



The Royal Canadian Legion

Kingsway Branch No. 175

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“The Home of Hospitality”

April 2021

BRANCH HOURS

Mon - Sat 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Wed 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday - Closed

BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - Sat 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday – Closed

CANTEEN BAR

Mon - Sat 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Wed 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday – Closed

KITCHEN

Mon - Sat 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Wed 11:00 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday – Closed

BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

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

President's Message

Some good news. Business in the Canteen has improved, and our meat draws are attracting more members. More of our comrades are renewing their memberships. Many of them are renewing for a five-year term to take advantage of the five-year option to receive the watch offer from Dominion Command.

Our Immediate Past President Comrade Ron Wills and our Treasurer Gary Forner have been very busy acquiring grants, subsidies and loans and successfully acquired an amount of \$205,103 with \$40,000 repayable for a grand total of \$165,103 Great job Comrades.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid19 variants, moving to stage three has been put on hold, therefore, we cannot move forward with any entertainment or sports.

What we do need is for you the members to visit the Branch and enjoy a good meal and comradery.

WK Fecteau
President

We apologize to anyone that was offended with the Irish jokes posted in the Mar Newsletter. Being part Irish myself, I am not, but some members mentioned these days ethnic jokes are not as widely accepted.

We have removed the jokes from the website edition of the newsletter. Once again our apologies.

Membership

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
Haight, Shirley	85	17 Feb 21	N/A
Claggett, Helga	82	05 Mar 21	N/A



Burnham, Katherine	Barootes, Erika
Croft, Tyler	Bartos, Adam Michael
Hansen, Robert T.	Edison, Tanya D. M
Hopper, Shirley E.	Jackson, Gary W.
Arnault, Kristian Allen	Meurin, Kevin C
Milligan, Nancy E	Toma, Dennis G
Howie, Dennis William	Prochinsky, Ken
Dziepak, Edmund	

Our Newest Members

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

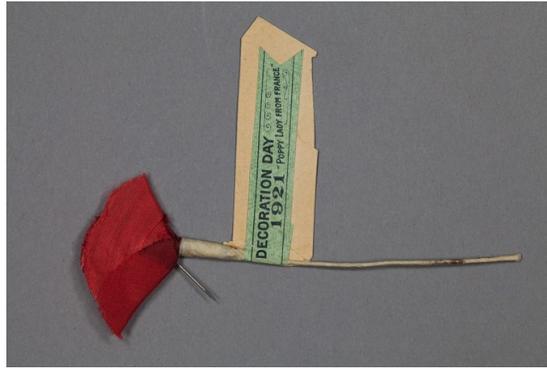


There were no meetings held in March as a result we haven't had a chance to recognise any of our volunteers.

Members in Good Standing as of Feb 16, 2021	
Life Members	25
Ordinary	401
Associate	339
Affiliate	211
Total:	976

Wanted

The Legion is looking for mannequins to display some of the uniforms we have. If you know where we could get some donated or cheap please let the front office know.



100th Anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada

On July 5, 1921 the Great War Veterans Association adopted the Poppy as the flower of Remembrance. To celebrate this 100th anniversary, The Legion Dominion Executive Council approved a commemorative Poppy flower pin, which is now available to wear on Legion dress until Dec 31, 2021. See the front office if you would like to purchase one.

[To read more about the history of the Poppy click here.](#)



Did you know that this year Kingsway Legion is celebrating it's 75th anniversary. For the rest of the year we will be sharing some of the history of days gone by.

4 Apr 1949 - North Atlantic Treaty (NATO)

Canada, along with 11 other countries, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, DC. The NATO treaty marked a new era of ties with the United States and of distance from Great Britain and spelled out the importance of economic collaboration.



13 Feb 1947 - Hunter Strikes Oil at Leduc

Vern "Dry Hole" Hunter struck oil near Leduc, Alta. The discovery ended a long decline in the Alberta oil industry, began an era of prosperity for the province and spared Canada dependence on foreign oil.

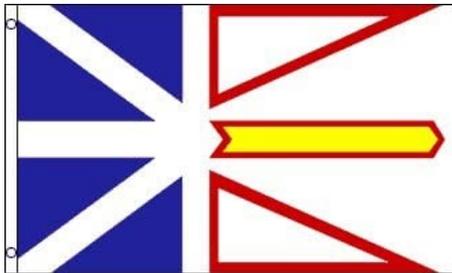
75th Anniversary Kingsway Branch # 175

8 Nov 1946



Viola Desmond Dragged Out of Nova Scotia Movie Theatre

Viola Desmond is dragged out of a Nova Scotia movie theatre and charged by police after she refuses to move from the main floor of the theatre to the balcony, where Black patrons were segregated. Her decision to fight her charges raises awareness of the racism experienced by Black Canadians. The Nova Scotia government posthumously pardons her in 2010.



31 Mar 1949 - Newfoundland Becomes Province

Newfoundland entered the Dominion of Canada as the 10th province through an Act of Westminster. The first session of the legislature was held at St. John's on 13 July.

1940s and 1950s – The subsequent oil boom gave Edmonton new status as the "Oil Capital of Canada", and during the 1950s, the city increased in population from 149,000 to 269,000.

1942 – A record-breaking snowfall of 39.9 centimetres hits Edmonton on November 15.

1947 – [St. Josaphat Cathedral](#) completed.

1947–1965 – Suburban boom began.

1948 – [Edmonton Flyers](#) wins the [Allan Cup](#).

1950 – [Edmonton Mercurys](#) win the [Ice Hockey World Championships](#)

1951 – [Edmonton Bulletin](#) ceases production.

1952 [Edmonton Mercurys](#) win the Olympic [Gold medal](#).

1952 - [Clover Bar Bridge](#) completed.

1953 – Nationwide epidemic, 16 Edmontonians died from [poliomyelitis](#).

1954 – [Edmonton Eskimos](#) win their first [Grey Cup](#).

1955 - [Groat Bridge](#) completed.

1955 - [Westmount Centre](#) opened as the city's first shopping mall.

1957 – [Jubilee Auditorium](#) opened.

1959 – [Valley Zoo](#) opened.

75th Anniversary Kingsway Branch # 175

The organizing meeting to form Kingsway Branch was held in the offices of the D.V.A Building, Jasper Avenue. During the late fall of 1945, four veterans were in attendance. As the meeting continued the number of interested veterans increased.

Application was made for the Canadian Legion Charter. The Branch was to be called "Alexander Branch" The Charter was granted but the name rejected, there was another branch that had registered that name. Portage Avenue had been renamed Kingsway Avenue after the Royal visit in 1939. The name Kingsway Branch was settled on. The Charter was finalized February 8th 1946.

During 1946, a bid was made for the Auxiliary Services Hut on Kingsway. The bid was accepted and the Branch became a viable entity.

Membership began to increase and an addition was built with a volunteer contractor and voluntary labour by members. The building was completed and formally opened in 1951.

Expansion was again necessary in 1959. The old "Hut" was badly deteriorated, and the membership decided that a new building was in order.

The ladies wanted to take a more active role in the club and formed the Ladies Auxiliary on August 23, 1948. Eleven ladies signed the Charter.

During the Second World War, the property that Kingsway once occupied was designated a "MEMORIAL PARK". After the training facilities were in place, an odd shaped piece of property was left over and was becoming an eyesore. It was rehabilitated with the construction of field stone Cairns to commemorate the units from this area who served in the war.

They were built by, and commemorated, the following units:

THE SOUTHERN REGIMENT

MIDLAND REGIMENT

ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY

ROYAL CANADIAN ENGINEERS

THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT

THE EDMONTON FUSILIERS

A Private married, with 3 years in rank received \$64.00 and a marriage allowance of \$30.00

Item	1946	1950	1955
Gallon of Gasoline	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.29
Gallon of Milk	\$0.67	\$0.83	\$0.93
1 Dozen Eggs	\$0.59	\$0.60	\$0.61
Loaf of White Bread	\$0.10	\$0.12	\$0.18
Chopped Beef (1 lb)	\$0.27	\$0.53	\$0.67





**Click on the image
to purchase your
tickets**

One Lucky Winner will receive a minimum \$2000, or up to 50% of funds raised.

Kingsway Legion has served our veterans, their families, our military and RCMP with dedication and passion. Hundreds of thousands of dollars and volunteer hours have been invested in our community supporting our senior citizens, youth groups and community support systems such as Cadets, sports teams, school music programs, and school playgrounds, just to name just a few.

Kingsway Legion has been able to serve as a safe place for entertainment for the north east corner of Edmonton. We take pride in providing a safe venue for seniors as well as past and current serving military and their families while being able to be the main entertainment hub for the north east district of Edmonton.

These unprecedented times are creating challenges for our Branch, affecting our operations, fundraising and potential donations. By purchasing a ticket, not only do you have a chance to WIN CASH but can help us remain viable too!

We need your help to continue to honour and remember all those who have served and sacrificed for our great nation. When you win, we ALL WIN!

We thank you for your support and wish everyone good luck.

Ticket Sales End: May 7, 2021

Draw Date: May 8, 2021

Draw Location: Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Br #175, Edmonton

The Legion Dispatch

Your Legion Calendar: Apr - May 2021

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 Apr	NATO Accord signed (1949)
9 Apr	Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917)
18-24 Apr	National Volunteer Week
21 Apr	Queens birthday 1926
25 Apr	Anzac Day
25 Apr	Battle of Kapyong (1951)
May 2021	
2 May	Battle of the Atlantic (1945)
1 - 7 May	National Youth Week
3 May	John McCrae wrote ‘In Flanders Fields’ poem
3 - 9 May	CMHA Mental Health Week

Date	Event
5 May	Liberation of Netherlands (1945)
8 May	VE Day (1945)
9 May	Mother’s Day
15 May	International Day of Families
21 May	National War Memorial unveiled (1939)
24 May	Victoria Day
25 May	Ypres (1915)
28 May	Tomb of Unknown Soldier (2000)
29 May	International Day of UN Peacekeepers
31 May	End of South African (Boer) War (1902)
31 May	US Memorial Day

Next General Meeting:

April 27, 2021

Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



The Ladies Auxiliary are impressed by the attitude demonstrated by the Legion members attending the Meat Draws. We had a lot of fun and made some money as well. It is heartwarming to see everyone out and about.

Thanks to all for their support.

See you Saturday at 1:00 pm for our weekly Meat Draw!



Pre-paying Pays Off

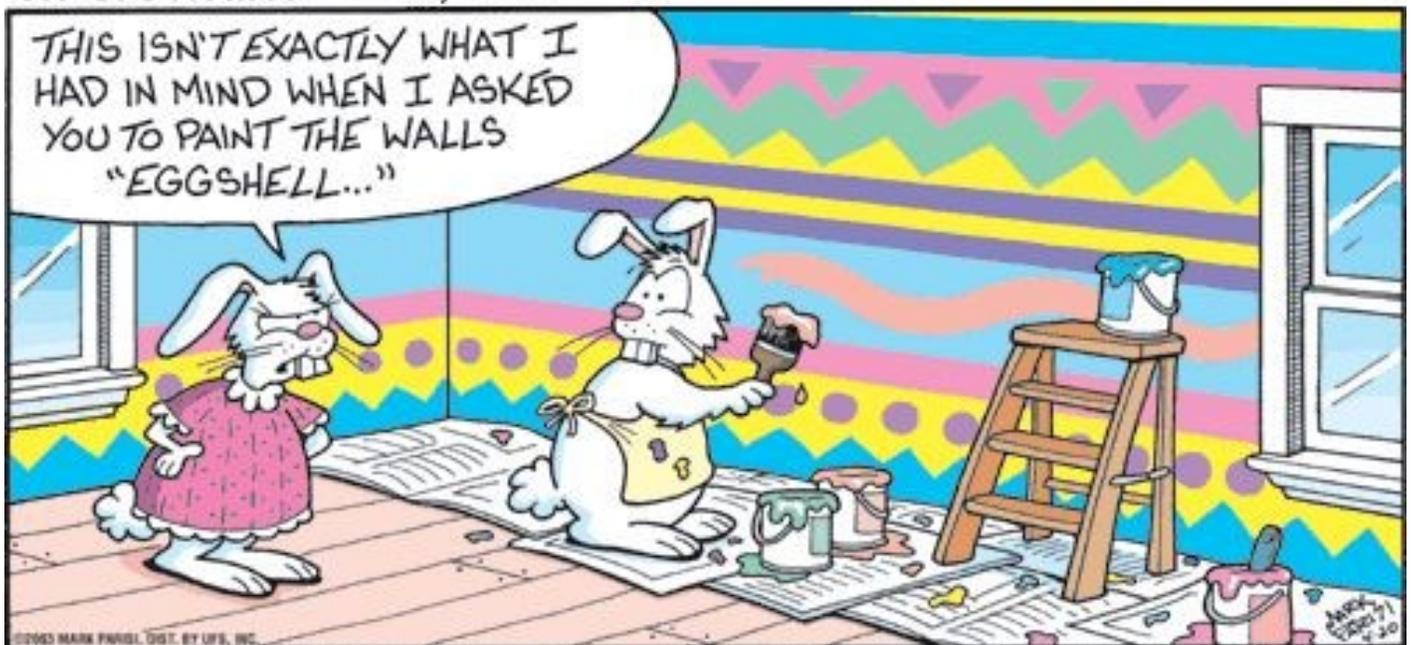
Between February 22 to May 30, 2021, members who prepay for five years will receive a FREE Limited Edition Poppy Watch, designed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy. See [terms and conditions](#) for more details.

A limited number of these watches will be available for purchase on The Poppy Store starting in late May. Keep an eye out – they're expected to go fast!

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

www.offthemark.com



Lent and Easter Message - March 2021

As I begin to write this message, I give credit to a fellow Chaplain, Don Bernhardt for some of the quotes I am using, and any I use I do so with his permission.

As I write this message, we are well into March, and the season of Lent. Lent is that time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. **If you are not familiar with Lent, let me give you a very brief explanation. A Lent 101, if you will.** (Don Bernhardt) Lent is forty days (excluding Sundays) and is modelled after Jesus' forty days in the wilderness following his baptism in the Jordan River.

Scripture tells us that during these forty days, Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. Following his time in the wilderness, Jesus began his ministry, first by selecting His disciples and then proclaiming the good news, healing the sick, feeding the hungry and raising the dead.

For us, Lent is a period of self-reflection and as I noted, a time of preparation. But what is it we are to reflect on, and prepare for? I know there are a myriad of answers to those two questions. Please allow me to share my response.

We are to reflect on our spiritual health and our relationship with God and with others. A tradition of Lent is that we are asked to pay extra attention to three things, alms -giving, fasting and prayer. For many, when the season of Lent arrives, someone will say something like "Oh yeah, that's the time we're supposed to give up chocolate." Well yes, we can certainly do that if we feel that giving up something, we like will help us grow in our faith, but that's not really the point. This is a time where we need to be able to look honestly at ourselves, with all the faults and issues of our lives and recognize those things that get in the way of relationship. Some of these might be easy to fix. For example, maybe we need to give a call to that person that we never quite seem to find the time for. Maybe we need to spend a little time connecting with God in prayer. Maybe we really don't need that extra piece of cake! Other things might not be so trivial. Maybe that temper, which we have never really got a handle on is becoming even more of a problem. Maybe there is a person we're estranged from and it's time to reach out and have that difficult conversation that we've been putting off for years. Maybe something has happened that has caused us to lose our faith in God and ideas like justice, mercy, and forgiveness. Big issues and little ones are the things that we wrestle with in Lent.

It is important to understand that Lent is not the only time we should examine our lives and our relationships, but it is a time where that should be given more deliberate attention. Think of it as an annual spiritual check-up. The point of Lent is not intended to make us feel terrible, like failures or worthless.

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Lent and Easter Message - Cont'd

The idea that one should mope around during lent wearing sackcloth is, fortunately, a relic from an earlier time. (Don Bernhardt)

No, in my opinion, Lent is a time where yes, we can acknowledge the issues in our lives that might need attention, but we do so knowing that God already knows us, and our issues, and understands them far better than we do. There's nothing we can say that will cause God to say, "Wow, I didn't know that about you!" or "Oh my, I had no idea." This is freeing because it means that we can stand before God, warts and all and know that he sees past those warts, into the very core of who we are and... are you ready for this? HE LOVES US! Yes, it is true. God loves us, even when we might not think that we deserve it. That is the great thing about God's grace. We get what we do not deserve (love) and don't get what we do deserve (judgement). We are the recipients of His Mercy and Grace.

Our God loves us unconditionally. Now yes, it's true that sometimes He is not happy, and even grieved with what we've done, but at the same time, we can know that when we fall short, God's not there to punish, but rather, is calling us back to him. Again, His mercy and grace supersede anything we could possibly be guilty of doing. So, Lent provides an opportunity for us to reflect on just why it is that Jesus came into this world in the first place. His birth at Christmas was the necessary miraculous event that ultimately would lead the reason He came, and that brings us to Good Friday and Easter.

Easter forces us to stop and ask if Lent is an important 40 days of preparation, what does it prepare us for. It prepares us to look honestly at why Jesus would come with one very specific reason in Mind. His soul reason to come to this earth in the first culminated on Good Friday when He offered up His life so you and I could live. God required a perfect sacrifice in order to be able to look on our sin, and through His Son Jesus offer us forgiveness. Good Friday from our human perspective seems anything but good. But it was GOOD, because without Christ's death we would not have the opportunity to receive His Grace and Mercy. Good Friday was the necessary event that leads to the celebration of Easter Sunday, or as we often say, Resurrection Sunday. This Jesus who was executed on a cruel Roman Cross and placed in a borrowed tomb did not stay dead. By the power of God, He rose from the dead and that is the power of Easter Sunday.

Yes, Lent is a time to reflect, to prepare, and Good Friday is a time we are saddened when we recognize that Jesus came so He could pay the ultimate price for our shortcomings. But then we rejoice on Easter Sunday because we serve a Risen Jesus. That is what makes Christianity unique, we serve a risen Christ.

My prayer as your Padre this Easter is that each of will take the time to prepare, to reflect and then decide what it is we are going to do with Easter, the death of Christ and His resurrection. My prayer is that each of us will accept His gift to us, His love and Sacrifice. Something to remember is that a gift has no value to the receiver until it accepted and received. This gift is available to anyone who chooses to receive it.

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

Sports Schedule

BRANCH LEAGUES:

Cribbage	Mon	6:00 — 9:00 pm
Darts	Mon	6:00 — 9:00 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	1:00 pm
Pool (Drop in Tourney)	Thu	11:30 am
Pool (Drop in Tourney)	Sat	11:30 am

- All members, whether novice or expert, are invited to participate.
- All times are approximate and maybe changed to fit the requirements of the Branch.

All Sports queries should be directed to the Legion Sports Officer:

Audrey Ferguson.



Member Sports Cancelled for 2021

The 2021 Dominion Member Sports Championships have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, subsequent restrictions and associated risks.

In addition all Area, District & Command Sports are cancelled as well.

Branch Leagues are not effective by this decision!



40+ AMAZING VENDORS!

Miller Crossing Easter Market



APRIL 3, SATURDAY
12PM - 5PM
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
14339 50 ST, EDMONTON, AB

A wide variety of fresh and delicious home-made food and baking products, fish, meat, eggs, honey, pickled food, coffee, handmade crafts, jewelery and much more!

For more info call/text 780-707-4688



Special Mother's Day Farmers' Market

Saturday May 8, 2021

For updates on this event checkout our website:

kingswaylegion.ca



Wednesday Night Meat Draw

Mar 31, 2021

Easter Ham or Turkey

Tickets go on sale at 5:00 pm



Veteran's Support



A Community-Based Peer Support Initiative providing free, confidential, lived experience peer support services for those who protect us.

www.osi-can.ca

Location: Kingsway Legion

14339 50th St., Edmonton

Date: Every Sunday starting Apr 11

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm



Veteran's Support

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>



Veterans Association Food Bank Edmonton

17218 107th Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5S 1E9

(403) 367-8387

Mon. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Tue. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Wed. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Thu. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Fri. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Sat. 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Sun. Closed



Indigenous Veterans Initiative



LAST POST FUND
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The Last Post Fund will provide Veterans lying in an unmarked grave with a tombstone and a traditional name inscription.

Contact: Maria Trujillo, Indigenous Program Coordinator
1-800-465-7113 ext 222 | info@lastpost.ca