310 – 50 Ave, Red Deer**

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.

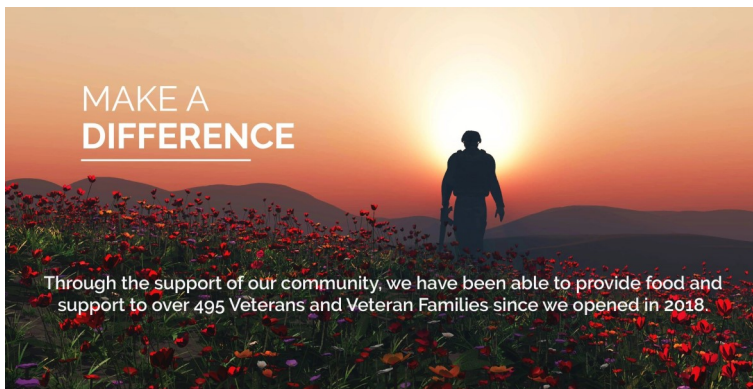
For more Info click on the image.

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](#)



- Mon. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
- 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

[Veterans Association Food Bank Edmonton](#)

New Location:
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