



The Royal Canadian Legion

Kingsway Branch No. 175

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“The Home of Hospitality”



Dec 2019



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

At the last General Meeting, Tuesday, Nov 26, 2019

the 2020 elections for

Branch Officers & Executive Members was held.

Your 2020 Executive Committee

President: **Ron Wills**
1st Vice President: **Steve Kuervers**
2nd Vice President: **Bill Fecteau**
Executive Committee: **Carol Burton**
Paddy Earles
Glenda Rimmer
David Baxter
Bob Weibe
Bill O'Brien
Audrey Ferguson
Gary Forner
Bill Huziek
Kathy Deugau
Steve Criss
Randy Kerel

Members in Good Standing as of Nov 26, 2019

Life Members	24
Ordinary	634
Associate	505
Affiliate	490
Total:	1653

2019 Poppy Campaign

There is a quote I once read that says, “There is no “I” in Team, but we sure are glad there is “u” in our volunteers!”.

The 2019 Poppy Campaign was successful because of the number of people who volunteered their time. I always say, “many hands make light work” and you have proved me right.

Due to our high volunteer turn out we didn’t have to double up on most jobs. To see your enthusiasm and commitment to the campaign was very inspiring to me. Bill O’Brien and I would like to express our gratitude and say **Thank You very much** to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to help make this event a success. It never ceases to amaze me how many people it takes to run this campaign. It is by far the largest volunteer event of the year.

We hope to see you again next year for the 2020 campaign.

Geoff Biddiscombe

2019 Poppy Fund Campaign by the numbers:

Total Number of volunteer Positions: **380**

Total Volunteer hours: **1,332 Hrs.**

Number of schools we work with: **71**

Number of Poppies delivered to schools: **30,300**

Number of Business we delivered poppy kits too: **277**

Number of Poppies delivered to Business: **84,300**

Estimated number of Poppies for Tag Day/Ladies Aux./Malls/Top Ups: **55,000**

Poppy Fund Coordinator hours for 2 people: **1,200 Hrs.**



Thank You, Poppy Fund Campaign Volunteers

Lest We Forget

Membership

PRISKE, Samuel	BROWN, Jaquie
GAUTHIER, Odette	EVANS, Michael
FRANIEL, Valerie	KORVEMAKER, Matthew
LEVESQUE, Glenda	WALKER, Roger

Our Newest Members

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

Branch Service Medal

Doug Christensen received the Branch Service Medal



Certificate of Appreciation

Geoff Biddiscombe was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation

Membership Pin

Paddy Earles received his 10-Year Pin

Congratulations to Everyone!

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
McRorie, Donna	72	18 Nov	



Membership



NEW YEARS

A night to remember

DECEMBER 31 ST 2019

6-1 AM

PRICE \$65

KINGSWAY LEGION

Door Prizes & 50/50 Draw

Roast Beef & Chicken Dinner

Late Lunch provided

MUSIC BY HEARTLAND

14339 50th St, Edmonton, AB ~780-425-8654

Weekly Events



Friday & Saturday Night Dances

Come and Dance to Our live band 7:00 - 11:00 pm

Birthday Parties Welcome

(Reserve Your Seats Now)

For a list of the band playing this week go to:

<https://kingswaylegion.ca/weekly-entertainment>

Country Jam Session

Kingsway Legion present open mic jamborees every Thursday night from 6:30 to 10:30 pm.

Come early and enjoy a meal before the show.

Weekly Meal Specials are available.

Doors open at 5:00 pm Music from 6:30 - 10:30 pm

\$5.00 Cover Charge



Dancers Welcome

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THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY BAND
 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EDMONTON SALUTES
 


PRESENTS

A Christmas Celebration

IN SUPPORT OF THE MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE




WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

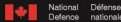

MILITARY WIVES CHOIRS
 EDMONTON

DECEMBER 9TH AT 7:00 PM
 FRANCIS WINSPEAR CENTRE
 4 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SQUARE

FREE ADMISSION
 TICKETS AT THE DOOR

EDMONTON MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE
 CENTRE WILL BE GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS


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 National Defence / Défense nationale

Canada


LA MUSIQUE DE L'ARTILLERIE ROYALE CANADIENNE
 EN PARTENARIAT AVEC "EDMONTON SALUTES"
 

PRÉSENTE

Une célébration de Noël

AFIN D'APPUYER LE CENTRE DE RESSOURCES POUR LES FAMILLES DES MILITAIRES



AVEC INVITÉS SPÉCIAUX


MILITARY WIVES CHOIRS
 EDMONTON

LE 9 DÉCEMBRE À 19:00
 CENTRE FRANCIS WINSPEAR
 4 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SQUARE

ENTRÉE GRATUITE
 BILLETS DISPONIBLES À LA PORTE

LE CENTRE DE RESSOURCES POUR LES FAMILLES
 DES MILITAIRES ACCEPTERA GRACIEUSEMENT LES DONNS


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Canada

Come and experience the joy of the holiday season with the Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) Band.

“A Christmas Celebration with the RCA Band”

is a family friendly concert on Monday, December 9th at 7 PM at the Winspear Centre,
4 Sir Winston Churchill Square NW Edmonton, AB

Free admission with tickets available at the door*

The RCA Band, joined by the **Military Wives' Choir**, will perform traditional and contemporary holiday favourites.

Donations can be made in the lobby and will go to the **Military Family Resource Centre**.

The RCA Band, based out of 3 CDSB Edmonton, is Canada's oldest professional military band. They have been proudly representing Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces locally and internationally for over 100 years, and perform at over 250 events annually.

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/rcaband to receive the latest updates on our future performances.

*If you would like advance tickets for group bookings, please email RCABandPR@forces.gc.ca

Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



The Ladies Auxiliary has 53 current members and we are working towards our Christmas Bake Sale and Raffle on December 14th. We have two raffles this year, one for our Food Hamper, a Car Detailing Kit/Oil Change and a carry-on travel package, tickets sell for \$2.00 each.

Our 2nd raffle is for some very interesting hand-made wooden toys, one being a replica Train Engine and the other a Dump Truck. These tickets will sell for \$5.00 each but we only have 200 tickets available.

The last 8 of our Legion license plates are in the display case in the lobby. They can be purchased for \$15.00 at the front desk.



**Geoff Biddscombe receiving his
Certificate of Appreciation**



**Doug Christensen receiving the
Branch Service Medal**

If you have an article or photo you think should be added please submit it by the 20th of the month. Email it to: kingswaylegion.president@telus.net

It's Your Legion Get Involved

Bingo Volunteers Required

Location: Kensington Bingo Hall
12538 132 Ave NW, Edmonton
Time: 10:30 — 4:00 pm

Dates:

Wed 4 Dec
Thu 19 Dec
Tue 7 Jan
Mon 27 Jan
Wed 13 Feb
Wed 26 Feb
Wed 4 Mar
Thu 19 Mar



Chase the Ace

“Chase the Ace of Spades” is back every Thursday night tickets go on sale at 5:00pm until 8:00pm.

The draw will be held at 8:30pm.

Tickets are \$2 each and you must be present when the ticket is drawn to win.

Good Luck!



Monster 50 /50

Tickets are \$2.00 each and with the draw happening on New Years Eve there is plenty of time for the pot to grow.

You don't have to be present to win this cash prize so get your tickets now.

The pot is currently at: \$8,860.00

Monster

Win up to:

\$10,000

50 / 50

PHOTOS



Paddy Earles receiving his 10-year pin



Jeff Biddscombe & Ben Murdock showing of their 1st Place Plaque for Euchre



L.A. President Estelle Comeau presenting the Legion with a cheque for \$7,000.00



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>

Sports Schedule (Sep—May)

BRANCH LEAGUES:

Darts	Mon	6:00 — 10:00 pm
Cribbage	Mon	6:00 — 10:00 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	6:00 pm
Pool (Drop in Tourney)	Thu	11:30 am
Darts (City League).....	Thu	6:00 pm
Pool (Drop in Tourney)	Sat	11:30 am

All members, whether novice or expert, are invited to participate.

All times are approximate and may be changed to fit requirements.



We have a Winner!

On Nov. 09, the District Euchre playoffs were held at Strathcona's Legion. Advancing to Command Level is the first-place team of Jeff Biddscombe and Ben Murdock and the second-place team of Carol Burton and Ron Wills.



On October 20 the Area Singles Pool playoffs held at Norwood Legion. Advancing to District Level placing first, second and third respectfully, Gordie Gregg, Les Schwabe and Serge Kowalchuk.



Congratulations to all the players!

Together We Can Make Our Legion Great

What's Happening at the Legion?



Creedence Clearwater Revival
Tribute

by artists "Creedence Clearwater Reprisal"

Sunday February 9, 2020

<i>Show only</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>Dinner</i>	<i>\$ 18.00</i>
<i>Dinner & Show</i>	<i>\$ 48.00</i>
<i>Doors Open</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>
<i>Show</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>

Tickets on Sale Soon

Reserved seating only. No refunds

Sunday March 8, 2020

<i>Show only</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>Dinner</i>	<i>\$ 18.00</i>
<i>Dinner & Show</i>	<i>\$ 48.00</i>
<i>Doors Open</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>
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The Eagles Tribute

by "The Long Run".

THE LEGION DISPATCH

Your Legion Calendar: Dec 2019—Jan 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
Dec 3	#GivingTuesday
Dec 5	International Volunteer Day
Dec 10	Nobel Prize for Peace awarded to peacekeepers (1988)
Dec 25	Fall of Hong Kong (1941)
Jan 27	Holocaust Remembrance Day

Date	Event
Dec 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Dec 6	Halifax explosion (1917)
Dec 25	Christmas (Legion supports Operation Santa Claus)
Jan 1	New Years Day
Jan 29	Bell Let's Talk for mental health awareness



Our 2020 Casino dates are:

Tue Feb 4 & Wed Feb 5
at Yellowhead Casino.

Leave your name with the front desk if you are interesting in working.



Grey Cup Ticket Winners



White Tickets:

1st Quarter	\$100	Brian Walters
Half Time	\$150	Esther Rousseau
3rd Quarter	\$150	Mike Christopherson
Final Dawn	\$400	Dawn Mcallister

Green Tickets:

1st Quarter	\$100	Elizabeth Chidelaw
Half Time	\$150	Shaune Rivard
3rd Quarter	\$150	Bill Buckham
Final	\$400	Terry Keller

Congratulation to all the winners!

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