

### **The Royal Canadian Legion**

### **Kingsway Branch No. 175**

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#### "The Home of Hospitality"

### September 2022

#### **BRANCH HOURS** Sun - Mon - Closed **President's Message** Tue - Wed 11:00 am - 10:00 pm Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 12:00 am Hello Comrades, (the branch hours may vary based on the number of members using the facilities) I hope everyone is enjoying the great summer weather we are having. The Branch has raided \$209,115 in fund rais-**BRANCH OFFICE** ing so far this year, thanks to the Bear 100.3 FM and other Sun - Mon - Closed activities. Tue - Wed 11:00 am - 10:00 pm We have several activities planned such as Alan Jackson Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 12:00 am and the Joe Francis Hypnosis Show. Stat tune and keep abreast of the Branch activities by checking the website of better still, come to the Branch and enjoy our great meals **CANTEEN BAR** and camaraderie. Sun - Mon - Closed Tue - 11:00 am - 9:00 pm I hosted a volunteer Night on August 2 which was well attended and enjoyed. Thu- Sat 11:00 am - 11:00 pm Keep safe and enjoy the rest of the summer. **KITCHEN** Sun - Mon - Closed Tue - Wed 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Thu- Sat 11:00 am - 9:00 pm WK Fecteau President **BRANCH GENERAL MEETING** The last Tuesday of every month except July, August, and December. Start time 7:00 pm

# 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
McChesney, Bud	80	22 Aug	RCAF



#### **Our Newest Members**

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

Smith, Kristopher	Cooper-Sereda, Marlene	Henshell, Dillon
Blythe, Eileen	Willford, Brad	Martin, Sharlene
Dewindt, Sjoerd (George)	Silver, Heather	Parker, Steven John
Morphy, Jason Lorne	Leclair, Lise	Dennison, Donald
Rudkowsky, Victor	Donaldson , Brett G.	Barrow, Dale
Brennan , William H.	Knott, Blair	Williamson, Raymond
Perreault, Robert	Neupauer, George (Gary)	Sweet, Douglas
Wolaniuk, Anne E.	Goodkev, J. Richard E.	Green, Warren David
Kryzanowski, Mike	Bendekovics, Johann	Bendekovics, Joan A.
Kirk-Dasiuk, Rhonda R.	Robinson, Greg	Laliberte, Rodney

Members in Good Standing as of Jun 23, 2020		
Life Members	27	
Ordinary	461	
Associate	419	
Affiliate	301	
Total:	1208	



# Membership

# Help us help Veterans and their families

Join a community that never stops giving back. When you become a Legion member, you help improve the lives of those who served, support our communities and ensure Canada never forgets.

Plus, joining the Legion brings you countless opportunities to get involved in your community and have fun with your fellow members. And with Branches in Canada and around the world, your local Legion Branch may be closer than you think.



Your 2023 Membership Sticker will be available starting September 1, 2022.

You have three choices to pay:

In person;

By phone;

or on line at: https://portal.legion.ca/renew

## **Next General Meeting**

### Tuesday, Sep 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm

The general meeting gives you a chance to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to make it better for you the members. Please attend the General Meetings and help to keep the Legion running.

There are no General Meeting held in July & August!

# **Membership Recognition**

As we have not had a general meeting for the past two months we have not been able to publicly recognize members of the Branch for their support.



Mark Stables from Matco Moving Solutions Presenting a \$2,000 Cheque to the Branch

# **Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary**

We have a new District #2 LA Commander it is Cherie Koenig.

Cherie is out of the Gibbons Br #226 Ladies Auxiliary.



Our Christmas raffle tickets will be available for purchase the first week in September. We will keep some stocked in the front office or ask an LA member! Tickets are \$2.00 with 1200 printed.

Prizes are #1: Food Hamper (includes a turkey) ~ value \$400

- #2: Homemade Lap Quilt ~ value \$175
- **#3:** Diamond Necklace ~ value \$120
- #4: Kitchen Set ~ value \$100

Our Saturday meat raffles and 50/50's have gone terrific throughout the summer. A huge thank you to our supporters!

I am looking forward to getting back to our fall schedule of activities and more friendly faces.



## FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market is now open

Sunday 11 am - 3 pm

at the Kingsway Legion Parking Lot



## From Your Padre's Pen

Greetings to each and everyone of you. By the time you get to read this, the leaves will have begun to turn colour, and the very hot temperatures should be behind us. I don't want this to come across as being negative, it is just a matter of fact.

As we enter the season of much colour on our trees, fruits and vegetables will be ready to harvest and our lives will shift to yet another season of life. I trust that you and yours are well and are grateful along with me that we are still able to enjoy the shifting seasons of the land in which we live.

I will make every effort to keep this article a little shorter than some of mine are, comparatively speaking. And that brings me to the topic to address in this N.L. presentation. The topic of **COMPARISON.** 

I concluded as I interact with people, and in particular my grandchildren that we seem to compare ourselves, what we have, or don't have to what others have. As I have done that reflecting, I am going to suggest that to a large degree comparisons might well be referred to as the life force of our economy. It makes our economy thrive, and it will sneak into our lives, our culture and create so much damage if we don't pay attention to it. The Bible addresses this issue of comparing ourselves to others, but uses words like, Envy, Jealousy, not very nice words really.

I would like to use the following working definition: Comparison is when you and I look to our right and to our left at other people around us, how they live what they drive, what they're doing, what they look like, and we use that as a measure or benchmark to see if we re okay.

Socrates who didn't believe in one true God said "Envy is the filthy slime of the soul, venom, a poison which consumes the flesh and dries up the bones. It rots us like cancer from the inside."

Those are nasty words which he uses, ones which I would just as soon not even consider. But I must consider them because when I compare myself to what others have, what others do, how others look, I am soon at the place where I am discontent with what I have, who I am and what I do.

Prior to the year 2000, surveys suggest we were much more content with the houses we lived. Then the "Renovation Shows" hit the airwaves all of sudden we as a society were much less content with the houses, we lived in.

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Why? Because to a large degree we were not aware that there was a whole industry out there, vying for our attention and trying to tell us that our homes were no longer adequate for us. Suddenly the kitchen counter for example I had used for years to prepare meals, was not adequate, and "who could even think of cut-ting up vegetables Arborite countertop?"

The issue really with comparsons is "not that I don't have enough, it's just that I want more than you have.

Think I'm kidding?

- In 1990 Harvard conducted an interesting survey. They asked a large sample of people two questions. All things being equal, would you rather earn, \$50000 or \$100,000? This was not a trick question. A no brainer right? But then they asked:
  - All things being equal. would you rather make \$50000 while others earn \$25,000 or would you rather earn \$100,000 while everyone else earns \$200,000?

Makes you think, doesn't it? Do you know what the majority chose? They chose to make \$50000.00 while others made \$25000.00.

In other words, they chose incorrectly just because they wanted others around them to make less that they did. That pretty much sums up what we are dealing with when we compare.

Its not that I don't have enough, I just want to make more then you do, or have more than you do. Not convinced, just on comrades. These are statistics on average house sizes in Canada and the US, which are pretty much the same.

1950 = 983 sq ft, 1975 = 1050 sq ft, 1990 =1500 sq ft, 2000 = 2000sq ft., 2020 = 2100 sq ft

But Bob, just a minute there is a logical explanation here. Our families have gotten larger right? The exact opposite is true, they have gotten smaller.

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# All this to say, comparison is a never-ending game, a no win game, except it isn't a game, it becomes part of our lives and makes us discontent.

Remember, it is not typically that I don't have enough, it is that I want more than you have. We, you and I are not responsible for what others have, but we are responsible to use wisely what we have.

Bill Gates, of "Microsoft fame," said this about comparisons: "if you compare yourself to anyone in the world you are insulting yourself." Bill was half right, I am suggesting that when we compare ourselves and envy what others have, we are really insulting the God who created us, because God created you exactly the way He wanted to.

So, how can I leverage what God has entrusted me with?

Be grateful for what God has given me.

- Ps. 9:1, Give thanks to God with all your heart, and recount the wonderful deeds of God.
- Celebrate what God has given to each of us, and celebrate what He has given to someone else.

And remember this, "God knows what I need better than I do, and if that is true and I believe it is, then we can celebrate both with what we have been given, and what God has given others.

The wisest man who ever lived, "King Solomon," said this, when I celebrate with others and what they have, it shatters comparison in my life, and I will rise to a level of contentment which I never knew was possible.

My words, "after all which one of us would not like to live a life of much more contentment?" I know I would.

> Rev. R.D.(Bob) Wiebe Padre, Kingsway Legion

Thanks for reading this.

### **2023 POPPY CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN**

Hello Comrades,

When the 2022 Poppy Campaign has been completed, I will be stepping down as the Kingsway Legion Poppy Campaign Organizer. After having the good fortune of spending two years learning how to run a campaign with Bill O'Brien and then two years organizing campaigns with Trese, its time for me to move on.

With Covid-19 becoming more manageable, Trese and I are planning on checking off some travel boxes. The reason I am sending this notice out is to let people know about this position opening up in January 2023.

If you are interested in taking over this important and rewarding position which directly assists Veterans and their families, please let me know.

If anyone is interested in job shadowing me during the 2022 campaign to gain a better understanding of what the position requires, I would be happy to accommodate you.

Some main activities associated with the position are as follows.

- 1 Executive meeting a month
- 1 General meeting a month
- 1 Poppy meeting a month
- Maintaining and updating Poppy Campaign documents and routes
- Recruiting volunteers to help with the campaign
- Starting in September manage the established routes which include 71 schools, 3 malls, 2 hospitals, Canada place and 325 business partners.

Thank you for your support

Geoff Biddiscombe



We have received our new Bingo date . Please check out the website for the dates. Let us know if you are available to work.

https://kingswaylegion.ca/fund-raising-events

Thanks

# Win a Trip to Las Vegas

Tickets On Sale Now: \$5.00 ea Available at: Kingsway Legion Draw Date: November 30, 2022 Draw Location: Kingsway Legion

Package includes:

Return Airfare for Two to VegasFour Nights at a \*\*\*\* Hotel\$300.00 (CAD) Spending Money

Estimated Value: \$3,500 (based at Aug 15 prices)

**AGLC Licence # 607758** 

# The Alan Jackson Experience

lt's 5 O'Clock Right Here!

# Lingsway Legion

14339 50 St NW, Edmonton, AB

Sunday Sept 11th 2022 Doors @ 5 Dinner @ 6 Show @ 7

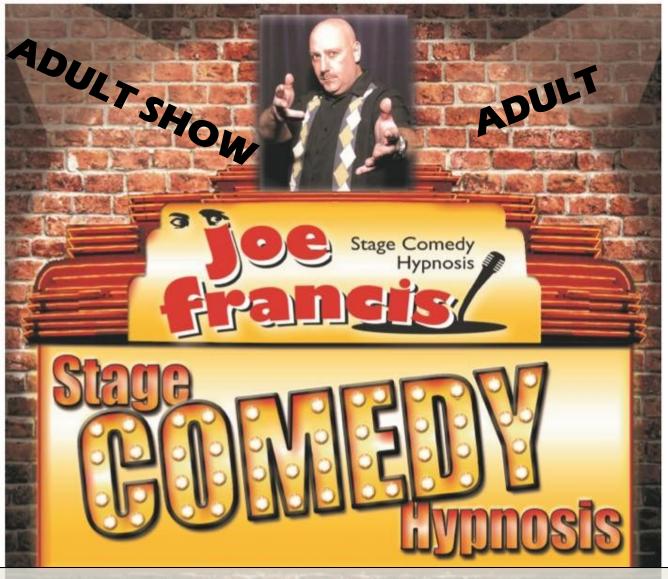
Ticket info Call Legion Lounge 780-425-8654

> by phone 250 212 9967 online at eventbrite.ca

Dinner & Show \$50 Show Only \$30 ISSA Entertainer of the Year







# SATURDAY September 17, 2022

Tickets: Show & Meal \$45.00 EACH

Show Only \$25.00 EACH

Doors @ 5:00pm Dinner @ 5:30pm

Show @ 7:00pm

**Reserve Seating / No Refunds** 

**Book Your Table Now** 



Doors open at 5:00 pm Games start at 7:00 pm Cards: \$2.00 ea French Fries Milkshake

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

\$15.00

# Music Vingo Rock to the 50 & 60's

Prizes for best dressed in period clothing

DJ: Joe Luce

Dinner Ticket Must Be Purchased by Sep 21, 2022 Kingsway Legion 14339 50th St. Edmonton 780-425-8654

# Saturday October I, 2022



### Bavarían Dínner: \$30.00 Jagerschnítzel-Pork Cutlet with fried mushrooms Spatzel-Fried Egg Noodles Geschmorter Rotfohl-Braised Red Cabbage Schwarzwälder Kírschtorte-Black Forest Cake

Doors Open: 5:00 pm Dínner 5:30 = 6:30 pm Musíc: 7:00 pm

**Reserve Seating / No Refunds** 

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# **Veteran's Support**

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

### **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: <u>https://</u> <u>www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/financial-support/</u> <u>emergency-funds/veterans-emergency-fund</u>

# **The Legion Dispatch**

### Your Legion Calendar: September — October 2022

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
02-Sep	Second World War ends (1945)	2 –8 Oct	National Family Week
03-Sep	Merchant Navy Veterans Day	2 -8 Oct	Mental Illness Awareness Week
08-Sep	Battle of Medak Pocket (1993)	10 Oct	World Mental Health Day
10-Sep	World Suicide Prevention Day	10 Oct	Thanksgiving
11-Sep	September 11 attacks (2001)	14 Oct	Van Doos Anniversary (1914)
17-Sep	Operation Medusa (2006)	17 Oct	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
16 Sep	Military Family Appreciation Day	24 Oct	Anniversary of United Nations (1946)
18-Sep	Battle of Britain (1940)	28 Oct	Poppy Campaign Starts
21-Sep	International Day of Peace		
25 Sep	Police and Peace Officers Memorial		

### Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) Partners Committee Reached a Deal

On Aug. 3, 2022, following more than 2 1/2 years of negotiations, the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) Partners Committee reached a deal on a renewed, modernized PSHCP.

The deal will see meaningful enhancements and improvements across nearly every benefit category and will take effect July 1, 2023, when Canada Life takes over from Sunlife as the plan administrator. The terms of the agreement are subject to approval by the Treasury Board, which is anticipated over the coming weeks



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### 2021 Census Data on Veterans

The 2021 census data on Canadian serving military members and Veterans was recently released. 97,625 Canadians were currently serving in the CAF and 461,240 identified as Veterans!

The report contains demographic and geographic information which is helpful for Legion Branches when developing programs, policies and communications to support Canada's Veterans and to attract and retain members.





### The Legion supports major Canadian War Museum initiative

The Legion looks forward to the completion of an ambitious four-year project by The Canadian War Museum. The project, titled "*In Their Own Voices: Stories from Canadian Veterans and their Families*", will document detailed memories and the post-war experiences of Canadian Veterans and their families.

"Once complete, it will not only help promote the Remembrance of our Veterans and their experiences, it will become a lasting chronicle of Canadian Veteran history for current and future generations," says Bruce Julian, Dominion President.



# Sports

### 2022-2023 Sports Schedule District 2 AB/NWT Command AREA B

Sport	Area – B	District	Command	Dominion
EUCHRE	Fort Sask. # 27	Norwood 178	District # 9	
	Sept. 10, 2022	Nov.13,2022	Jan.20 – 21, 2023	
CRIBBAGE	Kingsway # 175	Fort Sask. # 27	Norwood # 178	Men of Vision
LEGION	Sept. 17, 2022	Nov.19, 2022	Jan.27 – 28, 2023	Cochrane, AB. TBC
DARTS	Strathcona # 150	Fort Sask. # 27	District # 6	Br.# 265
LEGION	Sept. 24, 2022	Nov. 20, 2022	Feb. 3 - 4, 2023	Aldergrove, BC. TBC
SHUFFLEBOARD	Norwood # 178	Kingsway # 175	District # 1	
MEN'S & LADIES	Oct 1, 2022	Nov. 26, 2022	Mar.17 – 18,	
	N	N'	2023	
SHUFFLEBOARD	Norwood # 178	Kingsway # 175	District# 9	
MIXED & SR.	Oct. 1, 2022	Nov. 26, 2022	Feb. 17 – 18, 2023	
8 BALL POOL	Strathcona # 150	Norwood # 178	District # 6	
(DOUBLES)	Oct. 2, 2022	Nov. 27, 2022	Mar. 24 – 25,	
(DOOBLES)			2023	
DARTS SR.	Fort Sask. # 27	Gibbons # 226	District # 5	
MIXED	Oct. 15, 2022	Dec. 3, 2022	Feb. 24 – 25,	
MIAED			2023	
DARTS MIXED	Kingsway # 175	Athabasca # 103	District # 4	
	Oct. 29, 2022	Dec. 10, 2022	Mar.10 -11, 2023	
CRIBBAGE PRS.	Norwood # 178	McGrane # 28	Strathcona # 150	
	Oct. 22, 2022	Dec. 4, 2022	Mar. 3-4, 2023	
8 BALL POOL	Norwood # 178	Westlock # 97	District # 8	Branch # 104
and the second	Nov. 5, 2022	Dec. 11, 2022	Mar. 31/Apr.1,	Innisfail, AB.
(SINGLES)			2023	TBC
CRIBBAGE SR.	Gibbons # 226	McGrane # 28	District # 1	
	Nov. 12, 2022	Dec. 17, 2022	Jan. 13 – 14, 2023	
SPRING RALLY		Norwood # 178		
		Apr. 23, 2023		
FALL RALLY		Strathcona # 150	Kingsway # 175	
		Sept. 11, 2022	Sept. 10, 2023	