

Comrades,

I am honoured to be granted the privilege to serve, once again, as President of the Kingsway Legion for 2017-2018. I would like to thank all members of the past executive, and all the volunteers for their service to the Branch.

I would also like to thank all those who have stepped forward to service as members of this year's executive. New ideas are already being brought forward for the good and welfare of your Branch.

We are actively seeking someone with accounting experience to take on the role of Treasurer. If you like to idea of raising funds for our veterans, we also require a new Poppy Chairperson.

Your Executive Committee work hard last year developing a plan to keep the Branch running despite the turn of the economy. This year we will continue to implement those plans while trying to increase the level of service to our members. This includes actively seeking more banquets and events to bring in revenue.

Our Country Jams sessions have proven to be a good success and will continue every Thursday night. In addition, we have started our "Chase the Ace" raffle. We are committed to ensure that the Meat Draws will be held every Wednesday.

I know we had some resistance when we started to charge for our Friday & Saturday night Dances. This decision was made after much deliberation and has help us raise the much needed funds to cover our operating costs.

In the 35 years of volunteering I have learned that the only way to make changes it to do it from within. So get involved, ask how you can help, come to meetings, share your ideas, participate in the various activities and events that

take place. We need your support; the Branch you see today can only get better with you.

We will continue to support the Veterans Villa, Kipnes Centre, 504 (Blatchford Field) Air Cadet Sqn RCACC, 180 (Field 20th Fld Regt RCA) RCACC, 1809 (LER) RCACC, #55 CB Hill Navy League Cadet Corps, 1809 RCACC (Loyal Edmonton Regiment), and 570 Air Cadet Sqn RCACC.

Keep watching our website for updates on our plans to celebrate both this and any other events.

Yours in Comradeship,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Wills". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'R'.

Ron Wills, CD
President
Kingsway Legion