



THE TORCH

Newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch # 175

May 2025 Edition

New look, same great source of information you enjoy!

Why "**THE TORCH**"?

THE TORCH – is symbolic of justice, honour and freedom for which our comrades fought and died. We who are left must pledge ourselves to hold it high lest we break faith with those who died.

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 or call 780-868-8917



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Ernest M

Christopher S

Rose Marie S

Joseph M

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

Branch General Meetings

The next General Meeting will be on
Tuesday, May 27, 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.

14339 – 50th Street NW - Edmonton, AB T5A 0S9 (780)-425-8654
www.kingswaylegion.ca | www.facebook.com/KingswayLegion



SUMMER HOURS MAY 18 - SEP 8, 2025

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

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-application-form>

Once completed, drop the application off at the Branch office or email it to: office@kingswaylegion.ca

Quote of the Month

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Dr. Suess

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

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.

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

as of Apr 24, 2025

Affiliate	237
Associate	326
Life Members	25
Ordinary	305
Total:	868

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION



James Robicheau receives
his 5 year Service Pin



Chuck Colpitts receives
his 55 year Service Pin



Kim Earles receives
her 15 year Service Pin



Paddy Earles receives
his 15 year Service Pin

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, local 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>



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
Gordon Graves		1 Apr 25	Army
Leslie Sumko	81	17 Dec 24	
Edward Lee	83	26 Mar 25	



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

Janet Hazen at:

janet.hazen@kingswaylegion.ca

PADRE WIEBE'S REFLECTIONS

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

What Jesus is saying that we are much more than what we have. We are important to the God who created us, and that life is much more than owning things.

Let me be clear, that owning things is not a bad thing, and owning a lot of things is not a bad thing, but where we miss the area of contentment in our personal lives is when the things we own are our **"main thing."** When there is an obsession with wanting more, we fall prey to what I call **"destination addiction."** Simply put many in our culture live as though the **next upgrade, or the next house, the next car or the next anything**, will bring contentment. That kind of belief system is both destruction and deceptive to our contentment quotient. The truth is we brought nothing into this world, and it is a sure thing we will take nothing with us when we make our transition from this life to the next.

My prayer for my own life and for yours, is that we will be content with what we have, remembering that my worth, my value as a human being is not conditioned on what I own, want to own, or consume. My worth is: **I am created in the image of God, and He does not make junk.** I am loved by Him regardless of what I own, what I have done, or who I might be.

One of the reasons I enjoy being a member of the Legion, is that apart from the fact that we have elected officials for our executive, we all carry the rank of comrade. There is never mention of the rank any may have attained while serving in the military. Our value and worth as members of the legion is not determined by who I am, who I was, or what I own. It is determined by my commonality of purpose. As your Padre I have no more value or worth than anyone else, and so it is with us all. **That truth helps me understand just a little better, that in the eyes of God in whose image we are created, we all stand on equal ground.** I can be and need to be content with that.

Genesis 1:26-27 says this: **Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground."** So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

This is a reprint from our Nov 2021 Newsletter



MILLER CROSSING FARMERS' MARKET

EDMONTON, AB



For updates on this event checkout our website:

millercrossingfm

or on Facebook

facebook.com/millercrossingfarmersmarket

Over 45-50 Vendors,

Farmers market will be held indoors **Sunday, May 11, 2025**

From 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEES

As of September 1st, 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.

*Celebrate this coming Mothers' Day with us.
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon and indulge in a delightful
English High Tea*



*High Tea
Kingsway Branch #175*

2 Sitzings: Noon & 2:00 pm

\$35.00 (+gst) per guest

Children Menu (under 12)-\$20.00

Gluten Free Menu Available

(menu subject to change)

Sunday

May 11, 2025

Savory: Freshly Baked English Cran Raisin Scones with House Made Clotted Cream & Jam - Traditional English Cucumber - Cold Smoked Salmon - Coronation Curried Chicken Salad - Egg Salad Fingers.

Sweets: Maple Shortbread, Key Lime Tart, Prestige Macarons, Panna Cotta, Mini Raspberry Cake.

Legion



BSO OSI

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

JUNO LOUNGE (CANTEEN) ENTERTAINMENT

DOOR CHARGE: MEMBER \$10 EACH NON-MEMBER \$15 EACH

May 2nd & 3rd

Pushing Ginger

A Classic Rock Cover Band playing
all the hits you love to
hear & dance to.



May 9th & 10th

Dean Henry Band

A Juno Lounge staple Classic Country
Cover Band playing all the hits you love
to dance to.

May 16th & 17th

Rob Solo

(One Half of Two Bad Apples)

A Dynamic Musician Playing your favorites 50's to
present Country, Rock, and any song he knows that
will get you dancing.



May 23rd & 24th

Daybreaker Band

The old Drake Hotel Band is back!
Yes! Get ready to dance to country 50's, - 90's

May 30th & 31st

Midnight Rider

One of Edmonton's favorite country
Bands. Put on your cowboy boots
and dance the night away



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Setting up tables & chairs

Fund-raisers

Celebrations of Life

Food Servers

Bingo

Bus Person

KENSINGTON BINGO

SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Tuesday	May 13
Thursday	May 29
Friday	June 6
Monday	June 23
Thursday	July 10
Friday	July 25
Friday	August 8
Wednesday	August 27

Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact:

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

or

leave a message at the Branch 175 at 780 425-8654

Lunch Provided!



50 / 50 RAFFLE

Volunteers are needed for the BIG 50/50 Raffle for up to \$50,000

Let's Keep the 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, please contact Janet Hazen email at:

janet.hazen@kingswaylegion.ca

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."



SPRING AHEAD! LISTEN, DANCE, PLAY, SING!

With old time Fiddle Tunes and Open Mic!

KINGSWAY LEGION

14339 – 50 Street NW, Edmonton AB

FEATURING JAMMERS AND

THE WILD ROSE OLD TYME FIDDLERS

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Open Mic starts at 6:15 pm

Only \$10.00 Cover Charge



Kingsway Legion

Branch No. 175

Bill O'Brien

780.222.6111

Legion 



Wild Rose Old Tyme
Fiddlers Association

www.wildrosefiddlers.org

Ava at 587.784.6786

Or Craig at 780.918.4784

craigrepchuk@shaw.ca

THURSDAY

APRIL 3

APRIL 17

MAY 1

NO DANCE on MAY 15

MAY 29

JUNE 12

JUNE 26

Come early and enjoy a meal before the show.
You don't have to be a Legion member to participate.

Weekly Meal Specials are available.



**BEST DANCE
MUSIC ... EVER!**
Waltz
Polka
Two Step
Seven Step
Heel and Toe



Colourbox.de



KINGSWAY LEGION

STARTING MONDAY

EVERY SECOND MONDAY

APRIL 14th

OF

DOORS: 6:00PM

SHOW: 7:30PM - 9:30PM

**UPDATE:
NEW DAY CHANGE!**

2025 Dates

April 14th

April 28th

May 12th

May 26th

June 9th

June 23rd

LAUGHS

MONDAY NIGHT COMEDY



14339 50 Street NW

Admission: \$15.00 each

WILDROSE ROOM

DADVENTURE

SCAVENGER RALLY & BBQ

\$30 PER ADULT

\$15 PER CHILD (12 & UNDER)

FAMILY TEAM OF 4 PASS \$70
(2 ADULTS, 2 KIDS 12 & UNDER)



PRESENTED BY

Legion
Kingsway Branch 175



SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**START & FINISH
AT KINGSWAY
LEGION**

**TROPHY FOR
TOP TEAM**

STAY FOR

**EXTREME
MUSIC BINGO**

AT 7 PM 2 CARDS FOR - \$7.00

**- FREE CARD FOR
DADS WHO JOIN
THE RALLY!**



FAMILY BBQ

Kingsway Legion 14339 - 50 Street
Ph.# 780-425-8654



DADVENTURE EARLY BIRD \$5.00 OFF FAMILY TEAMS

REGISTER BEFORE MAY 31, 2025 USE PROMO CODE "DADISNUMBER1"

SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2025



TROIS ERAS

EXTREME MUSICAL
BINGO

70's-80's-90's
FAMILY FUN ENTERTAINMENT

DOORS @ 5pm

GAME STARTS @ 7pm

TICKETS ONLINE:



INCLUDES 2 BINGO CARDS \$6.66 EACH - TAX AND FEES ALL IN

TICKETS @ DOOR

1 CARD- \$4.00 EACH OR 2 CARDS FOR \$7.00

PRIZES FOR
BEST DRESSED ERAS & INTERACTIVE PARTICIPATION

KINGSWAY LEGION 14339 - 50st. 780-425-8654

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

Jason Scott's Diamond Forever

A Celebration of
Neil Diamond

Show & Meal: (Includes tax & fees)

\$70.56 each

Show Only: (Includes tax & fees)

\$49.26 each

FRIDAY JUNE 27th, 2025



MAPLE LEAF ROOM

DINNER DOORS - 5:30PM

SHOW DOORS - 6:30PM

*"It's a
Neil Diamond
Party!"*



Dinner Menu

Pork Ribs & BBQ Chicken

Roasted Potatoes

Baked Beans

Corn on the Cob

Coleslaw

Caesar Salad

Dessert

Live in Concert
Kingsway Legion
14339 - 50 STREET NW
Tickets online or at the Legion

SHOW @ 7:00PM



LIVE MIDGET WRESTLING

12
JUNE



MIDGET WRESTLING WARRIORS PRESENTS

REBORN 2025 TOUR



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

14339 50 ST. NW., EDMONTON, AB T5A 0S9 CANADA

6:00PM
DOORS
7:30PM
BELL

FOR TICKET INFO
AND MORE VISIT
MIDGETWARRIORS.COM

CARD SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CALL 780-425-8654

DONATED ITEMS FUNDRAISER

HUGE

Legion 

Kingsway Branch 175 Ph#: 780-425-8654

Garage

SALE

May 22nd - May 25th
2025

GARAGE SALE HOURS

Thursday May 22nd - 9 AM to 9 PM

Friday May 23rd - 9 AM to 9 PM

Saturday May 24th - 9 AM to 9 PM

Sunday May 25th - 10 AM to 5 PM

Please Don't Donate Clothes

14339 - 50 STREET

Tools

Toys

Electronics

Small Furniture

Consider Donating Unwanted Items

Donated Items can be dropped off Wednesday May 21 - 9 AM - 5 PM,

Thursday May 22 - 9 AM - 9 PM, & Friday May 23 - 9 AM - 9 PM

SHARE THIS WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO FIND A TREASURE!

RAISING MONEY FOR KINGSWAY LEGION THROUGH DONATED ITEMS



53rd Convention

May 2 – 4, 2025

Stony Plain

During the AB-NWT Convention the 253 delegates that attended the event elected the following comrades:

Command President	Dave Velichko
First President	Scott Sadler
Vice President	Kelly Lindbeck
Vice President	Bob Peterson
Vice President	Tim Penney
Treasurer	Bill Hart
Chairman	Terry Kuzyk

DISTRICT 2 SPRING RALLY

At the District 2 Rally held on April 27 the Branches elected as the new District Commander; Darren Longstaff and as Dupty District Commander ; Dave Basham.

Kingsway Legion will be hosting the following District 2 Sporting Events for the 2025 season.

8 Ball Double Saturday Nov 1, 2025

Dart Senior Mixed Sunday Nov 16, 2025

8 Ball Singles Saturday Nov 22, 2025

Shuffleboard (all categories) Saturday Dec 6, 2025

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

