



## The Royal Canadian Legion

### Kingsway Branch No. 175

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“The Home of Hospitality”

# June 2021

#### BRANCH HOURS

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

Wed 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday - Closed

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#### BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - Sat 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday – Closed

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#### CANTEEN BAR

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

Wed 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday – Closed

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#### KITCHEN

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

Wed 11:00 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday – Closed

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#### BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

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

### President's Message

Finally, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Covid19 figures are down, and it appears that some of the restrictions will be lifted.

Ron Wills, Gary Forner and Steve Criss have done an excellent job acquiring grants to keep the Branch financially viable. Good work comrades.

We received the Convention call for the 48<sup>th</sup> Dominion Convention to be held virtually 13-15 August 2021. Delegates will be selected at our Executive meeting or if restrictions are lifted at our next general meeting.

Your executive continues to be active and available to serve our veterans in need and to renew memberships Monday to Saturday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm (call 780-425-8654 to book an appointment)

Till next time be safe.

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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




## Our Newest Members

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

Members in Good Standing as of May 18, 2021	
Life Members	<b>27</b>
Ordinary	<b>418</b>
Associate	<b>352</b>
Affiliate	<b>224</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1022</b>

My mom always told me I wouldn't accomplish anything by lying in bed all day.

But look at me now, ma! I'm saving the world!



## July 1, 2021 Canada Day Celebrations

Covid19 permitting the Branch will be having a Canada Day Celebrations. There will be a Pancake Breakfast as well as other afternoon event.

We are still in the planning stage of this event, keep up-to-date by visiting <https://kingswaylegion.ca/canada-day-celebrations> for more info



**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.**



**“O Canada”** was officially adopted as Canada's national anthem on June 27, 1980. The maple leaf was officially proclaimed the national arboreal emblem of Canada on April 25, 1996

**Jeanne Sauvé** was appointed the first female Governor General of Canada on Dec 23, 1983



**Lincoln MacCauley Alexander** PC CC OOnt CD QC was a Canadian lawyer who became the first black Member of Parliament in the House of Commons, the first black federal Cabinet Minister, the first black Chair of the Worker's Compensation Board, and the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario from 1985 to 1991.



**Terry Fox** died of cancer at the mid-point of his cross-Canada Marathon of Hope on June 28, 1981

# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kingsway Branch # 175



On Sept. 9, 1984 **Pope John Paul II** kissed the tarmac in Quebec City to kick off the first Canadian papal visit. In the frenzied atmosphere of a rock concert, Canadians flocked for a fleeting glimpse of the Holy Father

The 1988 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XV Olympic Winter Games and commonly known as Calgary '88, were a multi-sport event held from February 13 to 28, 1988, in Calgary



Ten years after women were first admitted to military colleges in Canada, **Heather Erxleben** completed training at the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle School in Wainwright, Alberta. In doing so, Erxleben became the first female combat soldier in Canada.



The Canadian CF-18 Hornet was introduced in the 1980s as a multirole replacement for the service's fleet of CF-101 Voodoos, CF-104 Starfighters and CF-116 Freedom Fighters.



*Halifax-class frigate* constructed for the service from the late-1980s to 1990s.



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A [Breif History](#) of Canada 1980- 1999 Click on the link

The Goods and Service Tax (GST) became effective on January 1, 1991	In 1971, Peter Lougheed's Conservatives put an end to the long rule of the Social Credit Party. The Conservatives remained in power, under seven different premiers, for 44 years of majority governments.
Canadian forces joined the Gulf War, a multi-national effort to drive Saddam Hussein's Iraqi troops from Kuwait on January 15, 1991	Sep 25, 1985 Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology Opens
The Toronto Blue Jays became the first Canadian baseball team to win the World Series. (Ironically, all the players were American.) 1992	Feb 8, 1986 Hinton train collision Twenty-three people died in a head-on collision between a CN freight train and a Via Rail passenger train at Hinton
Kim Campbell became Canada's first female Prime Minister in June, 1993 but lost the election in Nov of the same year.	Jun 09, 1995 Floods in Medicine Hat, Alta, forced some 5000 people from their homes.
The federal government passed legislation banning discrimination against homosexuals. 1996	Nov 02, 1999 The Alberta government announced that it would compensate 242 people who had been sterilized against their will as part of a policy of sterilizing mentally handicapped children from 1929 to 1979
In January, 1998 the federal government issued a formal apology to native peoples for past injustices (such as the residential school system in which thousands of young natives were taken from their homes and forced to attend far-away 'English' schools).	July 31, 1987 The Edmonton tornado occurs, killing 27 people
The new territory of Nunavut was created on April 1, changing the map of Canada for the first time in 20 years. 1999	
The 13-kilometre (8-mile) Confederation Bridge connecting Prince Edward Island to mainland Canada was opened to traffic.1997	

## Next General Meeting:

June 29, 2021 (to be confirmed)



**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 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!

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

**Ticket Sales End:** June 25, 2021

**Draw Date:** July 1, 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.

## Miller's Crossing Farmers' Market Re-opens

Sunday June 6, 2021, 11am - 3pm



For updates on this event checkout our website:

[millercrossingfm](http://millercrossingfm)

or on Facebook

[facebook.com/millercrossingfarmersmarket](https://facebook.com/millercrossingfarmersmarket)

Over 50 Vendors, Food Trucks, and  
Lunch Specials at the Legion

## Adopt a Planter



Calling all the Green Thumbs out there. This week Green Diamond Ranch Ltd. planted flowers in all our pots. The Branch is now looking for members who are interested to adopting a planter and maintaining one of our many flower planter. If you are interested, please contact the front office.

# The Legion Dispatch

## Your Legion Calendar: Jun - Jul 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
	June Pride Month
	<a href="#">Legion Riders</a> Promotion
4 Jun	<a href="#">Miracle at Dunkirk</a> (1940)
6 Jun	Canadian Armed Forces Day
6 Jun	<a href="#">Normandy Invasion</a> (D-Day) (1944)
<b>Virtual</b>	<a href="#">Navy Bike Ride</a>
14 Jun	World Blood Donor Day
20 Jun	Father's Day

Date	Event
21 Jun	<a href="#">National Indigenous Peoples Day</a>
24 Jun	<a href="#">St-Jean Baptiste Day</a> (Quebec only)
27 Jun	<a href="#">Canadian Multiculturalism Day</a>
1 July	 <b>CANADA DAY</b> 
1 July	<a href="#">Beaumont Hamel</a> (1916)
5 July	GWVA adopts Poppy as flower of Remembrance (1921) ( <b>100th anniversary</b> )
26 July	Vimy Unveiling (1936)
27 July	<a href="#">Korean War</a> Armistice (1957)



### Become a Legion Rider (for Legion Members)

To become an official Legion Rider, log in to the Legion's Member Services Website. If this is your first visit to the member site, please register using your membership number first. Once logged in, update your member profile to register as a Legion Rider.

[Register](#)



Legion is a proud partner of [Ride For Dad](#),

a non-profit organization that combines the love of motorcycles with a commitment to supporting prostate cancer research and raising public awareness of the disease. As Legion members, we are committed to supporting the health of Veterans, and making contributions to our communities. By partnering with Ride For Dad, the Legion supports men's health and contributes to a cause important to



## A Talk With The Padre

**“Why we believe what we believe?”** (credit to RCMP Chaplain Tony Harwood-Jones for several quotes and statements. “used with permission”)

Hyde Park, in England, has a worldwide reputation for freedom of speech. By official policy, anyone can stand up in its “Speakers’ Corner,” and say anything they like – short of promoting violence – and the most that the speaker will risk is being heckled. Over the years, people like Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, George Orwell, and many others have shown up in Hyde Park, and expressed their views quite freely. Indeed, there is case law in Britain that establishes that “...free speech includes not only the inoffensive but the irritating, the contentious, the eccentric, the heretical, the unwelcome and the provocative – provided it does not tend to provoke violence.” (public domain)

Free speech is a lofty ideal, and one of the most admirable aspects of life in the “free world.” But the eccentric and often radical statements made in Hyde Park got little traction, that is until recently.

With the invention of the Internet, and Social Media, the game has been changed dramatically, and not necessarily for the better. A person standing in a park and shouting, can be heard, at most, from about sixty metres away. Now the same thoughts and opinions can be typed into a social media post and be transmitted to an audience of millions within a few hours. (Tony Harwood-Jones)

On December 4, 2016, a young man named Edgar Welch drove from North Carolina to Washington, DC, with a loaded AR-15 rifle and some handguns in his car. He had read online that in the basement of the Comet Ping Pong restaurant, there was a child sexual abuse ring, tied to Hillary Clinton and the elites of the U.S. Democratic Party. He entered the restaurant, pointed his weapon at employees, and shot out the locks on a basement door. As he quickly discovered, there was no sign of the alleged atrocity. Police arrived, he surrendered immediately, and served four years in jail for his pains.

Mr. Welch is a dad. As he drove towards Washington, he recorded a video message for his two daughters, whom he had left asleep at their home: “I can’t let you grow up in a world that’s so corrupt by evil,” he said, “without at least standing up for you and for other children just like you.”

Clearly, Mr. Welch was motivated by something good: the desire to protect children from terrible evil. He seemed to sincerely believe that the evil was taking place in the basement of the restaurant. And, when he found out that there was nothing of the kind, he was fully cooperative with the police – coming out of the restaurant with his hands up, and voluntarily, lying face-down on the ground and allowing the police to apply handcuffs.

News of all this flew around the world, and there was considerable outrage: how could this apparently kindly man believe the false claim that he had seen on the Internet? And, if he did believe it, why did he not report it to the authorities, and ask to have it investigated, instead of taking vigilante action?

This second question – asking why he didn’t contact authorities – is actually just as important as the question about why he should believe, and act upon, a false Internet allegation.

The world of false Internet claims is a world that does not trust conventional authority. If you were to ask Mr. Welch why he didn’t seek to get the child abuse claim investigated, he may have replied that he didn’t believe anyone in authority could be trusted to take action against the abusers.

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## A Talk With The Padre (Cont'd)

Given the opportunity I would pose the following for consideration. “If you don’t trust public officials, how come you trust an unknown Internet blogger?” This of course brings us to the crux of the issue; how does one determine what is true or false. To whom and what can we turn to determine truth?

Take for example the current reality of the Covid Pandemic. We have all heard the nay Sayers, who are getting their information from sources that may not be reliable, and yet they make critical decisions when it comes to even believing that this is real. Well actually we have all heard the word hoax when describing what the world is currently facing. And based on information not based on science decisions are made to disregard all Health Restrictions.

To contrast that stance, most of us believe based on good science, information from our Health Officials, and a myriad of statistics that Covid is real.

Let’s just say this: any person or organization that has deliberately sickened at least 154,884,190 of the world’s people, killing 3,238,586 of them, is worth fighting with all the tools we’ve got. If the pandemic is a deliberate plot, initiated by persons unknown, then public health measures designed to fight the disease are more necessary, not less. (Tony Harwood-Jones)

There are any number of sources for information, values, and priorities, other than the Internet. What is important? What is believable? And what is true? As you know I am a Christian, A follower of Jesus, and a minister. So please allow me to point each of us to a source of truth that we can take to the bank.

Not many hours before Jesus was turned over to be crucified, His interrogator, Pilot the Governor at the time, asked the question, “what is truth?” So, the question of truth has been asked for millennia. Jesus answered the question this way, “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” Jesus in John 14:1-6 said these words:

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going.”

“No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?” **Here is the truth we can literally base our lives on:**

**Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.**

I believe The Bible is the revealed truth of God’s Revelation, and presents the guidelines for living life today, in the midst of wherever life may throw at us.

It strikes me as being extremely risky for anyone to claim that there is nobody wiser or better informed than themselves. We are however wise when we place our trust in a God who loves us no matter what we have done, who we are or where we live. God has always been and will always be “The Highest Authority.”

## A Talk With The Padre (Cont'd)

The question really is, who do I go to when I want the truth? I can check out a host of sources, but in the end my counsel is that we do not put our trust and faith in half-truth, rumour, or the opinions of those who believe they are “smarter than anyone else.” I check out the facts and then base my decisions on known truth, and that source for me is the Bible, the revealed revelation of God to His creation.

Jesus' harshest words were not for thieves, or sexual experimenters, they were for lies and liars. “Vipers!” he said, “you are like whitewashed tombs! Beautiful on the outside, but inside full of decomposing stink and death!” In another place, he said that the Devil is “the father of lies.”

So, if someone shouts in a public park, or posts their opinion on the Internet, and chooses to falsely affirm that what they are saying comes from an authoritative source, the value of their message is vastly reduced. Hey, Hyde Park speaker! If you lied about who gave that message, what other parts of the message are lies!?? (Tony Harwood-Jones)

We live in a world that can cause even the boldest of us, to wake up with fear. I encourage us all to allow the peace that only God can give us to rule in our lives, our hearts and in our world. Jesus Himself said, “Fear not for I am with you, I will never leave you nor will I forsake you.” Nothing, not Covid, not the economy going bankrupt, nor any physical issue we may face can separate us from God's Love.

**“Romans 8:28-31, I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, 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  
Kingsway Branch RCL #175

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### BEWARE IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!

A friend had his 2nd dose of the vaccine at the vaccination center. Afterwards he began to have blurred vision on the way home. When he got home, he called the vaccination center for advice and to ask if he should go see a doctor or be hospitalized. He was told NOT to go to a doctor or a hospital, but just return to the vaccination center and pick up his glasses.

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, “Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends.” Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

# 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



**Location:** Kingsway Legion  
14339 50th St., Edmonton

**Date:** Every Sunday starting  
Apr 11

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

**Time:** 4:00 - 6:00 pm

[www.osi-can.ca](http://www.osi-can.ca)



## 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](#)

# 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:

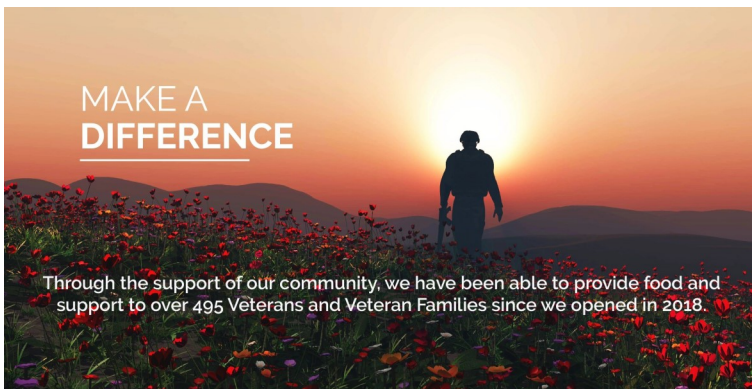
- Food, Clothing, Rent, Mortgage
- Medical care/expenses
- Expenses required to maintain safety and shelter.

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