



The Royal Canadian Legion

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“The Home of Hospitality”



October 2020



BRANCH HOURS

Mon - 5:00 pm - Close

Tue - Sat 10.00 am - Close

Sunday - Closed

BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tue - Sat 10.00 am - 8.00 pm

Sunday – Closed

KITCHEN

Mon - 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Tue - Sat 11.00 am - 8.00 pm

Sunday – Closed

BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

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

Help The Legion Secure Federal Funding

Dominion President Thomas D. Irvine, CD, has sent a letter to all MPs requesting help in seeking accountability from the government to provide its promised financial assistance, in addition to an op-ed piece recently published in The Guardian. But after months of inaction from the federal government, the Legion is launching a letter-writing campaign to secure financial support for Branches impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

We encourage all Branch Members to write to their local MPs using the template on page 3.



**EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION**

Your 2021 Renew Sicker are now available.

During the September 24th 2019 General Meeting a motion was made, and carried that we raise our branch registration fee by \$5 effective 1 Sep 2020.

The new rates are a follows:

Regular \$70.00

Senior \$62.00

Please note: new member will be required to pay an additional \$10 administration fee.

Members in Good Standing

as of Sep 15, 2020

Life Members	27
Ordinary	481
Associate	395
Affiliate	321
Total:	1,224

Membership



During the Sep 29 General Meeting the follow members were recognised for their time & work with the Legion:

Membership Year Pins

Congratulations to the following members who received their Service Year Pins

Name	Years
Stan Myers	60 year pin
Ronald Wills	10 year pin
Francois Provencal	5 year pin
Jose Espiritu	5 year pin

A special thank– you to the following members who spent countless hours manning the doors for the first four months we re-opened.

Through their efforts we were able to save funds to use elsewhere.

Chris Bunse	Lori Faraschuk
Donna Olson	Marjorie Fraser
Eleanor MacIntosh	Noella Mahe
Frank Colautti	Norma Yerex
Gail Simons	Roger Nelson
Judy Morrill	Sharon Watts
Leroy MacIntosh	Tracy Colautti

Meritorious Service Medal
Bill Fecteau
Life Membership
Gary Forner
Eleanor MacIntosh
Leroy MacIntosh
Branch Service Medal
Geof Biddisombe
Steve Criss
Bill Lawrence
Certificate of Merit
Noella Mahe
Orvis Schneider
Carol Wills
Certificate of Appreciation
Anthony Seawards
Sharon Watts

**Check out our website for photos
from our September's
General Meeting.**

Congratulations to All!

Membership

Our Newest Members

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

FRASER, Don R.	BOYCHUK, Kenneth	IRESON, Ron
GUILOLEMETTE, Jocelyn	CRAMER, Gerald	CONNOR, Kelly
HAZEN, Janet	IWASKOW, Wendy Y.	DEMERAIS, Lawrence
LASTIWKA, Lyle	LEACH, Christine	GEOFFRION, Chantel
NICOLS, Cheryl	McLEOD, Ilene	HARTLEY, Brant
ROBICHEAU, James	MORTON, Vivian	HENRY, Dylan
NICOLS, Cheryl	SEXTON, William	HOLTET, Brian
SMITH, David	CANNIFF, Gerald	HJELM, Marlene R. G.
JONES, Dean	MARTINEZ, Carlos	MELNICHUK, Josie
KARPIUK, Myron W.L.	MORAN, Irene S	MROCZEK, Kevin
LALONDE, Lucien	NYMAN, Dean	OLSON, Debbie
LAM, Graciela	RUNCER, Gerald	SERBIN, Brian
SITTLER, Alvin	TOPOLNICKY, Susan	WYNIA, Robert (Bob)
STEPHEN, Richard	WOG, Wayne	

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
Rev STENSON, Alvin		14 Sep 2020	



Legion Help The Legion Secure Federal Funding

Please personalize the information in the letter where indicated, add your Branch letterhead and mail or email (as a PDF or read only Word document) the letter to your MP. Contact your Provincial Command if you have any questions.

September XX, 2020

Mr. / Ms. **(Insert your MP name here)**, M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Re: Federal Support for Royal Canadian Legion Branches

Dear Mr. / Ms. **(Insert your MP last name here)**:

I am writing in support of Branch 123 in **(Community)**, and all Royal Canadian Legion Branches across our country.

Many Branches were hit hard by the COVID-19 outbreak, yet federal relief programs released to date cannot help most of them pay their operational bills. There is a federal loan option, however not all Branches qualify and some cannot take the risk. If we do not help suffering Branches weather this situation, it could mean the end of their critical work to support Veterans and communities. I do not want that to happen. I hope you feel the same way.

I ask you to help ensure federal leaders fulfill their promise to provide an aid program that will include Legion Branches and help them with operational costs. Our Dominion President Thomas D. Irvine, CD, has explained the situation to the federal government more than once; in June, the Prime Minister stated that they were “...*working with the Minister of Veterans Affairs and other officials to try and ensure that we’re supporting these organizations that are so important, not just for Veterans but for their communities as well.*” Veterans Affairs Canada told us that an aid package is in the works - but weeks later, the Legion is still waiting to hear back.

Soon after this pandemic began, Provincial Commands and Branches accessed temporary relief through the Legion’s national reserve funds, but those are running out. Some Branches started *GoFundMe* initiatives and other temporary and unsustainable measures to raise funds. Understandable restrictions on Branch re-openings means fewer dollars raised from events, hall rentals and food service. Many Branches, unfortunately, have simply had to remain closed.

Despite extreme challenges, our members continue to do amazing work, such as preparing and delivering meals to Veterans and seniors, reaching out to homeless and near homeless Veterans and their families to provide immediate financial assistance and support, helping Veterans apply for benefits and organizing remembrance-related events. If a community loses a Branch, it loses all of this.

Contributions donated yearly during the Legion’s National Poppy Campaign are not a source of operational revenue and must only be used to help support Veterans, families and communities. Our Legion Branches need help now. The situation is already dire for some that are on the brink of failure. A Branch in Ontario, open since 1927, recently closed its doors indefinitely, unable to make ends meet. How many more will follow?

I ask you to please be a voice in Government to help expedite a federal aid package that will work for our Branches, one that allows them to survive this pandemic and continue to help our Veterans and communities.

Sincerely,

(Member name)

The Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch # 175, Edmonton, Alberta

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.

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.

In October we will begin selling our Christmas raffle tickets. These tickets are \$5.00. The prizes include 2 lap quilts and a table centerpiece. The three items are all handmade by some crafty Ladies Auxiliary members. With Covid-19 around we will not be having our bake sale and craft sale this year.

Our ladies are now busy collecting some items for a gift bag to the veteran's at the Kipnes Centre for Remembrance Day, as they cannot have the usual events.

Again thank you for all your support.

On September 26th the LA held their long anticipated Easter Raffle and the winners are:

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| #1 Food Hamper - \$400.00 | Ron Santo |
| #2 Legion Ticket Package - \$150.00 | Sandra Fuder |
| #3 His and Hers Watches - \$70.00 | Jack Weatherly |
| #4 Child's Easter Basket - \$25.00 | Debbie Bessette |

Congratulations to our four lucky winners!

Mark your calendars!

Ladies Auxiliary Ham & Turkey Meat Draw: Saturday October 3, 2020

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.

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

What's Happening at the Legion?

16 & 17 Oct 2020 DJ Joe Luce

Dinner 5 -6:30 Show time 6:30 – 9:00

20 Oct 2020 Paint Night by Artist Jamie Pruden

14 Feb 2021 CCR Tribute

21 Mar 2021 Eagles Tribute

All events are subject to AHS approval at this time

Sorry dancing is still not permitted

We are living in an era where capturing moments using our phones is more important than actually living these moments with whoever is beside us.

GENERAL MEETING

There will be general meeting Oct 27, 2020 starting at 7:00 pm

Nominations for Branch Officers & Executive Members

A nomination box will be placed in the foyer by Thursday Oct 1st Nominations for next years executive will be accepted up to Sat 21 Nov by 1600hrs. The following positions are open:

President

Vice President x 2

Executive Committee (min of 5 positions)

Election Date: November 24, 2020

At one Army base, the annual trip to the rifle range had been cancelled for the second year in a row, but the semi-annual physical fitness test was still on as planned.

One soldier mused: "Does it bother anyone else that the Army doesn't seem to care how well we can shoot, but they are extremely interested in how fast we can run?"

Branch Sports Leagues

September finds the Branch Sports Leagues starting up for the new season. If you are interested in playing please contact the front desk for more information. Just a quick reminder that you will still be required to maintain you social distancing or wear a mask and all surfaces must be sanitized after every game and at the end of the night.

There will be no Area, District, or National Sports Events for 2021!

Catch up on the latest information
from the Legion. Go to legion.ca and add
your email address



CHASE THE ACE

Chase the Ace was won
on Saturday Sept 12th by
Eleanor MacIntosh for
\$1881.00



IF WE WATCHED COOKING SHOWS
THE WAY GUYS WATCH SPORTS

LeFunny.net

Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund

The Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund awards bursaries to students wishing to attend or re-attending university, a regional college or to attend an approved school for vocational or technical training in the province of Alberta.

Applicants are accepted for Veterans, children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of veterans. Veterans are classified as any person serving or who was honorably served in the Canadian forces, the Merchant Navy and RCMP and includes ex-service personnel of commonwealth and allied countries now residing in Canada. The applicant must reside in Canada.

The funds expended on these bursaries are generated by our Poppy Campaign.

FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market is open

Sunday 11 am - 3 pm

In the Kingsway Legion Parking Lot

MILLER CROSSING
**FARMERS'
MARKET**
EDMONTON, AB 

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

Consult-

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.

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: October — November 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
4-10 Oct	National Family Week
4-10 Oct	Mental Illness Awareness Week
10 Oct	World Mental Health Day
12 Oct	Thanksgiving
14 Oct	Van Doos anniversary (1914)
17 Oct	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24 Oct	Anniversary of United Nations (1946)
30 Oct	2020 Poppy Campaign Starts

Date	Event
	Legion Early Bird 2020 Campaign Continues
1 Nov	Announcement of National Silver Cross Mother
8 Nov	Aboriginal Veterans Day
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
11 Nov	First World War ends - Armistice Day (1918)
12 Nov	Passchendaele ends (1917)
18 Nov	Battle of the Somme (1916)



The Canadian Naval Air Group (CNAG) has designed a commemorative pin to recognize Veterans of the Cold War era. Each pin sells for \$10, with proceeds donated to the Legion's Leave the Streets Behind program. Please note this pin is not authorized for wear on Legion Dress.

If you would like to purchase a pin contact the front office.

