



The Royal Canadian Legion

Kingsway Branch No. 175

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“The Home of Hospitality”



March 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

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the canteen is now open for business. The previous restrictions placed a tremendous loss of income on the Branch as a whole. We were open for renewal of memberships and general maintenance throughout the restrictions. What we need now is for our members to come to the Branch and to take advantage of a good meal and comradery.

I wish to thank all our volunteers for their many hours of work to enable us to carry out our mandate to serve and assist our veterans in time of need. Geoff Biddiscombe, Trese Biddiscombe, Bill O'Brien, Flo Werner, Michelle Holmes, and Stan Hawkes.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

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President

Members in Good Standing

as of Feb 16, 2021

Life Members	25
Ordinary	369
Associate	269
Affiliate	175
Total:	865

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



Diana YOUNG	

Our Newest Members

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

The Honors & Awards Committee presented a number of awards at the Last General Meeting.



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

An English man and an Irish man are driving head on at night, on a twisty, dark road. Both are driving too fast for the conditions and collide on a sharp bend in the road. To the amazement of both, they are unscathed, though their cars are both destroyed. In celebration of their luck, both agree to put aside their dislike for the other from that moment on.

At this point, the Irish man goes to the boot and fetches a 12 year old bottle of Jameson whiskey. He hands the bottle to the English man, who toasts, "May the English and the Irish live together forever, in peace, and harmony." The English man then tips the bottle and lashes half of it down.

Still flabbergasted over the whole thing, he goes to hand the bottle to the Irish man, who replies: "No thanks, I'll just wait till the Garda get here!"

The Legion Dispatch

Your Legion Calendar: Mar—Apr 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
3 Mar	World Hearing Day
8 Mar	International Women's Day
8 Mar	Commonwealth Day
8 Mar	RCEL Support
15 Mar	Last Canadian Soldiers Return from Afghanistan (2014)
3 Apr	Battle of Moreuil Wood (1918)

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)



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!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

March 30, 2021

Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary



We have not been meeting due to Covid restrictions but the telephone has been buzzing. It was decided to wait for our next raffle until the fall. If everything opens up, your Ladies Auxiliary will be hard at work selling tickets and preparing for a "normal" Christmas. Stay tuned and perhaps all of us can celebrate with hugs.

Our Annual Christmas Raffle Draw was held on Dec 19th The winners were:

1. Poppy Lap Quilt - \$225.00—**Higgins Sitybonsy**
2. Autumn Lap Quilt - \$200.00—**Jodi Lastiwila**
3. Christmas Centrepiece - \$100.00—**Rob Yeates**
4. Canteen Gift Certificate - \$75.00—**Jackie Hyshka**

Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to all for your ongoing support.

Refer a friend to the Legion for a chance to win



The bigger our membership, the bigger the impact the Legion can make in the lives of Canada's Veterans.

Encourage your members to invite an eligible friend or family member to [join online here](#) before March 30 using promo code REFER. Both current and new member will be entered for a chance to win a \$500 Canada Post Visa gift card.

* Referring member must be in good standing as of January 31, 2021. [See full Terms and Conditions.](#)

What's Happening at the Legion?



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!

There is \$1,500 that has been donated from the cancelled Mazatlan Raffle that has been added to the pot.

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

Ticket Sales End: February 22, 2021

Draw Date: February 28, 2021

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

Sports Schedule (Sep - May)

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!

From AB/NWT Command

Below are excerpts taken from an email sent to the Branches from Command on 18 Feb 21

As you are aware, Dominion Executive Council (DEC) approved the rescheduling of the 2020 Dominion Convention from this August to 12-19 August 2021 in Saskatoon.

As a result, the 2022 Dominion Convention scheduled for 20-25 August 2022 in Saint John, NB is also rescheduled, to August 2024.

There are still so many unknowns with this virus, making it difficult to know how to proceed, but the health of our Members and communities is the most important factor.

We must do everything possible to protect the health of others.

It is with this in mind, that the Sub Executive Committee has decided to **CANCEL the 2021 Spring Rallies and Elections of DDCs**. This will extend the term of the DDCs to 42 months.

It is our hope that Rallies will go forward in the fall of 2021, where elections for DDCs will be held. The newly elected DDCs term will be 30 months.

If we all continue on this path of vigilance, we will have the close comradeship we have come to expect and hold so dear.

Following is the **REVISED** Convention/Rallies schedule, for the period 2021–2025:

Year	Timeframe	Rally/Convention	Comment
2021	August	Dominion Command Convention	Saskatoon, SK
	Fall	District Rallies & Election of DDCs	30-month term
2022	Spring	District Rallies & Election of DCs	Three-year term
	May	AB-NWT Command Convention	Stony Plain (TBC)
	Fall	District Rallies	
2023	Spring	District Rallies	No elections
		No Conventions	
	Fall	District Rallies	
2024	Spring	District Rallies and Election of DDCs	Two-year term
	August	Dominion Command Convention	Saint John, NB
	Fall	District Rallies	
2025	Spring	District Rallies and Election of DCs	Two-year term
	May	AB-NWT Command Convention	Location TBA
	Fall	District Rallies	



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

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>

Get healthy with MissionVAV

Get fit this fall with The Royal Canadian Legion and MissionVAV using a FREE web-based program designed to make Veterans and their supporters stronger, healthier and happier. Register or learn more about starting a team at your Legion Branch at MissionVAV.com.

Corrections:

For the last two newsletters I have misidentified Marie Sharp as Maria Sharp (you would think I would know my own mother-in-law's name by now).

Nice to Know!

Virtual Tax Information Session for Seniors

I would like to invite you and any seniors connected to your organization to participate in a virtual tax information session for seniors that will be broadcast on Facebook Live. During these sessions we will share information to help Canadian seniors receive the tax benefits and credits they are entitled to during this tax season.

Stéphane Lauzon, my Parliamentary Secretary and I will host the information sessions featuring a presentation for seniors from the Canada Revenue Agency.

Session 1

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST)
Language: English
Link to join: <https://www.facebook.com/SeniorsinCanada/>

Session 2

Date: Friday, February 26, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EST)
Language: French
Link to join: <https://www.facebook.com/AinesauCanada/>

How to participate

The information session will be streamed live on the [Seniors in Canada](#) Facebook page. We will take questions from followers live during the event through the comments section.

To join, please like or follow the [Seniors in Canada](#) Facebook page for real-time updates and tune in at the time of the event. You do not need to register in advance.

I invite you to share this invitation as well as our social media [invitation](#) with seniors in your organization and social networks.

Sincerely,

Deb Schulte
Canada's Minister of Seniors

Let us Prepare your Easter Dinner



Your meal includes:

Whiskey Glazed Spiced Baked Ham

Cabbage Rolls (3 mini)

Scalloped Potatoes (gluten free)

Perogies (3)

Buttered Peaches & Cream Kernel Corn

Strawberry Short Cake (gluten free) or

Deep Chocolate Cake (gluten free)

Cost: \$20.00 per person

(delivery fee is an additional \$5.00)

Our Take Out/Delivery Easter Dinner is available

Saturday April 3, Noon - 4:00pm

Place your order your by March 27th and pick it up or have it delivered. All you have to do is reheat the dinner to make your Easter Dinner stress free!

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

Easter Dinner Order Form

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ Pickup or Delivery

Meals will be ready for pickup / delivered on Apr 3 (between noon & 4:00 pm)

Number of Meals Requested: _____

Cost per Meal: \$20.00 (delivery fee is an additional \$5.00)

Total Cost: \$ _____

Menu (please indicate your choices)

Whiskey Glazed Spiced Baked Ham _____

Cabbage Rolls (3 mini) _____

Scalloped Potatoes (gluten free) _____

Perogies (3) _____

Buttered Peaches & Cream Kernel Corn _____

Strawberry Shortcake (gluten free) _____

Dreamin' of Chocolate Cake (gluten free) _____

Special Instructions: _____

Call 780-425-8654 to place your order or drop off the order at the office.

(office use only)

Order #

Payment Method:

Credit Card

Interact

Cash