



The Royal Canadian Legion

Kingsway Branch No. 175

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“The Home of Hospitality”



August 2020



BRANCH HOURS

Tue, Wed, Thu, & Sat 11 am - 7:00 pm
Fridays Only 11 am - 9:00 pm
Sun & Mon - Closed

BRANCH OFFICE

Tue, Wed, Thu, & Sat 11 am - 7:00 pm
Fridays Only 11 am - 9:00 pm
Sun & Mon - Closed

KITCHEN

Tue, Wed, Thu, & Sat 11 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays Only 11 am - 8:00 pm
Sun & Mon - Closed

BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

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

Together We Can Do It

Good day Comrades,

Over the past couple of weeks, some of our members, believing that we are not conforming to the Covid19 guidelines, reported the Branch to AHS. Well they are certainly entitled to do so, I would like to think that they would have come and talked to members of the executive to calm their fears, and then if that didn't work, report us.

If you don't feel safe visiting your Legion, then by all means stay home, we understand. If you would like to support your Legion but have concerns about dropping in, we will accept any and all donations.

On Fri July 24th, Dean, a Public Health Inspector conducted an inspection of our facilities. We were commended on the entry way and the fact that we are tracking everyone entering the canteen. Dean like the spacing of the tables but asked that we change the larger tables to four chairs vice the six we had in place. Two more chairs could be added if the members sitting at that table were of the same social bubble ONLY.

He observed that a few of the table had four members that were not part of the same bubble sitting at the same table. It was strongly recommended that in cases like this, everyone at the table needs to wear a mask or shield and sit as far from each other as possible.

In addition, he inspected the kitchen, which pass with flying colours. We discussed our cleaning practises of high contact points (entry and exit doors) which he was satisfied we were being proactive.

Members in Good Standing

as of Jun 23, 2020

Life Members	25
Ordinary	470
Associate	388
Affiliate	323
Total:	1,206

Cont'ed ...

Together We Can Do It

For non-high contact points like the display cabinets it was recommend we increase wiping them down to twice a day.

Clearing an inspection from AHS confirms our Legion is safe to visit.

As a result of the complaints, we have had to shut down some of our events. The main guideline that AHS and we don't agree on is: **“At this time, group singing and wind instrument playing (including woodwind and brass) as well as singing and wind instrument performances should not take place.”** Our contention is that it says **“should not”** not **shall not**, a term they use in many other guidelines. We can sit 6' apart but we can listen to a singer 30' away.

The thing that upsets me most with AHS is, well we have been told to shut down our event other Legions in Alberta are hosting the same entertainer. Their answer to my question was **“Public Health Inspectors cannot be everywhere at once. Please feel free to bring to our attention if there are other places that are allowing activities in contravention of the current guidelines. As I indicated when I originally reached out to you it was in response to a complaint received. The sooner we all know and follow the guidelines, the sooner we can all get back to normal.”**

Since the Covid19 shut down, we were able to defer our taxes. Because our mortgage was up for renewal in July the bank allowed us defer those payments until we signed the new contract. These two deferrals enabled us to stay afloat. Starting in August we must begin to pay our mortgage. That raises our operational cost by just under \$15,000 monthly. As you can guess, to meet these expenses we need as many events as we can get coupled with as many people attending as possible to raise those funds.

I sure, many of you saw the CTV story Fri 24 Jul about the Legions in Edmonton close to closing their doors. Your executive has been working hard at ensuring that Kingsway #175 does not become a branch in jeopardy.

Things we have we done so far include:

- We are slowly increasing our hours as more members come out and enjoy the camaradery;
- We have added TGIF \$4.25 beers and a meal special;
- We are planning monthly TGIF special with entertainment; and
- Reaching out to every avenue possible for grants.

Our Legion continues to serve our membership and veterans, and we look forward to seeing each of you return to the Legion when you feel safe. We also encourage our membership to reach out to the executive directly if you have concerns with Legion operations.

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
Chase, Arthur	62	25 Jun	Army
Epp, Lorne	91	27 Jun	RCAF



Our Newest Members

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

ELLIOTT, Michael	DAHROY, Peter
PATENAUDE, Debra	ROSARIO, Erwin
ALLEN, Elsie	JOHANSON, Harold
RAYNER, Lynn	

Catch up on the latest information from the Legion

A lot has happened since we were forced to close our doors on March 30.

Due to Covid19, and in an effort to remain transparent by keeping the membership informed the executive have decided to post copies of all General & Executive Meeting Minutes for 2020 on our website. This will enable our members to view the past minutes prior to the meeting. Should you have any concerns please send us an email so we can address them at the next meeting.

To view the minutes go to:

<https://kingswaylegion.ca/general-meeting-minutes>

or

<https://kingswaylegion.ca/executive-meeting-minutes>

Drop in for a drink and a meal, we look forward to see you again!

Did you know?

We have improved our menu choices and now offer a weekly TGIF Special. Both of which can be reviewed on the website.



Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



Thank you to all making it out to our Saturday meat raffles. Tickets now go on sale at 1 pm. Tickets are sold at your table for all twelve draws. The draws begin at approximately 1:30 and finish at approximately 2 pm. Effective August 1, the Ladies Auxiliary will be running the 50/50 draw on Saturdays following the Meat Raffle

On Saturdays currently the Ladies Auxiliary has covid-19 masks for sale for \$10. They are made of the recommended quilting cotton and are reversible. There's about 20 remaining.

The Ladies Auxiliary still has some Kingsway #175 License plates for sale. There are a number of the regular car size and 1 scooter size one left. They are \$15.00 and can be purchased on Saturdays at the meat raffles. Just ask one of the LA members.

The Ladies Auxiliary are in need of volunteers. If you would like to give us a hand, please think about dual membership as it would benefit both the Legion and the Auxiliary.

On September 26th, due to the Covid 19 events, the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their raffle, 50/50 and Meat Raffle. It was decided the bake sale would not go ahead.

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

Meat Draw



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

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

50 / 50 Draw



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

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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 Dec 31, 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.

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

What's Happening at the Legion?

Spaghetti Night

Friday Aug 7, 2020



Buffet: \$10.00

Choice of 4 Different Pastas

Choice of 4 Different Sauces

Caesar Salad



Stanley Cup Playoffs

**Come out and enjoy the
games with your fellow
comrades on our:**

100" Screen



We will be broadcasting past Thursday Night Jams on the 100" screen when there is no hockey game on.

Upcoming Events

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| 13 Sep | Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison |
| 05 Oct | Everly Bros Experience |
| 18 Oct | Twilight Time, a tribute to the Platters and Doo Wop music. |
| 14 Feb | CCR Tribute |
| 21 Mar | Eagles Tribute |

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>

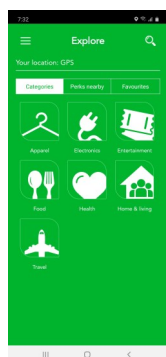
The Legion Dispatch

Your Legion Calendar: August — September 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
01-Aug	NORAD formed (1957)
09-Aug	Canadian Peacekeepers Day
12-Aug	International Youth Day
15-Aug	Victory over Japan (1945)
19-Aug	Dieppe Raid (1942)
01-Sep	Legion Early Bird Campaign / Renewals
02-Sep	Second World War ends (1945)
03-Sep	Merchant Navy Veterans Day

Date	Event
08-Sep	Battle of Medak Pocket (1993)
10-Sep	World Suicide Prevention Day
11-Sep	September 11 attacks (2001)
17-Sep	Operation Medusa (2006)
18-Sep	Military Family Appreciation Day
20-Sep	Battle of Britain (1940)
21-Sep	International Day of Peace
27-Sep	Police and Peace Officers Memorial



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In lieu of physical community events, the Navy Bike Ride will be conducting the Battle of the Atlantic Challenge, a **virtual** and **free** event that encourages members, families, friends and their communities to go out and cycle. Whether indoors or outdoors, we are inviting cyclists to get out and ride, all while respecting the rules of social distancing and maintaining the health and safety of individuals and their communities.

The goal is for participants across the country to cumulatively conduct **25,000** rides between **13 June and 30 August 2020**, in honour of the 25,000 voyages Canadian Naval and Merchant Navy Forces conducted during World War II in the Battle of the Atlantic 75 years ago. In doing so, participants will also be able to qualify for prizes during this challenge.

For more information click on the link: [Navy Bike Ride](#)



12-20 SEPT
5K | 10K | 15K | 21.1K | 26.1K

Canada Army Run runs 12–20 September. Legion members can get a discount of \$5 off their registration fee! Sign up at [Armyrun.ca](#) and use promotion code LEGION



The reason the Air Force, Army, and Navy bicker amongst themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For instance, take the simple phrase "secure the building".

The Army will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters.

The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.

The Air Force will take out a 5 year lease with an option to buy.

FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market is now open
Sunday 11 am - 3 pm
at the Kingsway Legion Parking Lot

