



## The Royal Canadian Legion

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# Dec 2021



#### BRANCH HOURS

Mon - 5:00 - 11:00 pm

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

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

Sun - 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

#### BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - 5:00 - 11:00 pm

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

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

Sun - Closed

#### CANTEEN BAR

Mon - 5:00 - 11:00 pm

Tue - 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Thu- Sat 11:00 am - 12:00

Sun - 11 am - 2:30 pm

#### KITCHEN

Mon - 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Tue - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

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

Sun - 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

#### BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

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

#### *Christmas Hours*

24 Dec Closes at 4:00pm

25 Dec 1:00 pm Open for Christmas Dinner Only

26, 27 Dec Closed

29, 29, 30 Dec Open Regular Hours

31 Dec 5:00 pm Open for New Years Eve Party

1 - 3 Jan 2022 Closed

4 Jan 2022 Open Regular Hours

#### President's Message

I am pleased to say that our Remembrance Day Ceremony was a huge success. It was a great honor to have our Lt.Governor attend and give us a heartfelt speech honoring our veterans and those who sacrificed their live to ensure our freedom.

We had many volunteers working for the benefit of this Branch and for this, on behalf of the members and myself I express my heart felt thank you.

Although they could not form up, we had a very large contingent of military personnel which made our ceremony more memorable to our tremendous crowd.

Our staff did a tremendous job ensuring that no one had to wait too long for service with a smile. Well, done.

A reminder, elections will be taking place at our general meeting at 7pm on the 29th of November. Please attend to make your voice heard.

WK Fecteau

President

# 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
Edward J. Black	95	7 Oct	
Joseph Green Sr.	78	19 Nov	RCAF



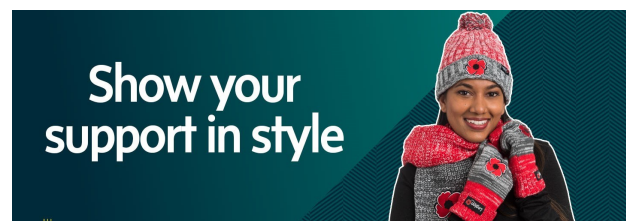
## Our Newest Members

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

Alvin Kreklay	Domet, Cleve	John Wojcik	Jeannette Desrochers
Arndt, Janice	Donaldson, Judith	Kenny, Valerie	Roger Desrochers
Arsenault, Corinne	Drew, Giselle	Kitchen, Robert	Ronald Cooke
Baillargeon, Gregory	Eastabrooks, Marlene	Laroche, Marcel F.	Saprunoff, Joann
Barrera-Recinos, Juan J	Eastabrooks, Martena	MacDonald, Patricia	Stephen, Jason
Cardinal, Walter	Fanning, Cody Jacob	Margot Swenson	Strauss, Lori
Clark, Isabel L.	Harnett, Susan	McCuaig, Kenneth	Strauss, Ronald
Clarke, Kris	Harris, Bob	McGowan, Blaine	Ted Swenson
Clarke, Victor B	Hejnar, Stan	McKay, Benjamin	VanderHoek, Jane
Deborah Cooke	Jackson, Gordon R.	Rezewski, Douglas	Willert, Kenton H.

### Members in Good Standing as of Nov 23, 2021

Affiliate	331
Associate	434
Life Members	27
Ordinary	491
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1283</b>



**Members who prepay for 5 years receive a FREE Poppy toque, scarf, and mittens!**

**Apply online at [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca)**

# Membership Recognition



**Branch Service Medal**

**Trese Biddiscombe**

**The follow members were  
recognised for their time &  
work with the Legion:**



**Certificate of Merit**

**Sharon Watts**

**Congratulations to All!**



**10 Year Pin**

**Lionel Foote**



**5 Year Pin**

**Liz Pelland**

**Did you know that you can recommend any of your fellow comrades for a Legion Award.**

**If you know a members that you feel has promoted the Branch by working or volunteering their time we look forward to receiving your recommendation.**

## At the Legion



L.A. President Kim Earles presented the Branch a cheque for \$5,000, receiving the cheque is Bill Fecteau, President



Gordon Silzer presented the Branch with a limited edition print of the Landing at Dieppe painted by Neil Hulley receiving the print is Bill Fecteau, President

## Next General Meeting:

**Tuesday January 25, 2022**

The general meeting gives you a chance to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to make it better for you the members. Please attend the General Meetings and help to keep the Legion running.

## New! Veteran Family Welcome Program

This free first year of membership is available to spouses and children (18+ years of age) of serving, retired or passed CAF or RCMP Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion.

*How to apply to the Veteran Family Welcome Program and the Veteran Welcome Program*

Eligible applicants can fill out an application form online:

<https://legion.ca/join-us/veteran-welcome-program>

# What's Happening at the Legion

At the last General Meeting, Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021 the 2022 elections for  
Branch Officers & Executive Members was held.

## Your Executive Committee for 2022

### Executive Officers:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Bill Fecteau</b>
<b>1st Vice President:</b>	<b>Audrey Ferguson</b>
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	<b>Rick Etmanski</b>
<b>Past President:</b>	<b>Ron Wills</b>

### Executive Committee:

<b>Poppy</b>	<b>Geoff Biddiscombe</b>
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	<b>Steve Criss</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Kathy Deugau</b>
<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>Paddy Earles</b>
<b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	<b>Rick Etmanski</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Gary Forner</b>
<b>Sick &amp; Visiting/Padre</b>	<b>Bob Weibe</b>
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	<b>Carol Wills</b>
<b>Entertainment</b>	<b>Doug Rayfield</b>
<b>Building &amp; Ground</b>	<b>Wes Hyshka</b>
<b>At Large</b>	<b>Jackie Hyshka</b>



## Thank You Volunteers 2021 Poppy Fund Campaign

With the 2021 Poppy Campaign almost completed, it is time to reflect on how the campaign went this year. First and foremost, our volunteers were outstanding, they contributed over 867 hours. Their dedication and enthusiasm were amazing, and I want to say Thank You sincerely, for all your hard work and for helping me get through this. The Poppy campaign is truly a two-week marathon and my small group of volunteers helped me get to the finish line. We only had seventy-six people volunteer out of 1222 card carrying members, which means only 6% of our membership did 100% of the work for Kingsway Legion. With over two hundred positions needing to be filled, people signed up numerous times so we could get the job done. After reviewing my records, I see that at least fifteen people volunteered for positions that totaled fifteen or more individual hours. Well, done group, you did an amazing job.

The Poppy Office in the Kingsway branch was highly successful again this year. We received more than two hundred calls and estimate Over 20,000 Poppies were distributed via phone requests. Another key component of the Poppy office is relaying requests from the public to other branches of the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund group. The Poppy office is also processing donations received through mail, phone and in person. Trese has done an amazing job ensuring everyone is working together and kept informed.

When the Edmonton Oilers informed us on short notice that they would like us to set up a poppy table for the three home games during the Poppy Campaign Trese was the one who took charge and organized the volunteers from all the branches.

I would also like to Thank our front office staff for helping us out, Flo, Michael, Tammy, Ashley, and Bill O'Brien. You folks are amazing. I also need to Thank Vicky Torrie for taking the initiative to accept donations for various Poppy items during the Sunday farmer's market. Fantastic job Vicky.

At the end of every campaign, we wind up with several large green bags of loose poppies. I am talking about 60 to 80 thousand Poppies. Leroy and Eleanor Macintosh quietly take the poppies home, sort and bag them into groups of 100 & 200. I truly admire your patience and perseverance. Thank you so much, Leroy and Eleanor for taking on this important task year after year.

The 2021 Kingsway Poppy Campaign was a success because of our wonderful volunteers, thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedules to honour our Veterans.

I look forward to working with everyone during the 2022 campaign.

Geoff Biddiscombe,

Kingsway Legion Poppy Campaign Coordinator

# Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



Elections for all LA positions were held.

The 2022 Executive Members are:

## Executive Officers:

Kim Earles	<b>President</b>
Blondie Charlet	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice</b>
Tracey Colautti	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice</b>
Loree Hurst	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>
Estelle Comeau	<b>Past President</b>

## Executive Members:

<b>Membership</b>	Charlotte Bueckert
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	Carol Simon
<b>Phoning</b>	Zelda Doell
<b>Meat Draw</b>	Jackie Hyshka
<b>Sick/Visiting</b>	Maria Lewis
<b>Kipnes</b>	Marilen Pytel
<b>Communications</b>	Reba Baskerville
<b>Chaplain</b>	Alice Graham
<b>Executive Member</b>	Phyllis Moldowan
<b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	Eldean Baskerville

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The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year .

Our Saturday Meat Raffles and 50/50 Draws will resume on Jan 8th.

*Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

# Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



Susan Ziegler a community member receiving an appreciation award from LA President Kim Earles. Susan has made 120 gift bags for our Kipnes Christmas Gift Project for three years now.



Estelle Comeau receiving her  
L.A. Life Membership Award

AB-NWT LA Commander Margaret Koenig, Estelle Comeau, LA District 2 Commander Jackie Hyshka, LA President Kim Earls, and Eldean Baskerville,



Vickie Torrie receiving her  
L.A. Life Membership Award

AB-NWT LA Commander Margaret Koenig, Vickie Torrie, LA District 2 Commander Jackie Hyshka, LA President Kim Earls, and Eldean Baskerville,



Kim Earls receiving her  
L.A. Service Medal from

LA District 2 Commander Jackie Hyshk

**LADIES AUXILIARY**  
**BAKE & CRAFT SALE**  
**Dec 18 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Bake Sale**

**Craft Sale**

**Ham & Turkey Draws**

**50 / 50**

**Raffle \$2.00 each**

**Prizes**

#1 Food Hamper (value \$400)

#2 Lap Quilt (value \$175)

#3 Air Fryer (value \$120).

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Open to Legion and LA member's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Time:** 10:00 to 11:30 am

**Tickets:** Free for children 12 and under

All others \$3.00 ea



The first 100 children 12 and under will receive a gift.

Parents are encouraged to take photos of their own child visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus.

## Upcoming Events



**SUNDAY DEC 12, 2021**

**DOORS OPEN AT 1:00 PM**

**KICK OFF: 4:00 PM**

**KINGSWAY LEGION**

**Lots of Prizes 50 / 50 Draw**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO WATCH THE GAME**

**ON OUR 100" BIG SCREEN**

# *Let us Prepare your Christmas Dinner*



**Cooking a turkey might seem a big task this year so let us help make your Christmas Day a little easier.**

**Our Take Out/ Delivery Christmas Dinner is available**

**December 24 from 12:00-4:00 pm.**

*Cost: \$25.00 per person*

**Your meal includes:**

*Slow Roasted Turkey Fully Cooked Carved White and Dark Meat*

*or Glazed Baked Ham*

*Creamy Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes*

*Honey Glazed Baby Carrot*

*Green Peas with Onion*

*Traditional Savory Stuffing with Candied Cranberries (gluten free option available upon request at no extra charge)*

**Call Kingsway Legion @ 780-425-8654 to place your order or  
drop off your order at 14339 50th Street Edmonton**

**This year we are trying something different. The Legion will host a Christmas Dinner on December 25th from 1:00 to 9:00 pm.**

## *Christmas Dinner at the Legion*

**Your meal includes:**

*Slow Roasted Turkey W/ Gravy*

*Glazed Baked Ham*

*Creamy Mashed Potatoes*

*Honey Glazed Baby Carrot*

*Brussel Sprouts or Peas w/ shallots*



*Free Eggnog*

*Limited Bar*

**Activities:**

**Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 pm**

**Pool**

**Darts**

**Rummoli**

**Cards**

**Board Games**

**On the 100" Screen**

**Cleveland Browns @ Green Bay Packers**

**followed by**

**Tickets on sale Nov 24 - Dec 19:**

**\$25.00 over 12**

**\$13.00 12 & under**

**Only 125 Tickets For Sale  
So Get Yours Early**

# RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH US!

## *New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance*

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO “**RUBY AND THE HITMEN**”

PLAYING YOUR FAVOURITE'S FROM THE 60'S AND 70'S.

### TICKETS

ADVANCED SALES: PRIOR TO DEC 11

**\$65.00/LEGION MEMBERS**

**\$70/NON-LEGION MEMBERS**

SALES: DEC 13 - 23

**\$70.00/LEGION MEMBERS**

**\$80/NON- LEGION MEMBERS**

YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

- \* **DINNER BUFFET**
- \* **A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE TO  
TOAST IN THE NEW YEAR**
- \* **DOOR PRIZES**

TICKETS WILL NOT BE

AVAILABLE AFTER DEC 23

### DINNER BUFFET

**SLOW ROASTED ALBERTA BEEF**

**YORKSHIRE PUDDING**

**ROSEMARY AU JUS**

**BREAST OF CHICKEN IN MUSHROOM SAUCE**

**CREAMY WHIPPED POTATOES**

**RICE PILAF**

**PEAS & CARROTS WITH SCALLIONS**

**ASSORTED SALAD**

**BUNS**

**ASSORTED DESSERTS**

**COFFEE / TEA**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

**DINNER AT 7:00PM**

**KINGSWAY LEGION 14339 50TH STREET EDMONTON**

**CALL FOR TICKETS 425-8654 RESERVE SEATING ONLY**

**(NO REFUNDS UNLESS MANDATED TO CLOSE BY AHS)**

# Upcoming Events



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Dance

Saturday February 5, 2022

### Menu



#### Appetizer

Fresh Lettuce and Vegetables w/Bread Stick

#### Entrée

Broiled Lobster Tail

Bacon Wrapped Filet Mignon

Twice Baked Stuffed Potato

Oven Roasted Root Vegetables,

#### Dessert (gluten-free)

Dreamy Strawberry Cake

and

Decadent Chocolate Cake

Your ticket includes:

A meal

Dance to “**The Edmonton Swing Band**”

Swag Bags

Door Prizes

Glass of Wine with the Meal

### Tickets



#### Advanced Sales:

(purchased prior to Jan 22nd)

\$65.00/Legion Members

\$70/Non-Legion Members

#### Sales: Jan 24 - 29

\$70.00/Legion Members

\$80/Non- Legion Members

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER JAN 29TH**

### Program



5:00 pm	Doors Open
5:30	Cocktails
6:00	Dinner
7:30	Slide Show & Presentations
8:30	Dance

**RESERVE SEATING ONLY - NO REFUNDS!**

# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Dance Sponsors



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so get yours now

# The Legion Dispatch

## Your Legion Calendar: December 2021 - January 2022

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	Date	Event
3 Dec	<a href="#">International Day of Persons with Disabilities</a>	1 Jan	<b>New Years Day</b>
5 Dec	<b>International Volunteer Day</b>	27 Jan	<a href="#">Holocaust Remembrance Day</a>
6 Dec	<a href="#">Halifax explosion (1917)</a>	28 Jan	<a href="#">Bell Let's Talk</a> for mental health awareness
6 Dec	<a href="#">National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women</a>	FEB	<a href="#">Black History Month</a>
10 Dec	Nobel Prize for Peace Awarded to Peacekeepers (1988)	14 Feb	<b>Valentine's Day</b>
25 Dec	<a href="#">Fall of Hong Kong (1941)</a>	15 Feb	<a href="#">National Flag of Canada Day</a>
25 Dec	<b>Christmas</b>	15 Feb	<b>Family Day</b>
		28 Feb	<a href="#">Gulf War Ends</a> (1991)



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# 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.**

## Area & District Sporting Events

District Euchre was held on November 20, 2021 at Kingsway. The team of Jeff and Olly took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Chuck and Jim took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Mac and Lionel took 5<sup>th</sup>. These teams will advance to Districts on November 20, 2021 at Kingsway. Congratulations Comrades on a job well done!  
Area sports coming up!

# Command Sports Schedule

COMMAND SPORTS EVENTS 2021 - 2022				
SPORT	AREA B	DISTRICT	COMMAND	DOMINION
EUCHRE	Gibbons #226 Sep-19-2021	Kingsway #175 Nov-20-2021	District 1 Jan 21-22, 2022	
CRIB - LEGION	Strathcona #150 Sep-25-2021	Gibbons #226 Nov-27-2021	District 4 Jan 28-29, 2022	Cochrane, Alberta Apr 22-25, 2022
DARTS - LEGION	Ft. Sask #27 Oct-02-2021	Smoky Lake #227 Dec-04-2021	Forest Lawn #275 Feb 04-05, 2022	Chilliwack, B.C. Apr 29-May 2,
SHUFFLEBOARD - MENS & LADIES	Kingsway #175 Oct-09-2021	Strathcona #150 Dec-05-2021	Norwood #178 Mar 18-19, 2022	
SHUFFLEBOARD MIXED & SENIOR	Kingsway #175 Oct-09-2021	Strathcona #150 Dec-05-2021	Distict 8 Feb 18-19, 2022	
POOL - DOUBLES	Norwood #178 Oct-17-2021	Kingsway #175 Dec-11-2021	Ft. MacLeod #76 Mar 25-26, 2022	
DARTS -SENIORS	Smoky Lake #227 Oct-23-2021	Norwood #178 Dec-12-2021	St. Albert #271 Feb 25-26, 2022	
CRIB - PAIRS	Ft. Sask. #27 Oct-30-2021	Smoky Lake #227 Jan-08-2022	Vegreville #39 Mar 04-05, 2022	
DARTS - MIXED	Strathcona #150 Nov-06-2021	Gibbons #226 Nov-28-2021	Worthington #29 Mar 11-12, 2022	
POOL - SINGLES	Kingsway #175 Nov-13-2021	Norwood #178 Dec-18-2021	District 5 Mar 04-05, 2022	
CRIB - SENIORS	Norwood #178 Nov-21-2021	Ft. Sask #27 Dec-19-2021	Strathcona #150 Apr 1-2, 2022	
GOLF		Smoky Lake #227 Summer 2022		
SPRING RALLY		Kingsway #175 Apr-24-2022		
FALL RALLY		Strathcona #150 Sep-11-2022		
8 BALL LEGION	1st & 2nd Doubles Teams Advance to Dominion			Innisfail #104 May 27-30, 2022

# **A Talk With The Padre**

## *Can You hear the Angels?*

Before I begin my Christmas Message to all our comrades, my spouse Ann and I would extend to each and everyone of you, along with your families our richest blessings during this Hallowed Season. A time when family and friends gather to celebrate the season. May you find peace and a sense of contentment as you celebrate in the way your beliefs and traditions lead you to celebrate. I say again, it is an honour and privilege to serve the Kingsway Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion as your Padre.

I begin with a simple question, "Can you hear the angels?" The answer is as simple as the question, either you can hear them, or you can't, you do, or you don't.

The shepherds out in the field, watching their sheep heard them, and it scared them half to death. That's what angels do quite well, they scare people.

The first thing the angel said to Joseph was, "Fear not." Gabriel said the same thing to Mary, "Fear not"; and the angel that spoke to the shepherds said to them, "Fear not." "Fear not," is not your typical greeting when we meet someone we have not seen for a while.

One moment the shepherds are minding their own business in the fields outside of Bethlehem. Then, seemingly out of nowhere an angel is addressing them. That one angel must have been a shock, but suddenly the sky is filled with a multitude. If one was bright, a multitude must have been blinding. We are told that the angels appeared suddenly, without warning. One moment its peace and quiet, and the next the sky is filled, they are everywhere.

Here is something to consider, had you and I been there that night, standing at a distance, like a "fly on the wall," would we have heard them? What about the people in Bethlehem, a short distance from the field, would they have heard them? What about in Jerusalem, some 8 miles away, might they have heard them, or did the angels reveal themselves only to the shepherds?

We really can't answer that question, but it doesn't matter, the angels were really there, and the shepherds really did hear them. Mary heard the angel when Gabriel addressed her. Joseph heard the angel when he was given the news that his chosen Mary was with child. But, I don't think the wicked King Herod heard them.

And that of course is the important point in this discussion, because here is the great divide, when God is speaking through Angels, some people hear, and some do not. Some people do not see or hear because they choose not to. Richard Dawkins, an avowed atheist and fierce opponent of religion of any kind, said, "I believe the world would be a better place without religion because it is based on superstition. You won't find any intelligent person who feels the need for the supernatural." The late Peter Marshall, the Chaplain to the United States Senate, made this claim, "Spiritual reality is a matter of perception and truth, not proof."

There are mysteries all around us, things that beautiful, and at the same time unexplainable. How do you explain for example how two people fall in love? As a young person I wondered that and asked, "how would I know when I was in love with a girl?" My mentor John, told me, "Bob, don't worry, you'll know." And I did.

# **A Talk With The Padre**

There are many things we encounter in life that cannot be proven by logic but are undeniable realities of life. And, finding God and learning how close He is to all of us is without doubt the greatest truth and blessing we have in this life. As for Dawkins, it would be like visiting the Grand Canyon, and all you see is a ditch.

They see it but miss one of the great wonders of God's creation. The same thing happens in the spiritual realm. Some see what they want and cannot see or hear what they choose to ignore. I remember reading an article some years back about the early days of space travel. A Russian Cosmonaut came back to earth and declared that he had looked for God in space and didn't see Him anywhere. A well-known theologian, Dr. W.A. Criswell made this reply, "let him step out of his space suit for one second and he'll see God soon enough.

It is impossible to miss the supernatural part of the birth of Jesus. Angels pop up all over the Christmas Story. An angel tells Mary, she will give birth the Son of God, "Jesus." An angel tells Joseph, "You will name Him Jesus." An Angel warns Mary and Joseph to flee to Egypt because Herod is trying to find and kill Jesus, and then an angel tells them when it is safe to return.

Can you hear the angels? I believe and submit for your consideration that angelic messengers are still trying to point us to the good news that comes to us from another world, just like they did on that first Christmas night. They brought and continue to bring good news of great joy, the best news we as the human race could ever hear: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King."

If you and I listen with all our hearts, we can still hear them making the big announcement.

**Luke 2:**

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying.

**"Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."**

And in John 3:16, we see the reason He came.

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever  
should believe in Him, should not perish but have eternal life."**

The shepherds hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished.

My prayer is that each of us will be amazed at what the angels are still proclaiming.

# Veteran's Support

## French Consulate in Canada searches for WWII Veterans to Award the Legion of Honour

Though it's been almost 80 years since the Second World War ended, the French government is still searching for Canadian veterans who served in the war to award them the National Order of the Legion of Honour.

In 2014, the year that marked the 70th anniversary of D-Day (the day in 1944 when Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy and began the liberation of France), the French government started a campaign to find and recognize Canadian veterans who fought in the various operations that led to

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## Veterans Review and Appeal

Veterans Affairs Canada and the Veterans Review and Appeal Board launched an accessibility consultation on 17 November with Veterans, their family members and other Canadians. We need your feedback to learn about any accessibility barriers you or others may experience.

Canada has a [vision](#) of its public service being the most accessible and inclusive in the world. This includes working with persons with disabilities to help identify, prevent and remove accessibility barriers.

You'll find this consultation on our [Let's Talk Veterans platform](#) until 14 December. The final report will be published on the platform in 2022.

To learn more about our consultations and to stay connected on Veterans' issues, visit [Let's Talk Veterans](#).

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# Veteran's Support



## CAF-DND Sexual Misconduct Class Action Settlement

A class action lawsuit has been initiated against the Government of Canada to compensate Canadian Armed Forces and other military community members who experiences sexual harassment, assault or discrimination while serving.

**For more Info click on the image.**



Wounded Warriors Canada is a national mental health service provider utilizing clinical best practices and evidence-informed care to create an environment of compassion, resiliency and hope for Canada's Veterans, First Responders and their families. Our programs are designed to provide support in the following areas:

Trauma Informed Workplace Training

Operational Stress Injury Group Based Programs

Spousal & Youth Programs

K9 Assisted Therapy

[Learn more about Wounded Warriors](#)

## Nijmegen Marches call for submissions



Each year, Dominion Command of The Royal Canadian Legion invites Legion Members to apply for an opportunity to participate in the world's largest walking/marching event held in mid-July in the Nijmegen area of Holland. Please share the call for applications with your members. Applications must be submitted to their Provincial Command office by 14 January 2022.

**Click on the image for more info**

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## 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.

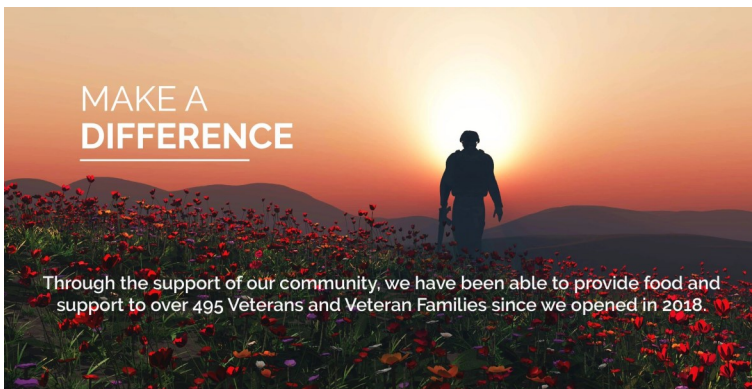
As this is only temporary financial relief, we will also work with you to identify your long-term needs. Together, we will look for solutions to improve your financial stability.

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://](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/financial-support/emergency-funds/veterans-emergency-fund)

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## 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



# Kingsway Legion Branch No.175

14339 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street NW,

Edmonton AB T5A 0S9

780-425-8654



## DECEMBER 2021

**Branch Hours: SUNDAY CLOSED MONDAY@ 5 pm – 9:00 pm, Tuesday- Saturday 11 am – Close**  
Closing time varies depending on number of people in the Canteen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Meat Draw 5:30 pm Branch 50/50 Euchre 7 pm Peggery 6:30 pm	<b>2</b> Over 60 Darts 1pm Drop In Pool Noon City Darts 7 pm Shuffleboard 6:30 pm Pool League 7 pm Jam Session 6:30 pm Vinyl Country	<b>3</b> Drop In Pool Noon Shuffleboard 7 pm Entertainment: 7 – 11 pm Trick Ryder	<b>4</b> Drop In Pool Noon Meat Draw 1 pm Branch 50/50 Entertainment: 7 – 11 pm Trick Ryder
<b>5</b> Installation of Officers  SUNDAYS 11am - 3pm 14339 - 50th <b>CANTEEN ONLY</b> <b>OPEN 11-2:30</b>	<b>6</b> Opens at 5 pm Crib 6:30 pm Darts 7 pm Youth Dart League 6-8 pm	<b>7</b> Drop In Pool Noon Over 60 Darts 1 pm Canasta 1 pm Dart League 7pm Impact Billiards 6 pm	<b>8</b> Meat Draw 5:30 pm Branch 50/50 Euchre 7 pm Peggery 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> Over 60 Darts 1pm Drop In Pool Noon City Darts 7 pm Shuffleboard 6:30 pm Pool League 7 pm Jam Session 6:30 pm Old Tyme Fiddlers	<b>10</b> Drop In Pool Noon Shuffleboard 7 pm Entertainment: 7 – 11 pm Romantics	<b>11</b> Drop In Pool Noon Meat Draw 1 pm Branch 50/50 Entertainment: 7 – 11 pm Romantics
<b>12</b>  SUNDAYS 11am - 3pm 14339 - 50th <b>CANTEEN ONLY</b> <b>OPEN 11-2:30</b>	<b>13</b> Opens at 5 pm Crib 6:30 pm Darts 7 pm Youth Dart League 6-8 pm	<b>14</b> Drop In Pool Noon Over 60 Darts 1 pm Canasta 1 pm Dart League 7pm Impact Billiards 6 pm	<b>15</b> Meat Draw 5:30 pm Branch 50/50 Euchre 7 pm Peggery 6:30 pm	<b>16</b> Over 60 Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30 pm Drop In Pool Noon City Darts 7 pm Pool League 7 pm Jam Session 6:30 pm Vinyl Country	<b>17</b> Drop In Pool Noon Shuffleboard 7 pm Entertainment: 7 – 11 pm Steppin' Out	<b>18</b> Pancake Breakfast w/Santa 10-11:30 am Drop In Pool Noon LA Bake Sale-noon Turkey & Ham Meat Draw 1 pm Branch 50/50 Entertainment: 7 – 11 pm Steppin' Out
<b>19</b>  SUNDAYS 11am - 3pm 14339 - 50th <b>CANTEEN ONLY</b> <b>OPEN 11-2:30</b>	<b>20</b> Opens at 5 pm Crib 6:30 pm Darts 7 pm Youth Dart League 6-8 pm	<b>21</b> Exec Mtg 7pm Drop In Pool Noon Over 60 Darts 1 pm Canasta 1 pm Dart League 7pm Impact Billiards 6 pm	<b>22</b> Over 60's Luncheon 1 pm Meat Draw 5:30 pm Branch 50/50 Euchre 7 pm Peggery 6:30 pm	<b>23</b> Over 60 Darts 1pm Drop In Pool Noon Shuffleboard 6:30 pm City Darts 7 pm Pool League 7 pm Jam Session 6:30 pm Old Tyme Fiddlers	<b>24</b> <b>OPEN</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>TO 4:00</b> <b>PM</b>	<b>25</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Dinner Only</b> <b>1-9 pm</b>
<b>26</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>27</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>28</b> Drop In Pool Noon Over 60 Darts 1 pm Canasta 1 pm Dart League 7pm Impact Billiards 6 pm	<b>29</b> Meat Draw 5:30 pm Branch 50/50 Euchre 7 pm Peggery 6:30 pm	<b>30</b> Over 60 Darts 1pm Drop In Pool Noon Shuffleboard 6:30 pm Pool League 7 pm Jam Session 6:30 pm Vinyl Country	<b>31</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>New Year's</b> <b>Eve Only</b> <b>Doors Open</b> <b>5 pm</b>	<b>JAN 1-4/22</b> <b>CLOSED</b>