

Jul 2025 Edition

Good day everyone,

A lot has happened since our last newsletter.

Two members of the executive committee have stepped down leaving a void that we need to fill.

Over the past few months there has been a increase of verbal assault towards the executive committee. We cannot let this continue! Members of the executive should be able to attend an event without being approached and bombarded with negativity. Please remember that the executive has also paid to attend the event and would like to relax and enjoy the show.

If you have a concern or complaint please complete a form (which can be obtained from the front office) and drop it in the box.

There are two major points we have to remember as members of the Branch;

The Branch Executive Committee is made up of "VOLUNTEERS" doing their best.

We are here for the Veterans, and sometime we need to make small concessions enabling us to work as a team.

By working together, all members of the Branch can benefit, returning us to the "Home of Hospitality"!

We continue to be in, what seems to be, an endless battle to keep the Branch afloat. Increased operation cost coupled with a reduction of income has now require us to have a closer look at relocating the Branch to a more economical facility.

As we navigate the Branch through the next few months we ask for your support and understanding.

On a lighter note, Norma Yerex will be returning as the Volunteer coordinator. Welcome back Norma!

We look forward to seeing you at the Branch.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rick Etmanski President

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KINGSWAY LEGION CANADA DAY BASH! TUESDAY EFTE DII 2025

Canada

START YOUR CANADA DAY WITH A FLIP!

Pancake Breakfast - Just \$5/person

Hot off the griddle starting at 9 AM to 11 am Delicious Lunch! 12:30 PM - 4 PM

Hamburger & Potato Salad - \$5

Hotdog & Potato Salad - \$5

Popcorn – \$2/bag

GET YOUR TICKETS

TO OUR BIGGEST DRAW!

\$50,000.00

KIDS, GET READY FOR A DAY FULL OF

- Colouring Contests
- Snakes & Ladders
 - Dominoes
- Temporary Tattoos
- Tons of Games & Prizes!

Parents, We've Got You Covered Too!

- Pool
- Horseshoes
 - Cards
- & More Adult Games!

PLUS: Don't Miss the LADIES AUXILIARY BAKE SALE Homemade treats and goodies!

TWO BIG 50/50 DRAWS!

Morning & Afternoon

Double the Chance to WIN!

COME JOIN US!

COME FOR THE FOOD.

STAY FOR THE FUN.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

CELEBRATE CANADA
THE KINGSWAY
LEGION WAY!

BRANCH INFORMATION

SUMMER HOURS MAY 18 - SEP 8, 2025

Note: The branch hours may vary based on the number of members using the facilities.

Branch Hours

Sun - Mon - Closed

Tue - Wed 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 12:00 am

Juno Room

Sun - Mon - Closed

Tue -Wed 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Thu- Sat 11:00 am - 12:00 am

Kitchen

Sun - Mon - Closed

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

Thu- Sat 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Total:

Affiliate 219 Associate 399 Life Members 25 Ordinary 387

1030

Branch General Meetings

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, Sep 30 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

The general meeting gives you a chance to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to make you feel more welcome.

Please attend the General Meetings and help to keep the Legion running.

Branch General Meetings take place on the last Tuesday of each month, from September to June (except for December), in the Maple Room, starting at 7:00 p.m.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS					
Robert Beddow	Lois Stauffer				
Robert Harrison	Robert Gagon				
Jerry Forst	Gary Fitzpatrick				
David Fitzpatrick	Raymond Jago				
Arif Khan	Elsie Machnee				
Larry Lanuk	Thomas Hannah				

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



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.





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
Earl Bridges	91	8 Jun	

VETERAN WELCOME PROGRAM

The free first-year Legion membership program has now expanded to include family of Veterans. Parents or guardians, spouses and children 18+ of serving, retired or passed CAF and RCMP members new to the Legion can register to receive their first year free

Join generations of Veterans, military families and supporters.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

You do not have to be a member of the Legion to obtain support or assistance in receiving benefits or allowances from Veteran Affairs.

Contact any Legion Branch Service Office.

In addition, you can contact the Edmonton Service Bureau.

#102 – 10471 – 178 Street NW Edmonton, AB T5S 1R5

Phone: (780) 448-4982

Email: info@abnwtlegion.com

Stay tuned as we continue to plan for our 100th year celebrations



The Torch –Jul 2025



Is now in full swing for the 2025 season.

For updates on this event checkout our website:

millercrossingfm

or on Facebook

facebook.com/millercrossingfarmersmarket

Over 45-50 Vendors,

Open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm every Sunday until Oct 2025

Our goal is to provide the north east Edmonton region with a marketplace that encourages the local community to support a "Buy Local" philosophy.

We are an Alberta Approved Farmers' Market.

Quote of the Month

"Empower women and you will see a decrease in poverty, illiteracy, disease and violence."

Michaëlle Jean

Governor General of Canada 2005-2010



POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BURSARY

A Bursary is awarded to students who are Veterans, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, spouses or surviving spouses of Veterans; who are in need of financial assistance. Bursaries may be awarded at any stage of a college or university program.

Just download the application from:

https://kingswaylegion.ca/bursary-applicationform

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEES

As of September 1st, 2025 the Branch will be increasing the membership fees by \$5.00 for the 2026 year. The new rates will be \$75.00 for regular members and \$67.00 for senior members.

This increase is as a result of recent increase in Dominion fees.



Call out for OLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for selling the BIG 50/50 Raffle

Let's keep Kingsway Legion open and viable

We need volunteers to help promote and sell raffle tickets at Legion events and other events throughout Edmonton, if you are interested in helping with this campaign, contact the front office.

Total tickets sold \$14,875.00 as of Thursday 19 June 2025.

Thank you to all who have been working hard to sell tickets.

VIA RAIL DISCOUNT



VIA is proud to offer 25% off the best available fares

throughout the year—in all classes (excluding Prestige class) and on all trains—for qualifying members of the Canadian Armed Forces, National Defence civilian personnel, veterans, and their immediate families.

*Certain conditions apply and forms of identification are required.

Book your tickets now at:

https://reservia.viarail.ca/en/booking/

CF ONE CARD



Explore discounts on travel, gear, hotels, even goods & services for your home.

Check out there hundreds of Canadian partners and retailers officering discounts exclusively to CF One Card Holders

For more info go to:

https://cfmws.ca

PARKS CANADA OFFER

By presenting the CF One Platinum card, or the Veteran's Service Card, active Canadian Armed Forces members, Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces and their immediate families receive free daily admission to all Parks Canada administered locations.

For more info go to:

https://parks.canada.ca/voyage-travel/admission/forces-veteran



MEMBERPERKS®

Your Legion membership can help you save!

MemberPerks® gives Legion members access to thousands of offers and deals at stores and restaurants across Canada, including national chains, l ocal businesses and online stores. MemberPerks® is included free with membership. It can save you \$1000s every year — so your membership could pay for itself many times over! Sign up or sign in today to start saving.

For more info go to:

https://www.legion.ca/member-login/ memberperks



OBSERVATIONS OF WONDERS - FROM YOUR PADRE

Thank you for allowing me to share some thoughts and make some observations. However, before I begin, please allow me to extend to each and everyone reading this, my hope and prayer that you will be able to enjoy the summer weather. Whether you travel or simply stay local during this season, I suggest there are so many sights and sounds we can take in. Compared to many reading this my wife and I are relatively new commers to Edmonton, but we are finding that there is so much to enjoy. From a short dinner cruise on the Edmonton River Boat, (and no I have no financial investment in this venture) to enjoying some of the many river side hiking trails, and one of my favourites, "Farmers' Markets," from the one taking place at our Legion, to St. Albert, and many others.

Summer, what an amazing time of year, and that brings me to some thoughts I would like to share. On June 20, 2025, we enjoyed the most day light hours, of any other day of the year, here in Edmonton. Being so far north, we enjoyed 17 hours and 3 minutes of daylight. And if you are a gardener, you could almost see some of the plants growing. As I reflected on these yearly phenomena, I was quickly reminded that in 6 months from now on December 21st, we will experience only 7 hours and 27 minutes of daylight. Sorry, I don't want this to be depressing, but like I was saying, as I reflected, I had to stop and ask, "who is responsible for these yearly happenings? How did it all start? As I read some more, I came to a new sense of awe as it were. During our Summer Solstice, for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, the earth tilts mostly toward the sun, and the tilt of the earth's axis is exactly 23 degrees.

As I pondered the wonders of our earth, its rotation and orbit around the sun. As I watch, the pictures coming back from first the Hubble Telescope, and now the James Webb Telescope, and see the almost daily new discoveries of new galaxies, stars and other heavenly bodies, my thoughts are drawn to a Creator God. Years ago, I concluded that this earth, our world which is really only a tiny speck in the universe, must have been created and now controlled by our Creator. Scientists tell us that he slightest shift on our earth's axis, and we would either freeze instantly or burn up by the sun.

I am reminded of what the Poet said in Psalm 19:

The heavens proclaim the glory of God; the skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat.

And then these words in Psalm 8:

O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you set in place, what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

OBSERVATIONS OF WONDERS - FROM YOUR PADRE

You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority, the flocks and the herds, and all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents.

O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

I find it hard, not to bow in humble adoration at a God like this, in whose image we are all created. Gen. 1:26, Then God said, "let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. So, God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him, male and female."

But God did not simply create and then leave us to on our own. Years after His creating us, He sent His only Son, Jesus to die for us, so that we can live, and have a relationship with Him. Please allow me to quote a passage I have used before: John 3:16, for God so loved the world, (you and I are part of this world) that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life. (words in parentheses are mine)

Readers, please enjoy the summer with family and friends. Enjoy the long day light hours, the BBQs, or just sitting and enjoying the stars once the sun does go down. And, allow your minds to drift and perhaps even ask the question, how does all this fit into my life, and imagine if you will, that the maker of all this wants to be your friend, and have a relationship with you.

Rev. R.D. (Bob) Wiebe Padre, Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch, #175`

"A man always smokes two cigarettes at the same time, so eventually one of his friends asks, 'What's with the two cigarettes?' The man replies, 'My brother is in prison, and he told me to smoke a cigarette for him every time I smoke one for myself.' Sometime later, his friend sees the man smoking one cigarette instead of two. Surprised, the friend asks, 'Has your brother been freed from prison?'

The man replies, 'No, I just quit smoking.'"



OP VETBUILD

Operation VetBuild is a Royal Canadian Legion initiative run by the RCL's OSI Special Section (BSO Legion OSI). This is a peer to peer program by veterans, for veterans and includes RCMP and allied veterans. The objective is to help improve mental health through hobby and in this case, table top / minature games, model building and board games 100% free to veteran's.

Will be held every 3rd Saturday of the month.

From 1pm -4pm

OP VETBUILD

Contact: Anthony Sewards teutonicknights@shaw.ca

TABLETOP

Contact: James Morris phgang02@hotmail.ca

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LEGION BUDDY CHECK COFFEE

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP and Allied Forces are welcome. You do not need to be a Legion member to attend.

Open to all Veterans. Your local legion is here supporting our area.

Come meet fellow Veterans in a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere of comradeship. There will be free coffee, tea and soft drinks.

For more information contact Louise Abdou at <u>Edm175buddycheckcoffee@hotmail.com</u> or call 780-868-8917





Kingsway Legion invites dedicated individuals to join our vibrant volunteer teams. We're seeking enthusiastic individuals who want to make a difference while supporting Legion values.

We need volunteers to work many of our social activities including:

Colour Party & Honour Guard Celebrations of Life **Bingo**

Food Servers Setting up tables & chairs **Bus Person**

Front Office **Fund-raisers**

KENSINGTON BINGO

SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Thursday July 10

Friday July 25

Friday August 8

Friday August 29

Wednesday September 10

September 30 Wednesday

Tuesday October 14

Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact:

Lisa LaBossiere 780 438-5472 or 780-238-6401

leave a message at 780-425-8654

Lunch Provided!



Meet Lisa our Kinsington Bingo Coordinator

Although not a member of the Branch Lisa came forward and offered to volunteer as the bingo coordinator. Her role includes contacting and assigning the other volunteers positions members.

In addition to finding volunteers, Lisa can be seen wondering the hall during the events assisting where required

A special "heartfelt thank you" goes out to

Lisa LaBossiere

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WEEKLY MEAT DRAWS

Join us every Wednesday Night for the Branch Weekly Meat Draw

Tickets go on sale: 6:00 pm

First Draw: 6:30 pm

12 Regular & One Bonus Draw

Ticket \$5.00 for 5

(good for all draws)





The Ladies Auxiliary invite you to come out for their Saturday Afternoon Meat Draw

Tickets on Sale 1:00 pm

Draw Begins at 1:30 pm

12 Regular & Bonus Draws

Ticket \$5.00 for 5

(good for all draws)



We hold a 50/50 Raffle immediately following both Meat Draws

10 tickets for \$5.00



ENTERTAINMENT BUZZ

Canteen (Juno Lounge) - Maple Leaf & Wildrose Room





Kingsway Legion Website Link



COMING UP THIS JULY @ KINGSWAY LEGION

Keep checking the website for Amazing updates...

SUMMER HOURS

WEEKEND CANTEEN ENTERTAINMENT

DROP IN BILLARDS

DROP IN DARTS

BAND JAM IS ON BREAK TILL FALL

COME CHECK OUT KINGSWAY LEGION!

What's Coming upl

CANTEEN (JUNO LOUNGE)

JULY 4th, & JULY 5th



NORMAN & THE COUNTRY JAMMERS

4 MAN BAND OLD TIME CLASSIC COUNTRY BAND

JULY 4 SPECIAL GUESTS!!

DOUBLE DIAMONDS

SQUARE DANCE DEMO

JULY 11th & JULY 12th

DAY BREAKER BAND

4 MAN BAND
OLD DRAKE HOTEL HOUSE BAND
COUNTRY MUSIC & MORE

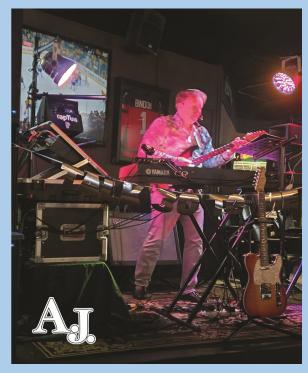


CANTEEN (JUNO LOUNGE)

DOOR CHARGE: Member \$10 Each

Non-Member \$15 Each

JULY 18th & JULY 19th



A.J LIVE

ONE MAN, BIG SOUND

DANCE TO

TO MULTI MUSIC GENRE & STYLES

JULY 25th & JULY 26th

TRICK RYDER A KINGSWAY LEGION FAVORITE 4 MAN BAND PARTY COUNTRY BAND

GET READY TO DANCE!



Kingsway Legion 14339 – 50 St. NW 780-425-8654

AUGUST 1st & 2nd



BACK IN THE JUNO LOUNGE BY POPULAR DEMAND PLAYING THE FUN SONGS TO DANCE & SING TOO!

MIXTURE OF COUNTRY, ROCK, POP, OF MANY
DIFFERENT ERA'S

ENTERTAINMENT CHARMAN MESSAGE

Entertainment – Kingsway Legion

As we pass the halfway mark of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect with pride and gratitude on what we've accomplished together over the past 6 months at the Kingsway Legion.

First and foremost, a heartfelt **thank you** to every single person who has supported our entertainment programming — from our **dedicated volunteers**, hardworking **staff**, and **committee members**, to the **amazing guests and loyal patrons** who come out weekend after weekend. Whether you were enjoying our **weekend bands in the canteen**, dancing your heart out at one of our **tribute shows**, laughing with us at **Legion of Laughs Comedy Nights**, singing your lungs out during **Extreme Music Bingo**, or sharing your talents at our **Band Jams** — **you are the reason we do what we do.**

We are proud to say that this entire entertainment program is run by volunteers. People who donate their time, energy, and heart because they believe in what this Legion stands for — community, camaraderie, and connection. It hasn't always been easy. We've had our share of growing pains, technical hiccups, and behind-the-scenes challenges. But we've faced each obstacle with determination and teamwork.

And it's working. Our events are growing. Our name is spreading. People are taking notice—and that's because **you** are showing up and helping us build something worth celebrating.

But now we look ahead to the next 6 months.

This is the moment where we ask **for even more** — more **support**, more **positivity**, and more **pride** in this incredible organization. We've planted the seeds; now it's time to help them grow. We need our members, friends, and neighbors to rally behind the cause, to **get involved**, to **invite someone new**, to **volunteer**, and to **share the story of this beautiful place.**

Let's show the city what the Kingsway Legion is truly about — not just our past, but our future.

Thank you for being on this journey with us.

With respect and appreciation,

Joe Luce

Entertainment Chairman Kingsway Legion Branch 175



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JULY 2025

<u>Branch Hours</u> Sunday and Monday CLOSED .. Tuesday- Saturday 11 am – Close Closing time varies depending on number of people in the Canteen OFFICE CLOSED AT 4 PM TUES & SAT WED THURS FRI AT 5 PM

		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		CANADA DAY PARTY 9 AM TO 5 PM Pancake Breakfast Games Meat Draw LA Bake Sale Farmers Market	2 Edmonton Police Family 12:30 pm Meat Draw 6 pm Drop In Euchre 7pm	3 Pool Tournament 11:30 Drop in Canasta 1 pm Drop In Darts 1pm Drop In Scotch Double Pool 6:30pm	4 Entertainment 7 – 11 pm Norm & The Country Jammers	5 Pool Tournament 12pm Meat Draw 1 pm Entertainment 7 – 11 pm Norm & The Country Jammers
6 CLOSED Farmers Market 11 – 3pm	7 CLOSED Private Event Bookings Only	8 Pool Tournament 11:30 am Canasta 1 pm	9 Edmonton Police Family 12:30pm Buddy Coffee 11am Meat Draw 6 pm Drop In Euchre 7pm	Pool Tournament 11:30 Drop in Canasta 1 pm Drop In Darts 1pm Drop In Scotch Double Pool 6:30pm	11 Entertainment 7 – 11 pm Day Breaker Band	12 Drop In Pool 12pm Meat Draw 1 pm Free Fun Bingo Entertainment 7 – 11pm Day Breaker Band
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