



The Royal Canadian Legion

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“The Home of Hospitality”

September 2021

BRANCH HOURS

Mon - 5:00 - Close

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - Close

Fri - Sat 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sun - Closed

BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - 5:00 - Close

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Fri - Sat 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Sun - Closed

CANTEEN BAR

Mon - 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Tue - 11:00 am - Close

Thu- Sat 11:00 am - 11:00

Sun - 11 am - 2:30 pm

KITCHEN

Mon - 5:00 - 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.

President's Message

To begin this, I wish to thank our staff working the bar, the kitchen, and the front desk for their professional work ethics. Our branch manager Flo Werner is constantly working to ensure the smooth operation of the Branch. In addition to the work they do in their respective position, they have spent many hours volunteering their services, and for that I thank them.

Your Executive are working diligently to carry out their duties. Doug Rayfield our entertainment chairman is doing an excellent job bringing in the great bands for our Friday and Saturday night dances which brings in many of our members to enjoy a night out

Audrey Ferguson our sports officer has been working out the sports program beginning Sept 1st

We very much appreciate all our volunteer workers for their undying dedication to the Branch. They make it easier to keep events running smoothly.

Finally, we need you the members to come to the Branch and enjoy the camaraderie and fine dining.

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
FOSS, Ernie	96	2 Aug	Navy
CHOMA William	88	1 Aug	



Wilson, Gordon	Smart, Antje
Coleman, James	Anderson, Earl
Wilson, Alexander (Willy)	Chichak, Richard
Kushniruk, Russell	Orr, Wayne
Howie, Dennis	Lee, Sabrina
Letwin, Elsie Ruth	Morley, Avis
Langdone, Tammy	Armstrong, Barbara
Solis, Len	Scott, Phyllis
Sumka, Leslie	Hennig, Carole E.
Morrison, Edward	Michael, Georgette
Lesburg, George	Cote, Arthur
Collins, Irena M.	Hillaby, Leola
Bentley, Virginia L.	Durant, Leslie R.
Taguchi, Kenneth	Johanson, Harry
Orr, Sylvia	Lim, Vergil
Hautzinger, Raymond	

Our Newest Members

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

Members in Good Standing	
Affiliate	272
Associate	346
Life Members	27
Ordinary	501
Total:	1146



Membership Recognition

We seem to be caught up on presentation of Honor & Awards. If you know of any member that you feel is deserving an award. Please let us know. Bill Fecteau is the man to see.

District 2 Rally Call

Sunday September 12, 2021.

Where: Westlock Legion Branch # 97

Registration: 10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

Opening Ceremonies: 11:00 A.M.

RSVP WESTLOCK BRANCH 97 by Sept 3, 2021

e-mail legionbr97@gmail.com / phone 780-349-4046

Lunch will be available at cost



My wife 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.

What’s the difference between a hunter and a fisherman?

A hunter lies in wait. A fisherman waits and lies.

Next General Meeting:

Tuesday September 28, 2021

Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



Our Thanksgiving Ham & Turkey Raffle will be held October 21, 2021. Our Christmas Raffle will be held in December with tickets available at the front desk and from Ladies Auxiliary members starting September 1st, 2021.

Our Saturday meat raffles and 50/50 draws are well attended and we thank you for your generous support.



For updates on this event checkout our website:

millercrossingfm

or on Facebook

facebook.com/millercrossingfarmersmarket

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

Enter the raffle for a \$100.00 food basket or a second prize of a
\$50.00 food basket. Cost: \$2.00 each

Open every Sunday 11:00 to 3:00 pm in the
Legion Parking Lot.

Digital Membership Card Coming Soon



Coming this fall, new and returning Legion members will have the choice of the traditional plastic card or an electronic membership card downloadable to a digital wallet. These digital cards will allow the Legion to save time and money producing, mailing and replacing plastic cards. Stay tuned for more details.

75th Anniversary Dinner & Dance



Menu



Appetizer

Fresh Lettuce and Vegetables

Entrée

Broiled Lobster Tail (5oz)

Bacon Wrapped Filet Mignon (4oz)

Twice Baked Stuffed Potato

Oven Roasted Root Vegetables

Dessert (gluten-free)

Dreamy Strawberry Cake

or

Dreamy Chocolate Cake

Tickets



Advanced Sales: (purchased prior to Oct 10)

\$65.00/Members

\$70/Non-Members

Last Minute Sales: Oct 11 - 16

\$70.00/ members

\$80/Non-Members

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER OCT 16TH

Program



5:00 pm	Doors Open
5:30	Cocktails
6:00	Dinner
7:30	Presentations
8:30	Dance

RESERVE SEATING ONLY - NO REFUNDS!

75th Anniversary Dinner & Dance

Silent Auction



To offset the cost of our 75th Anniversary Dinner & Dance, we will be hosting a silent auction. The items up for bid will be on display in the boardroom starting October 16 at 11:00 am and will run until October 22 at 6:00 pm.

If you would like to donate an item or a monetary donation please contact Ron or Carol. You can leave a message at the front desk if you don't see us in the branch.

Plans are well underway for our 75th Anniversary Dinner & Dance Oct 22, 2021.

If you would like to help, please let the front office know and we will contact you with more information.



Upcoming Events



Downhomer's Night

Fish & Chips, Baloney



Kiss a Cod. Get Screeched in



Stay tuned for more info



The Legion Dispatch

Your Legion Calendar: September - October 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 Sep	Second World War ends (1945)
3 Sep	Merchant Navy Veterans Day
8 Sep	Battle of Medak Pocket (1993)
10 Sep	World Suicide Prevention Day
11 Sep	11 September 11 attacks (2001)
TBD	Canada Army Run
17 Sep	Operation Medusa (2006)
17 Sep	Military Family Appreciation Day
19 Sep	Battle of Britain (1940)
21 Sep	International Day of Peace
26 Sep	Police and Peace Officers Memorial

Date	Event
3 - 9 Oct	National Family Week
3 - 9 Oct	Mental Illness Awareness Week
10 Oct	World Mental Health Day
10 Oct	Thanksgiving
14 Oct	Van Doos anniversary (1914)
17 Oct	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24 Oct	Anniversary of United Nations (1946)
29 Oct	Poppy Campaign

One seventh of your life is spent on Monday.
However, the only person to get his work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe

If a train station is where the train stops, and a bus station is where the bus stops, what is a work station?

Senior's Loneliness and Social Isolation

Relationships are an Important part of Positive Aging!

BUILDING BRIDGES PROGRAM

Positive aging is dependent on many factors, including strong social relationships. Many older adults however, experience episodes of loneliness and social isolation.

We are interested in finding out how loneliness and social isolation may affect you and what you think could be done to build stronger social relationships.

We invite you to participate in 1 or 2 initiatives that will help us to reach our goal.

1

Complete a Survey

▶ **Virtually through:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/SeniorAging>

▶ **Via telephone by calling 306.966.8319**

▶ **You can enter a draw to win a cash reward**

2

Share your views!

Choose one option:

▶ **Participate in small virtual discussion groups through video call wherever you are**

▶ **If local to Saskatoon, SK, Canada, create a life story book one-on-one through video call**

This research project is led by Drs. Donna Goodridge and Jennifer Briere from the University of Saskatchewan and colleagues from Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

This study was approved by the University of Saskatchewan Research Ethics Board (Beh-REB#: 2669) 06-07-2021

If you have any questions, please contact bridges@usask.ca or 306.966.8319

 UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

 ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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.



Branch Sports Meeting

There will be a Sports Meeting on Wednesday September 15, 2021 after the meat draw at 7:00 p.m.. All leagues and anyone interested in playing Command sports are asked to attend.

A talk with the Padre

Freedom



**“Freedom is the right to take advantage of the various opportunities out there in the world to better your life. Freedom is the right to express your opinion and fight for what you believe in if you do not bring harm to anyone with an opposing point of view.”
Dictionary.com**

In our current environment 2021, the word Freedom” can be heard in no end of public discussion. Masking mandates, maybe even vaccination requirements before we travel anywhere are in the minds of many, an assault on our “freedom.”

On “Remembrance Day,” we often and rightly so, use the word “freedom.” Who among us has not heard or spoken those words during those services, that “Military members during the two great World Wars fought and died for our freedom?”

Freedom is an important ideal and concept which garners huge support from the Christian Bible, which the underlying Greek word (I will not try to impress you with that word) can be found 23 times in the New Testament. Canada gives the word “Freedom” considerable importance in the “Charter of Rights and Freedoms,” which makes up the first part of the 1982 Canadian Constitution Act.

Let me suggest however that “Freedom,” as a concept can be vastly and dangerously misunderstood. It does not mean “Freedom to do whatever ones likes.” We are not “free” to trample on the rights of other people. As an example, we can’t steal their property or assault them physically or sexually.

And, while the word certainly means “freedom from arbitrary and authoritarian government” there is a proper and necessary, role for government, that protects freedom and yet permits people to live together safely. Take the traffic light, for example. People should stop when there is a red light, right? But what if some citizens want to stop for a blue light and then speed up and drive through the red light fast. Sorry, but they are not “free” to do that! Currently there is an international consensus that red means “stop,” and that’s a good thing.

Jesus did a lot of his teaching by “parables,” and I use the following parable which I produced for sake of this writing.

A parable: A story used to teach a truth which could in fact be a true event. I made this up, but I think you get the point.

A talk with the Padre (cont'd)

Wild Bob took his drivers test and failed. His dad had taught him how to drive and so he knew exactly how the gear shift (on a standard) worked, he knew how to apply the brakes and knew how to steer the vehicle, and so he thought I failed, but the government is just trying to impede on my personal freedom.

He took his dad's high-powered car without permission. True he knew how it worked, but then once he was out on the road and came to a red light his attitude of belligerence surfaced. "Stupid Government, they just try to control us, I know how to drive," and I don't see anyone coming. Only he didn't stop at the Red Light, but accelerated through it, mostly because "no one was coming," but also the car had more power than he could handle. Wild Bob spent the next two months in hospital and will now be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. So, we ask the question how far does the exercise of my freedoms really go?

Canada is a free country, but traffic laws are not "suggestions." They are there for everyone's safety. You are not permitted to drive without a license, and if you fail the driver's test, you are not free to get behind the wheel and drive on your own.

During your test a qualified driver tester sits beside you in a car and watches your every movement. "Let me see you parallel park!" and "you missed the stop sign." While these statements might well be discouraging and even annoying, they are not inappropriate government meddling in your freedoms. The objective is to ensure you and I are qualified drivers, and we know how to drive safely, remembering I am not the "only one on the road."

Jesus very seldom "explained" his parables, and I don't think I need to explain this one. I will conclude, however, by saying that it troubles me a great deal to hear Public Health officials in several countries merely "suggest" mask wearing, and "recommend" that unvaccinated people be denied entry to hockey games. Traffic lights are there for our safety. They are not suggestions. And they are not an infringement on our freedom. Protecting others by wearing a mask for instance is looking out and using my freedom for the benefit of others.

We are free to live our lives the way we chose, but this freedom that men and women bravely gave their lives for is not free. Some paid the ultimate price for that freedom. Sure, we can insist that my freedom to do as I please is entrenched within the "Bill of Rights" but! I think we all get the point.

I am free to ignore how Jesus taught us to live, but I do so at the peril of not only my personal health but my soul as well. Jesus gave us "Golden Rule," on how to live. He made this statement for our good and the good of the society and the culture in which we live. "Do to others as you would have others do to you." This command is followed in the Gospels with the words of Jesus Himself, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:31.

So, as we conclude we find that our personal freedom needs to be expressed by putting others first and considering their needs before my own. The definition we began with is quite in line with the teachings and legacy that Jesus left for us. He put our needs first. He gave up His life so we could live in a relationship with Him. As we walk the pathways of our lives, putting others before ourselves will not only be expressing our freedom but living in concert with how Jesus lived and taught us to live.

2021 Dominion Convention

Meet your new Dominion Senior Elected Officers

The Royal Canadian Legion's 48th Dominion Convention (Virtual Edition) was a success, with 880 Delegates and 175 Observers attending! While this year's format was different, our goal remained the same: to make the Legion the best it can be in order to serve Canada's Veterans.

This year, Delegates representing close to 250,000 members met online to discuss the future of the Legion and elect the next Dominion President and Senior Elected Officers.

Congratulations go out to our new Senior Elected Officers, who will carry out the business of the organization until the next National Convention:

Dominion President – Bruce Julian

First Vice President – Owen Parkhouse

Vice President – Berkley Lawrence

Vice President – Sharon McKeown

Vice President – Brian Weaver

Treasurer – Mark Barham

Chairman – Bill Chafe

Immediate Past Dominion President – Tom Irvine

Key resolutions from the Convention

At the Dominion Convention, Delegates discussed a wide variety of resolutions to further the Legion's mission and support the organization. Of note are these resolutions passed to support Veterans, Seniors and Communities:

2021 Dominion Convention

ELIMINATION OF THE MARRIAGE OVER 60 CLAUSE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Royal Canadian Legion recommend to Veterans Affairs Canada to implement the Veterans Survivors Fund immediately;

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Royal Canadian Legion recommend to the Federal Government to fulfil its promise to eliminate the Marriage after 60 clause

VAC CONTRACT BEDS FOR MODERN DAY VETERANS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Royal Canadian Legion, on behalf of all Canadian Forces Veterans, strongly advocate to extend the eligibility of “VAC Contract Beds” to include all Canadian Forces Veterans.

LTC FACILITIES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Veterans Affairs Canada and the Ministry of Health immediately survey the 14 local LHINs and produce a list of all Veterans waiting placement in LTC facilities;

and FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED That Legislation be enacted to re designate all vacant PABs as Preferred Admission Beds to allow immediate placement of all waiting Veterans in LTC facilities and that those facilities be in the areas close to the Veterans normal residence.

ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE IG OF THE CAF AND DND

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to effect meaningful change that the Dominion President of the Royal Canadian Legion call on the Government to establish a fully independent Office of the Inspector General of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Department of National Defence reporting to Parliament.

SUPPORT FOR CANADA’S INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, given the requirement for Canada-wide unity of this national imperative and recognizing the importance of improving cultural and heritage awareness, understanding injustices and commemorating loss, The Royal Canadian Legion and all its commands, branches and members extends its unreserved support, however possible and appropriate, and in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, to assist in this healing journey.

Veteran's Support



Veterans Affairs
Canada

Anciens Combattants
Canada

Are you—or do you know—an organization supporting Veterans and their families during the post-COVID-19 recovery? Budget 2021 provided an additional \$15 million in to the [Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund](#) split over three years, and your organization may qualify for financial support.

Funding is available to private, public and academic organizations that conduct research or create projects that improve the lives of Veterans and their families. Veterans Affairs Canada is looking to support equity-seeking groups, including those that serve women and LGBTQ2+ Veterans, in this current call for applications. Projects should focus on the current concerns of Veterans, including addressing homelessness, unemployment, retraining, and health challenges.

Check out our [funding guidelines](#) and [apply](#). Applications will be accepted until **1 October 2021**.



The Conference of Defence Associations and the CDA Institute put out a call for volunteers to welcome and help integrate Afghans who served alongside the Canadian Armed Forces as interpreters, translators, drivers, and fixers during Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

For more information or to volunteer click on the link

[Volunteer](#)

The CDA has also released a statement on rescuing and granting asylum to Afghan interpreters.

For more information or to volunteer click on the link

[Read the Statement](#)

What goes in hard and dry then comes out wet and soft? **A.** Chewing gum

Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon? It had great food, but no atmosphere.

Veteran's Support



Location: Kingsway Legion
14339 50th St., Edmonton

Date: Every Sunday starting
Apr 11

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

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

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:

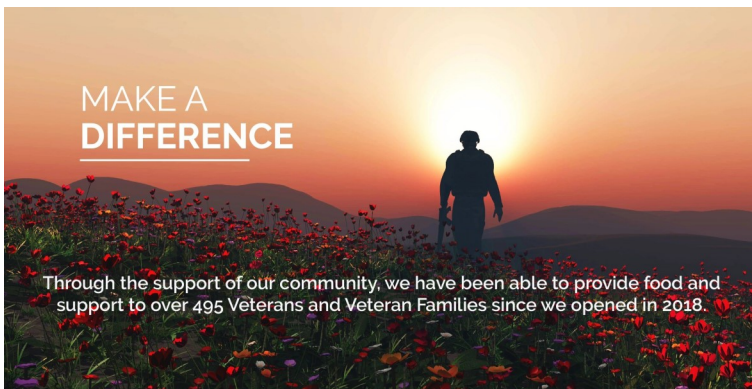
- Food, Clothing, Rent, Mortgage
- Medical care/expenses
- Expenses required to maintain safety and shelter.

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.
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