



The Royal Canadian Legion

Kingsway Branch No. 175

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"The Home of Hospitality"

May 2021

BRANCH HOURS

Mon - Sat 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Wed 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday - Closed

BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - Sat 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday – Closed

CANTEEN BAR

Mon - Sat 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Wed 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday – Closed

KITCHEN

Mon - Sat 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Wed 11:00 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday – Closed

BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

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

President's Message

Here we are once again in shut down conditions due to Covide19 restrictions. I am in complete agreement with these restrictions.

The covid19 variants are many and deadly. Yes, this will affect our Branch members and our financial situation greatly. However, we have been down this road before and survived. We recovered then and we will overcome again when conditions get back to normal.

During the shut down comrades, you can rest assured that your executive committee remains active to ensure the well being of our comrades in need, the welfare of our staff, and our financial obligations.

Further, we are here Monday to Saturday to ensure the safety of our building by ensuring that all vital equipment is functioning correctly. In the meantime, we wish all of our comrades to stay safe by following the AHS protocols.

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
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Our Newest Members

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

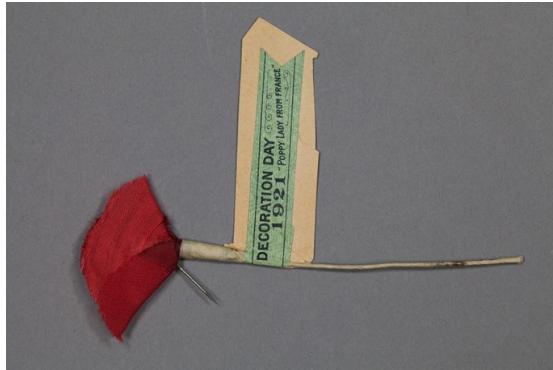


There were no meetings held in March as a result we haven't had a chance to recognise any of our volunteers.

Members in Good Standing	
as of Feb 16, 2021	
Life Members	25
Ordinary	567
Associate	469
Affiliate	222
Total:	1283

Wanted

The Legion is looking for mannequins to display some of the uniforms we have. If you know where we could get some donated or cheap please let the front office know.



100th 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 100th anniversary, The Legion Dominion Executive Council approved a commemorative Poppy flower pin, which is now available to wear on Legion dress until Dec 31, 2021. See the front office if you would like to purchase one.

[**To read more about the history of the Poppy click here.**](#)



Did you know that this year Kingsway Legion celebrated it's 75th anniversary on February 8, 1946.

For the rest of the year we will be sharing some of the history of days gone by.

July 2, 1974 - 1979 Ralph Steinhauer was appointed lieutenant-governor of Alberta, the first Indigenous person to hold vice-regal office in Canada.



Conservatives Win Alberta

30 Aug 1971 - Peter Lougheed's Conservatives ended 36 years of Socred government in Alberta by winning a majority government in a general election.

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The flag made its first official appearance on

February 15, 1965.



April 27 to October 29 Montreal hosted **Expo 67**

Expo 67 was Canada's main celebration during its [centennial year](#). The fair had been intended to be held in [Moscow](#), to help the [Soviet Union](#) celebrate the [Russian Revolution](#)'s 50th anniversary; however, for various reasons, the Soviets decided to cancel, and Canada was awarded it in late 1962.



The Army was integrated with the [Royal Canadian Navy](#) and the [Royal Canadian Air Force](#) on Feb 1, 1968, under the policy of [Unification](#). The newly formed [Canadian Forces](#) was the first combined military force in the modern world.

October 5 – December 28, 1970 during the [October Crisis](#), the army was called out as an aid to civil power with the Royal 22^e Régiment being deployed to guard government buildings in Montreal on 15 October 1970

Flag of The **Front de libération du Québec (FLQ)**



May 1, 1960
The [Royal Canadian Navy](#) celebrated it's 50th anniversary



April 1, 1974
The [Royal Canadian Air Force](#) celebrated it's 50th anniversary



The [Canadian Army](#) trace their origins to the passage of the [Militia Act of 1855](#)

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The **Canadian Centennial** was a yearlong celebration held in 1967 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the [Canadian Confederation](#). Celebrations in [Canada](#) occurred throughout the year but culminated on [Dominion Day](#), July 1, 1967.



Confederation Train; a travelling exhibit on a train that traversed the country and brought exhibits on the history of Canada to the citizens. The train consisted of six exhibit cars. The locomotives were painted in purple, grey, and black livery and had a custom air horn that sounded the first four notes of "O Canada." The train was inaugurated on January 9, 1967 in Victoria and made 83 stops across the country before reaching its final stop in Montreal on December 5, 1967



The Bank of Canada issued into circulation a redesigned version of the \$1 banknote from the 1954 Series.

The image on the reverse of this version shows the original Parliament Buildings, and the obverse includes a green monochrome adaptation of the stylised maple leaf Centennial logo marked with the years 1867 and 1967



One section of the two-hour pageant is dedicated to the Canadians who took part in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War. Trumpeters pay tribute to the fallen.

[Canadian Armed Forces Tattoo 1967](#)

The Canadian Armed Forces contributed to Centennial celebrations by producing a military tattoo unlike any other in Canadian history.

Canadian Centennial Medal was issued in 1967 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, and was awarded to Canadians who were recommended by governments and associations for having provided valuable service to this country.

Some 30,000 Medals were conferred on Canadians selected from all sectors of Canadian society.



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The Canadian Red Ensign
1871 to 1921



The Canadian Red Ensign
1957 to 1965



The Canadian Maple Leaf
1965 to Present

A [Brief History](#) of Canada 1960- 1979 Click on the link

During the 1970s Edmonton once again experienced a major construction boom.

1963 - The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology opened in Edmonton on 26 May.	1972 – Londonderry Mall opened.
1965 - Citadel Theatre was founded	1976 - Kingsway Mall opened
1967 – Provincial Museum of Alberta opened. It was renamed in 2005 when Queen Elizabeth II bestowed royal patronage.	1976 - Alberta Railway Museum opened.
1969 – Construction of Fort Edmonton Park began.	1978 – Commonwealth Stadium opened.
1970 – Southgate Shopping Centre opened	1978 - Edmonton Light Rail Transit System opened.
1961 - Beverly, Alberta amalgamated with the City of Edmonton.	1962 - Edmonton's local exhibition had been renamed to Klondike Days .
1963 - Edmonton Oil Kings win their first Memorial Cup .	1979 – Edmonton Oilers join the National Hockey League .
1965 - Edmonton aircraft bombing .	1971 Grant MacEwan Community College established.
1976 - Muttart Conservatory opened.	1974 - Northlands Coliseum opened.
1976 - Edmonton host the Commonwealth Games .	1964 – Jasper Place, Alberta amalgamated with Edmonton.

A Private married, with 3 years in rank received \$64.00 and a marriage allowance of \$30.00

Item	1946	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970
Gallon of Gasoline	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.29	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.36
Gallon of Milk	\$0.67	\$0.83	\$0.93	\$0.49	\$0.95	\$0.62
1 Dozen Eggs	\$0.59	\$0.60	\$0.61	\$0.57	\$0.53	\$0.59
Loaf of White Bread	\$0.10	\$0.12	\$0.18	\$0.23	\$0.49	\$0.25
Chopped Beef (1 lb)	\$0.27	\$0.53	\$0.67	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.59



**Click on the image
to purchase your
tickets**

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 unprecedeted 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!

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

Ticket Sales End: May 7, 2021

Draw Date: May 8, 2021

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

Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



Unfortunately, with the shut down we are not having meat raffles currently.

We thank all those who have been participating and look forward to seeing you again soon.

There have been a few inquiries regarding baking for our spring raffle. It touched our hearts, but unfortunately, we will not be holding one until Christmas if safe to do so.



Pre-paying Pays Off

Between February 22 to May 30, 2021, members who prepay for five years will receive a FREE Limited Edition Poppy Watch, designed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy. See [terms and conditions](#) for more details.

A limited number of these watches will be available for purchase on The Poppy Store starting in late May. Keep an eye out – they're expected to go fast!



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 experienced sexual harassment, assault or discrimination while serving.

For more Info click on the image.

Next General Meeting:
To Be Confirmed

The Legion Dispatch

Your Legion Calendar: May - Jun 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
2 May	Battle of the Atlantic (1945)
1 - 7 May	National Youth Week
3 May	John McCrae wrote 'In Flanders Fields' poem
3 - 9 May	CMHA Mental Health Week
5 May	Liberation of Netherlands (1945)
8 May	VE Day (1945)
9 May	Mother's Day
15 May	International Day of Families
21 May	National War Memorial unveiled (1939)
24 May	Victoria Day
25 May	Ypres (1915)
28 May	Tomb of Unknown Soldier (2000)
29 May	International Day of UN Peacekeepers
31 May	End of South African (Boer) War (1902)

Date	Event
31 May	US Memorial Day
	June Pride Month
	Legion Riders Promotion
4 Jun	Miracle at Dunkirk (1940)
6 Jun	Canadian Armed Forces Day
6 Jun	Normandy Invasion (D-Day) (1944)
Virtual	Navy Bike Ride
14 Jun	World Blood Donor Day
17-27 Jun	Memorial Cup
20 Jun	Father's Day
21 Jun	National Indigenous Peoples Day
24 Jun	St-Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec only)
27 Jun	Canadian Multiculturalism Day



Miller Crossing *Mother's Day Market*

May 8th, Saturday

12pm - 5pm

Royal Canadian Legion

14339 50th Street Edmonton, AB

A wide variety of fresh, delicious homemade food and baking products, fish, meat, eggs, honey, pickled food, coffee, handmade crafts, jewelery and much more! With 40+ amazing vendors!



For more info call/text 780 707 4688



For updates on this event checkout our website:

kingswaylegion.ca



Farmers Market Lunch Special

Date: May 8, 2021 Noon to 4 pm

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw

Cost: \$12.00

(Takeout or Limited Patio Dining Only)

A Talk With The Padre

As I reflected on what I should write for the May Newsletter, it dawned on me that despite the fact I have been the Padre for the Kingsway Legion for going on four years, many may not know just what motivated me to accept Comrade Mac Torrie's gracious invitation. There was much more to it than my son Stephen suggesting to Mac following our move to Edmonton in 2016 that, "Hey my dad is retiring, he will need something to do, and he has been a Chaplain in the past, "SO", and the rest is history. While the former statement may well be true in part there is much more to me and to my calling as a Chaplain/Padre than having nothing to do. So, let me give you a piece of my history, or you could simply buy my book "The Badge and the Pulpit," and you would know more about me than you may wish to know.

As is the case for all of us I was born as a baby, and very attached to my mother. At the age of eight I developed a keen awareness of a God who wanted a personal relationship with me, and that was possible through His Son Jesus. As I entered my teen years, I felt a strong call to being either a pastor in a local church or a missionary/international worker in Ecuador. An event occurred on a sand bar, when five men who were missionaries were killed by a group of Stone Age Tribe of Auca, Indians, (now known as the Waodani) One of those men, Jim Elliott became my hero. His quote, "**a man is no fool who loses what he cannot keep to keep what he cannot lose,**" became my mantra as his death set the trajectory of my life, and I became very focused. It was in my later teens when I developed a desire to join the RCMP, but being brought up in conservative Mennonite Community, being an RCMP officer was not in the cards so to speak.

I did not lose sight of my desire to become a pastor but applied for the RCMP and was actually accepted. That was 1964 and I had the privilege of serving, following my basic training in Ottawa at a variety of detachments both in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and then served three years in the Academic Section of the RCMP Training Academy at Depot Division. I completed my service in 1988, with my last five years being stationed at Manitoba Division HQ.

Following my retirement, I became an ordained minister with the denomination known as The Christian and Missionary Alliance, now known as Alliance Canada. I mention this simply to say that my desire and calling to be a pastor never left me. I served in Brandon, Manitoba at Grand Valley Community Church, and it is here that I became very interested in the Chaplaincy Ministry/Program. You see I reflected on the many times when I had had some serious encounters with some very nasty people, and twice where firearms were involved. I was fortunate to have a church pastor I could turn to during these very stressful times, but most of the members I worked with did not. So, when the position of the Brandon Police Service Chaplain became vacant, I gladly answered the call from then Chief Scott for an interview. I served the Brandon Police Service as their Chaplain for a number of years. At the same time, I was asked to serve as the RCMP Chaplain in the Westman area and did so for several years. I reflected often on my personal service in the Force, and that experience stood me in good stead as I was able to come along side members through a variety of experiences both job related and in their personal lives. Experience is a great teacher, and I had a good understanding of what members were facing.

A Talk With The Padre (Cont'd)

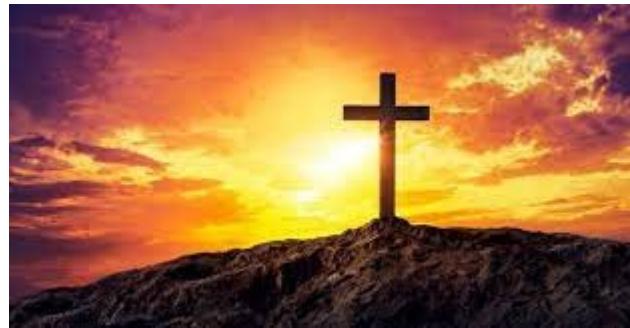
Following a five-year hiatus from being a Chaplain while I worked as an assistant to our Denominational District Superintendent in Alberta we returned to Winnipeg and in short order I was asked to serve as the Chaplain to the Manitoba Division RCMP Veterans which I gladly accepted. I held that position for ten years, until we moved to Edmonton in 2016, as I have already noted.

I see serving as a Chaplain and now the Padre as a privilege and a huge honour. While many of us come from a variety of Faith Walks, we have a common set of beliefs and values, and a sense of kingship. While I have never served within the Canadian Military, I hold our men and women in uniform both current and past, in high esteem. As many of you know I have a son who served for 32 years in the Canadian Forces, 23 of those with JTF2, and now have the delight in having a Grandson serving with the PPCLI here in Edmonton.

We have a kindred spirit, we look after each other, and while we do not always agree as some of our meetings may attest to, we hold deep respect for the service each of us has rendered. The Character of Chaplaincy dates to the fourth century AF. According to the life history of Saint \Mart of Tours, while still a Roman soldier, Martin encountered a beggar on a cold winter night. Legend has it that he took his sword, cut his personal cloak in half, and provided the other half to the beggar. Martin would later commit his life to the church, to the less fortunate and to the work of God, which I suggest is one and the same. His cloak came to symbolize care and compassion to those in need. Chaplains were initially called “keepers of the cloak.”

And so, the Chaplain/Padre should bring hope and comfort to each of those in need in the area that he or she serves. Life is too short and road we all travel too strewn with debris to walk it alone. I close by saying I am here as your Padre to provide when needed, love, compassion, mercy, and future optimism and hopefully words of encouragement. My goal as your Padre is to assist each of you with your spiritual walk where needed, and to help navigate these very strange times in which we live. My desire is to live in the shadow of Saint Martin of Tours and carry on the work he initiated.

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



Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in believing that we are born to eternal life.

Sports Schedule

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.



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 are not effective by this decision!

Veteran's Support



A Community-Based Peer Support Initiative providing free, confidential, lived experience peer support services for those who protect us.

www.osi-can.ca

Location: Kingsway Legion

14339 50th St., Edmonton

Date: Every Sunday starting Apr 11

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

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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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