



# THE TORCH

Newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch # 175

Aug 2025 Edition

## 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

### 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

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

### MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

as of

Jul 29, 2025

Affiliate	219
Associate	402
Life Members	25
Ordinary	390
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1036</b>

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*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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>
Margaret Chalmers	99	22 Jun	N/A
William Stanley	84	23 Jul	Unknown

### ***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](mailto:info@abnwtlegion.com)

Stay tuned as we continue to plan for our  
100<sup>th</sup> year celebrations



## ***RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 29,2025***

On July 29 the Branch held a special meeting to vote on a motion regarding how the Branch should move forward given it's current financial position.

The motion read that Kingsway Legion Branch authorize the President and his committee, the authority to pursue:

**Continuing as is:** maintaining current operations at the existing facility. This approach, however, faces ongoing financial deficits unless significant new revenue sources or cost reductions are achieved.

**Sell the building:** disposing of the current property and relocating to a smaller, more manageable, and financially viable site aligned with current operational needs.

**Lease all or part of the west wing and/or the kitchen:** renovating a section of the property for lease, which could generate additional income to offset expenses.

After an one hour of Question & Answers the motion was tabled until the end of September.

Thirteen members of the Branch stepped forward and will be broken into three groups focusing on one the three recommended options. Their role will be to provide more information including the financial implication to the Branch as while as other pertinent information they feel the Branch members should be aware of to make a clear decision.

If you have any ideas that could be useful please send an email to the president:

**richard.etmanski @kingswaylegion.ca**

## ***ENTERTAINMENT***

**Here is a quick look at the upcoming entertainment events  
in the Juno Room**



**Eric Martin**

**1 & 2 Aug**

**DJ Alan D**

**8 & 9 Aug**



**Robyn Ashely Band**

**15 & 17 Aug**

**Karaoke Night**

**22 & 23 Aug**



**Sparkling Tones**

**29 & 30 Aug**

# MILLER CROSSING FARMERS' MARKET

EDMONTON, AB



Over 45-50 Vendors,

The Farmers Market will be held outdoors  
every Sunday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

For updates on this event checkout our website:

[millercrossingfm](http://millercrossingfm) or on Facebook

[facebook.com/millercrossingfarmersmarket](https://facebook.com/millercrossingfarmersmarket)

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.**

**The Juno Room will be  
open and ready to  
prepare a tasty lunch  
meal for you.**



The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick"  
is believed to be the toughest tongue  
twister in the English language

# Call out for VOLUNTEERS

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 office at

**780.425.8654**



## ***JOB OPPORTUNITY***

Kingsway Legion is actively seeking skilled Chef / Cook / Cook Helpers to join our team.

The ideal candidate will have a passion for food preparation and presentation, ensuring exceptional dining experiences for our guests.

### Duties:

- Prepare and cook meals according to recipes and quality standards
- Assist in menu planning and development
- Coordinate food orders with the kitchen team
- Ensure compliance with food safety and sanitation regulations
- Monitor food stock and place orders as needed
- Collaborate with the culinary team to maintain high-quality service

### Skills:

- Experience in food handling, preparation, and meal presentation
- Knowledge of food safety practices in the food industry
- Ability to work efficiently in a fast-paced kitchen environment
- Strong communication skills to collaborate with kitchen staff and management
- Previous experience as a cook in a restaurant or banquet setting is preferred

If interested please submit your resume to: **flo.werner@kingswaylegion.ca**

### Quote of the Month

“We seem to be so hard set in what we call our principles, which are not so much our principles but our prejudices.

Let’s try to get beyond that.”

Alex Trebek

## ***INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEES***

As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 the Branch will be increasing the membership fees by \$5.00. 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.





### ***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 up to \$2,000 may be awarded at any stage of a college or university program.

Just download the application from:

<https://kingswaylegion.ca/bursary-application-form>

Once completed, drop the application off at the Branch office or email it to:

[office@kingswaylegion.ca](mailto:office@kingswaylegion.ca)

A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish.

The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened. The second person said the same thing and God did the same thing. This went on and on throughout the group. God noticed the last man in line was laughing hysterically. By the time God got to the last ten people, the last man was laughing and rolling on the ground.

When the man's turn came, he laughed and said, "I wish they were all ugly again."

**Allodoxaphobia is the fear of other people's opinions.**

It's a rare social phobia characterized by an irrational and overwhelming fear of what other people think.

### ***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 [Edm175buddycheckcoffee@hotmail.com](mailto:Edm175buddycheckcoffee@hotmail.com) or call 780-868-8917**



## ***“PEACE KEEPING, PEACE MAKING”***

As we look around us, and around our world, it is hard to imagine that while the heart’s desire of most people would be to live in peace, it is difficult to even imagine living in such a world. As I begin my article today I want to say thank you to each and every one of our comrades who have served in anyone of the arms of the Canadian Military, or are serving today, to our Police Officers, to any and all of our First Responders for the efforts you make each day, or have made in the past, so we can experience a sense of peace and tranquility in our communities and in our Country.

As I enjoyed Canada Day, with some family, I felt a sense of gratitude the country in which we live. Oh to be sure, we are not perfect, some, okay probably all of our leaders are not perfect, we have so much to be grateful for. And dare I say that “Peace” is one of the attractions that many new Canadians are grateful for. I cannot even imagine what it must be like to live in a Country, where I can’t even take a leisurely walk outside without fear. May we ever be grateful for our forefathers as they ventured into a New World, with courage and a steadfastness that deserves my respect and honour.

As I reflected on the word peace and what it means to us, I thought back many years to 1954 when Canada became involved in “Peace Keeping Missions.” Many of you reading this article will have your memories jogged when you reflect on the Peace Keeping Missions you have been personally involved with. I had limited interest in our Troops being involved in “Peace Keeping Missions,” until our son Darin, (who served 32 years in Military) served in a Peace Keeping role, In 1 RCR on Cyprus, for a six-month deployment. I guess the saying is true that when you have some “skin the game” you develop a “real” interest in these kinds of Missions. Since then, I have followed with great interest his, and others deployments on UN Missions around the world. Since 1954 our men and women, and that includes many of you have served in any number of places around the world in “Peace Keeping” roles. The Balkans, Cambodia, the Congo, Cyprus, East Timor, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Haiti, Rwanda, Somalia, and Syria, and others places. All to say that our Canadian Troops have served the world wide “**Peace Keeping**” initiatives with courage, Distinction and valor, in places where most of us would not venture.

And while we continue to work at “Keeping the Peace” much of that changed when our troops were committed to a “**Peace Making Operation**” in Afghanistan, from 2001 to 2014. For those who served during this Operation, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am very aware of the waiting for news from loved ones who served here, including my son, who was deployed here a number of times, this time as a member of JTF2.

That brings me to the “main theme” of this writing. I will be quick to add here that I am in no way suggesting I am an expert in the area of “Peace Keeping, or Peace-Making Missions.” I have been involved in both those roles as 24-year member of the RCMP stationed in various locations. I learned very early in my career as a young officer, attending a domestic complaint by myself. (RCMP members often work alone) it was evident within the home that there had been a serious battle going on, with both spouses showing bruises and the like. I had no clue what to do.

**So**, with my limited experience, I decided that taking the wife’s side, and attempting to arrest her husband was the best course of action. literally within seconds she turned on me, and now I had both people against me. With no back up available I retreated and left the two to figure it out, until the next call.

**So, Peace Keeping or Peace Making?** What was my job in this case? I know now, but then? I did learn that sometimes we do both. I also learned never to take sides in these kinds of disputes.



## ***“PEACE KEEPING, PEACE MAKING” CONT'D***

### **Definition of Peace Keeping**

Active work to stop or prevent conflict between nations or communities, especially by an international military force:”

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### **Definition of Peace Making**

The process of bringing about peace, especially by reconciling adversaries: “a serious attempt to engage in peacemaking after years of violence”

It would seem that, that in our personal lives, whether in our families, our work places, or places we volunteer in, like our Legion we are often called on to become “Peace Makers,” by the definition noted above.

A week ago, (I am writing this on Canada Day) I spent the week considering the “Upside Down Teaching of Jesus,” on the Beatitudes found in the book of Matthew, Chapter 5:3-10. As I was thinking about this it dawned on me how little peace there really is around us. We seem to live in a world that anything but peaceful. That unfortunately extends to our families in many cases, to our work environment, and into our other personal relationships.

### **Consider the definition of “Peace” in it simplest form:**

freedom from disturbance; tranquillity: as in “he just wanted to drink a few beers in peace”

We do not have to look far before we see areas of life, maybe our lives which would be well served if we were striving to be “peacemakers.”

### **Matt. 5:9, “God Blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.”**

We see that “Peacemaking,” requires action on our part, if our relationships with one another are to be solid, and free of disturbance. Peacemakers lead with empathy and in a posture of humility. Peacemakers listen respectfully even when they do not agree with someone, and work hard to understand, and “Peacemakers lead the way with truthfulness and a gracious spirit.

I admit this is a very cursory look at “Peacemaking,” but I think we get the picture. While “Peacekeeping” is an important aspect of our lives, what really matters is “Making the Peace,” which I believe is a quote from Retired General Romeo Delaire.

**My Prayer for us all:** Gracious Father, we want to take the time to say thank You for the Peace we enjoy within our country of Canada, and the unwarranted gift of calling Canada Home. I thank You that You sent Jesus into our world, who was the ultimate **PEACE MAKER**. Jesus came to reconcile us to a Holy God. And, only Jesus could do that. Reconciliation was needed because of our sinful lives. Thank You Jesus for being a Peace Maker, and calling us to do the same. Teach us to live with grateful hearts, to be generous with what You have blessed us with. May we be “**Peacemakers,**” to those who live on the fringes of society, to those who we live with, work with, play with.

## ***“PEACE KEEPING, PEACE MAKING” CONT'D***

I pray this in the Name of Jesus who came into this world as: **“The Prince of Peace.”**

**Isaiah 9: 6, for a Child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the PRINCE OF PEACE.**

Rev. R.D. (Bob) Wiebe

Padre, RCL, Kingsway Branch



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

Setting up tables & chairs

Food Servers

Bus Person

Fund-raisers

Front Office

### ***KENSINGTON BINGO***

#### ***SCHEDULE FOR 2025***

Friday August 8  
Thursday September 4  
Wednesday October 8  
Wednesday November 19  
Monday December 8  
Friday January 30, 2026

Friday August 29  
Wednesday September 30  
Tuesday October 14  
Wednesday December 3  
Monday December 29

Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact: Sharon (Blondie) or Ron Charlet at **(780) 416-6102**  
or leave a message at the Branch by calling 780 425-8654

Lunch Provided!

## ***MEET SOME GROUP AND MEMBERS WHO VISIT THE BRANCH***

**EACH MONTH WE HOPE TO BRING YOU A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUPS THAT MEET OR VISIT THE BRANCH.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR GROUP MENTIONED PLEASE DROP US A LINE AND MAYBE A PHOTO TO GO WITH IT.**

**SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO [ronald.wills@kingswaaylegion.ca](mailto:ronald.wills@kingswaaylegion.ca)**

### ***Edmonton Police Family!***

The Edmonton Police Family is a group of former ,retired or retired civilian members of the Edmonton Police Service who meet every Wednesday around 11:30AM.

For a couple of hours each Wednesday, we get to sit and meet with some former workmates or others we knew and tell old stories or catch up on news.

We meet at the Legion as we consider the Legion our "safe place" where we are not judged and can talk about old times without having to justify the Police conduct. The usual number of people who show up is around twenty or so.

The attached picture is of the participants who showed up on the 30th of July.





# Legion



## BSO OSI

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# 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 / miniature 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 Sowards**  
**teutonicknights@shaw.ca**

### **TABLETOP**

**Contact: James Morris**  
**phgang02@hotmail.ca**

**Kingsway Legion Branch #175**  
**14339 50th Street, Edmonton, AB**

## **WEEKLY MEAT DRAWS**

### **Join us every Wednesday Night for the Branch 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)



**BRANCH 50 / 50 RAFFLE**

We hold a 50/50 Raffle  
immediately following the both  
Meat Draw

**10 tickets for \$5.00**