



The Royal Canadian Legion

Kingsway Branch No. 175

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“The Home of Hospitality”

Apr 2020

BRANCH HOURS

Mon - 5:00 pm - Close
Tue - Sat 10.00 am - Close
Sunday - Closed

BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Tue - Sat 10.00 am - 8.00 pm
Sunday – Closed

KITCHEN

Mon - 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Tue - Sat 11.00 am - 8.00 pm
Sunday – Closed

BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

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

Are We are Open? NO!

Due to the latest changes imposed by the Alberta Government we have closed our door until we have been advised that we are able to open again.

We will be monitoring our phone lines and If you are a veteran who needs assistance, please call. You may visit the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund by appointment only.

Stay Safe

Members in Good Standing as of Mar 17, 2020

Life Members	24
Ordinary	440
Associate	364
Affiliate	305
Total:	1,133

Membership

Alexander, William S.	Lastiwka, Lyle L.
Atkin, Kristina H.	McLeod, Ilene
Boychuk, Kenneth E.	Middleton, Victoria
Decker, Gary J.	Morton, Viviana
Demerais, Lawrence	Mroczek, Kevin
Duthie, David W.	Parchem, Donald
Hittinger, Lorne	Serben, Brian
Holtet, Brian J.	Sexton, William
Kiriak, Stella	Smith, David
Lalonde, Lucien	Thorsen, Carl G.

Our Newest Members

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

The Honors & Awards Committee presented a number of awards at the Last General Meeting.



As there were no meetings held in Feb & Mar as a result we haven't had a chance to recognise any of our volunteers.

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
Chamberlain, William	75	28 Jan 2020	
Christensen, Kenny	67	13 Feb 2020	

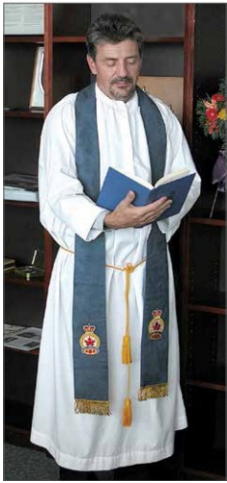


2020 CONVENTION CALL

48th Dominion Convention, Saskatoon, SK
22 – 26 August 2020

[View Convention Call](#)





For the benefit of all the members of Legion Branch

During the past several weeks, I have been thinking much, of how the current very abnormal events, that are unfolding almost by the hour, have affected us all. Many of us represent the “vulnerable age categories,” and I include myself. During these difficult times, it is easy to begin to worry, to become anxious, and allow the current normal to invade our thinking, and in many cases our actions.

I am reminded that while our current reality is difficult and fearful, that we can turn our eyes off ourselves and onto others. I am reminded that for many who are already isolated to some extent, being socially distanced from others, is incredibly taxing, and worrisome. And yet there may well be opportunity to look for a chance to bring daylight into the life of someone else. That would be different for all of us and would depend on how we look at life today.

I am choosing to focus on the good things happening around me and attempting to reach out to help someone else. Today for example, I had the opportunity to pick up a good supply of bread from one of our Sobeys Stores and deliver it to a homeless shelter. It wasn't much, and yet I was able to get out, stay safe and make someone else's life just a little brighter. I use this opportunity simply as an illustration of what might be available. I would also encourage all of us to be reminded that the words of Jesus still ring true today. “I am with you, I will never leave you, nor will I forsake you.” Then the words of Romans Chapter 8. (part of chapter)

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, ^[a] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev. R.D. (Bob) Wiebe, Padre

Royal Canadian Legion, Kingsway Branch #175

I leave you with the words of this prayer:

Working with faith leaders nationwide, **Rabbi Bulka**, (one of the Dominion Honorary Chaplains) is calling on all Canadians to join in a collective recitation of the attached prayer on 31 March at 3 pm.

COMPOSED BY RABBI DR. REUVEN P. BULKA & ARCHBISHOP TERRENCE PRENDERGAST

O God, We gather together separated by life-saving distancing, but united more than ever in spirit; We know we are in a war against COVID - 19 together, and the more together we are, the better and stronger we will emerge: We know the challenges are enormous, yet so are the opportunities; That whether we are in isolation with loved ones, or alone, we will have abundance of time; We commit to using that time to the max, to help those in greater need in whatever way we can; We know we all have the opportunity, and time, to be life savers and life enhancers; We give thanks for those who are on the front line taking care of those who are not well; We give thanks for the researchers who are working at breakneck speed to find cure and vaccine; We give thanks for our leaders, federal, provincial and local, for their dedication to all of us; We give thanks for the providers of our daily needs who go to work in spite of the risk; We give thanks for those who have ramped up their ability to produce life-saving supplies. We pray for the well-being of all our life savers; For those who are not well, that they recover fully; For those enduring difficulty, that they may overcome their challenges. We pray that a cure and vaccine will soon be available, and that we all – family, friends, all Canadians, the entire world may be healed in body and spirit. We ask you, O God, to bless our leaders, our front-line care givers, our life savers and life enhancers. We ask you, O God, to bless Canada, to bless the world, to bless everyone. Amen.

Rabbi Bulka, is one of the Dominion Honorary Chaplains

Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary

Due to social distancing, Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale, Turkey and ham draw and raffles are being postponed until September 26th. Any raffle tickets already sold will be honored on that day.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the bake sale items is more than welcome.

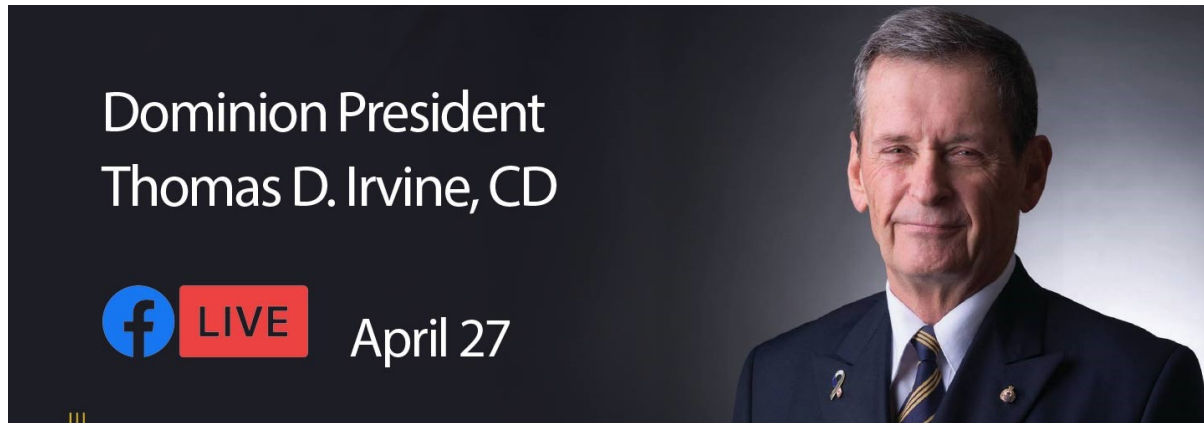
Our raffle consists of the following:



- #1 Food Hamper - \$400.00
- #2 Legion Ticket Package - \$150.00
- #3 His and Hers Watches - \$70.00
- #4 Child's Easter Basket - \$25.00

Tickets are \$2.00 each and are available at the front desk or from Ladies Auxiliary members

A Dominion Command Special Media Event



Dominion President Thomas D. Irvine, CD, will be conducting a Q&A session live-streamed on Facebook on April 27. Legion Members, the military community and the public will have the opportunity to submit questions in advance. Tom, along with Dominion Command Senior Executive Officers and Committee Chairs will answer questions.

Tom's Town Hall: A Conversation with the Legion's President

April 27, 2–3 pm EST

Watch live at [Facebook.com/CanadianLegion](https://www.facebook.com/CanadianLegion)

Questions can be submitted to townhall@legion.ca.

Weekly Events



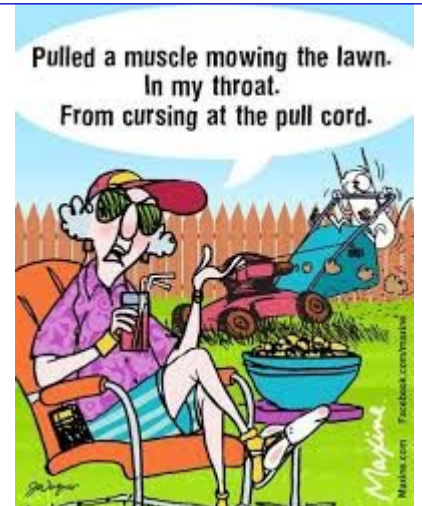
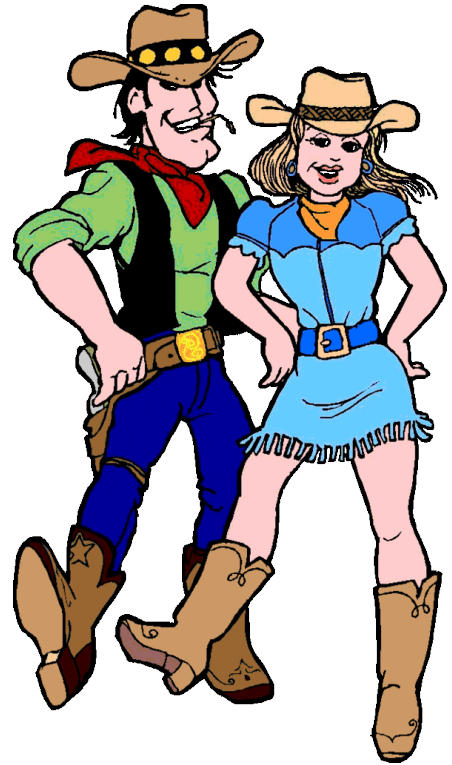
Friday & Saturday Night Dances

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Country Jam Session

Kingsway Legion present open mic jamborees every Thursday night from 6:30 to 10:30 pm

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



It's Your Legion Get Involved



LOTTERY CONTEST RULES

Ticket prices are \$5 per ticket. (only 600 tickets printed)

There will be 2 Prizes drawn.

Prize 1 is a Trip for 2 to Las Vegas (4 days).

Prize 2 is Mayfield Dinner Theatre Tickets for 2.

The Draw Date is April 30, 2020.

The Las Vegas Trip Raffle will have a total of 600 tickets printed.

The Kingsway Legion reserves the right to cancel this lottery if less than 300 tickets are sold by April 1, 2020.

The Prize is a "\$1500 Gift Card" package toward a 4 day Las Vegas Trip.

The Prize is "Transferrable". The winner may redeem the full value of the Gift Card at the Kingsway Legion "ONLY". If the winner is an AMA member, the card can be used toward any AMA product, including another trip other than the one in the raffle. A non-member winner can also forfeit the Las Vegas Trip and apply the Gift Card toward another holiday at the AMA.

The winner will be required to pay the applicable Travel Consulting fees at AMA.

The Kingsway Legion is not responsible for booking travel arrangements, applicable insurances or Passport issues. These remain the sole responsibility of the winner.

The Kingsway Legion is not responsible for any lost or stolen gift cards after being received by the winner.

It's Your Legion Get Involved



KINGSWAY LEGION Mazatlán, Mexico TRIP FOR 2 RAFFLE

LOTTERY CONTEST RULES

Ticket prices are \$5 per ticket.

There will be 1 Prizes drawn.

Trip for 2 for 7 days to Mazatlán, Mexico.

The Draw Date is July 2, 2020.

The Mexico Trip Raffle will have a total of 1000 tickets printed.

The Kingsway Legion reserves the right to cancel this lottery if less than 500 tickets are sold by June 1, 2020.

The Prize is a “\$2500 Gift Card” package toward a 7 day Mexico Trip.

The Prize is “Transferrable”. The winner may redeem the full value of the Gift Card at the Kingsway Legion “ONLY”. If the winner is an AMA member, the card can be used toward any AMA product, including another trip other than the one in the raffle. A non-member winner can also forfeit the Mexico Trip and apply the Gift Card toward another holiday at the AMA. Prices for the trip is determined at date of Raffle. Prices does not reflect any increase that may occur in the future.

The winner will be required to pay the applicable Travel

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ing fees at AMA. The Kingsway Legion is not responsible for booking travel arrangements, applicable insurances or Passport issues. These remain the sole responsibility of the winner.

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Fund Raiser

Bingo Volunteers Required

Location: Kensington Bingo Hall
12538 132 Ave NW, Edmonton
Time: 10:30 - 4:00 pm

Dates:

Wed 15 Apr
Wed 29 Apr
Fri 8 May
Mon 18 May

Contact the office if you are interested in helping.



Tempers flare in the local Bingo hall as Mildred touches Helen's good luck charm.



Chase the Ace

“Chase the Ace of Spades” is back every Thursday night tickets go on sale at 5:00pm until 8:00pm.

The draw will be held at 8:30pm.

Tickets are \$2 each and you must be present when the ticket is drawn to win.

Good Luck!

If you have an article or photo you think should be added please submit it by the 20th of the month. Email it to: kingswaylegion.president@telus.net

What's Happening at the Legion?



*Sunday April 26,
2020*

Show only \$30.00

With Dinner \$ 48.00

Doors Open 5:00pm

Show 7:00pm

Tickets on Sale Now

Reserved seating only.

No refunds

Upcoming Events We Are Currently Working On.

- June 7 Alan Jackson Tribute.
- June 14 Edmonton Swing Big Band Tribute.
- July 1 Canada Day Celebrations.
- Sept 13 Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison.
- Oct 5 Everly Bros Experience.
- Oct 18 Twilight Time, a tribute to the Platters and Doo Wop music.

More Information to Follow!

Veteran's Support

Are you a veteran or family member of a veteran?

We are recruiting veterans and their family members to test the impact of self-applied hand Shiatsu on sleep. This technique is drug free and has no cost. Participants can withdraw from the study before completion and will be compensated for parking. This study is funded by Veterans Affairs Canada and supported by the Royal Canadian Legion Alberta- NWT Command, has been approved the Health Research Ethics Board of the University of Alberta. To learn more email Dr. Cary Brown, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta at cary.brown@ualberta.ca or phone 780-492-9545.



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.

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>

Sports

BRANCH LEAGUES:

Darts	Mon	6:00 — 10:00 pm
Cribbage	Mon	6:00 — 10:00 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	6:00 pm
Pool (Drop in Tourney)	Thu	11:30 am
Darts (City League).....	Thu	6:00 pm
Pool (Drop in Tourney)	Sat	11:30 am

All members, whether novice or expert, are invited to participate.

All times are approximate and may be changed to fit requirements.



Together We Can Make Our Legion Great

The Legion Dispatch

Your Legion Calendar: Apr - May 2020

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
Apr	Month of the Military Child	5 May	Liberation of Netherlands (1945)
April 3	Battle of Moreuil Wood (1918)	8 May	VE Day (1945)
Apr 4	NATO Accord signed (1949)	10-May	Mother's Day
Apr 9	Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917) - Legion flags lowered to half mast	15-May	International Day of Families
19—25	National Volunteer Week	21-May	National War Memorial unveiled (1939)
Apr 25	Anzac Day	21-May	Victoria Day
Apr 25	Battle of Kapyong (1951)	25-May	Ypres (1915)
May 1-7	National Youth Week	25-May	US Memorial Day
03-May	Battle of the Atlantic (1945)	28-May	Tomb of Unknown Soldier (2000)
03-May	John McCrae wrote ' In Flanders Fields ' poem	29-May	International Day of UN Peacekeepers
May 4-	CMHA Mental Health Week	31-May	End of South African (Boer) War



The Government of Canada recently announced the time criteria for several medals has been reduced, and the Special Service Medal has been amended to expand eligibility to Canadian civilians.

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