



THE TORCH

Newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch # 175

Aug 2026 Edition

BRANCH HOURS

Sun - Mon Closed

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Fri & Sat 11:00 am - 11:30 pm

BRANCH OFFICE

Sun - Mon Closed

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

Fri & Sat 11:00 am - 11:30 pm

JUNO ROOM

Sun - Mon Closed

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

Fri & Sat 11:00 am - 11:30 pm

KITCHEN

Mon Closed

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Fri & Sat 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Branch General Meetings

The next General Meeting will be on
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

as of Jul ??, 2026

Affiliate	214
Associate	367
Life Members	23
Ordinary	368
Centenary	611
Total	1583

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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
Dennis Nash	79	21 Jun	



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.

<i>NEWEST BRANCH MEMBERS</i>			

BRANCH CADET SUPPORT



WO Jordanielle Edwards of 570 RCACS receives her Cadet Medal of Excellence from Patty Earles & Terry Zech



WO Jordanielle Edwards of 180 RCACC receives her Cadet Medal of Excellence from Rick Etmanski & Terry Zech

VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAM



The Royal Canadian Legion is strengthening its partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to improve access to disability benefits, services, and programs for Veterans, serving CAF members, and their families.

Government security-cleared Legion Command Service Officers can now meet clients at CAF Transition Centres across Canada, providing convenient access to expert guidance and support while reinforcing the Legion's role as a trusted advocate.



Veterans should never have to pay for help accessing benefits. The Legion is aware of organizations that charge fees, take a percentage of awards, or profit in hidden ways. Legion Command Service Officer assistance is professional, ethical — and always free.

You do not have to be a member of the Legion to obtain support or assistance in receiving benefits or allowances from Veteran Affairs.

If you or a family member need support, contact a Legion Command Service Officer. The Edmonton Service Bureau is located at:

#102 – 10471 – 178 Street NW Edmonton, AB T5S 1R5

Phone: (780) 448-4982

Email: info@abnwtlegion.com

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, 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



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 latest 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



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.

Tuesdays 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Thursdays 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Fridays 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturdays 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Saturdays 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Your assistance will be required for the delivery of food & cleaning of tables.

If you are available to work any of the above mentioned shifts please contact:

Norma Yerex @ 780-478-7680

WHAT'S YOUR IRRATIONAL FEAR?

Nosocomophobia

A fear of hospitals, often linked to past medical experiences or the fear of illness.

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, model building. 100% free to veteran's.

Will be held every 3rd Saturday of the month.

**Contact: Anthony Sowards
teutonicknights@shaw.ca**



OUR CENTENARY YEAR

Explore 100 Years of Legion History

2026 marks the Legion's Centenary year and we've created a beautiful, interactive website that chronicles major events and achievements of the Legion over the past century. From our founding and early advocacy for Veterans, through rehabilitation and national growth after the Second World War, to the modern era and new Veterans – the site is a treasure trove of history – and a great reminder to us all of the proud legacy we all share as Legion members.



It's March 13, 2002 and 3 PPCLI, including a Canadian sniper in British fatigues, launches Canada's first combat assault since the Korean War on a mountain called Whale's Back



Retired Master Corporal Mike Trauner, an Invictus Games gold medalist, now serves as an ambassador for The Royal Canadian Legion National Youth Tack and Field Championships.

Click on any image or scan the QR Code
to visit the site and learn more



Images of Canadian Legion War Services Vehicles overseas during the Second World War



Legion History Video



The Legion has created a Video on the History of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Click on this link to watch it

THE CANADIAN WALK *for* VETERANS



SPRUCE GROVE
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026

CALGARY
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2026



Contact us

Calgary: cdnwalk4vets.cgy@gmail.com

Spruce Grove: cwfv.sg@gmail.com

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WWW.CANADIANWALKFORVETERANS.COM





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AT

5:30pm

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ONLY 150

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SILENT AUCTION

Dinner, fun CASINO,

door prize **\$3000**

travel **VOUCHER**

AT

KINGSWAY LEGION BRANCH #175

14339-50TH ST NW

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Questions? Please contact
Scott Gregor at gregorscott86@gmail.com





**Rockin'
Ronnie's**

Music Bingo
Saturday Aug 15, 2026
Elvis Presley

*Come Early for Dinner &
Stay for the Fun*

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Games start at 7:00 pm

Cards: \$4.00 or two for \$7.00

Register on Eventbrite for \$5.00

(plus gst and service fee) and receive 2 cards free



Free Entry to the Dance Following the Bingo

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LADIES AUXILIARY

We hope you are staying above water these days and out of the heat!

On Saturday July 18th it was announced that the Ladies Auxiliary would be following the rule set by the Legion that the ticket sellers of the 50/50 and meat raffle would not buy tickets for the draw they sell for. The rule was set by the Legion as some attendees of the meat raffles were concerned those people selling won frequently. As our Ladies Auxiliary President said our Ladies are there to support the Ladies Auxiliary just as the patrons to the meat raffle. We truly appreciate all the support we receive from Branch members, Ladies Auxiliary members and branch guests. Our funds mainly go to the Kingsway Branch, Kipnes Centre for Veteran's and five Cadet Units. As stated we will be following this Legion rule as well as the AGLC rules in place.

There is currently a book drive on for the E. Jeanne Parker Garland Memorial Library which supports veterans in their new homes. They are asking to NOT DONATE textbooks, National Geographic, encyclopedias or coffee table books. If you have a few books to donate drop them off at the branch we will get them there.

The Thrifty Shopper

Royal Buffet Restaurant: offers 25% between 4:00--□5:30 p.m. (60+)

Shoppers Drug Mart: Shoppers Drug Mart offers a 20% senior discount to PC Optimum card holders on every Thursday (65+)

Lens Crafters: offers seniors 30% CAA members discount

WALKERS & WHEELCHAIRS

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BRANCH HAS A SURPLUS OF
WALKERS AND WHEELCHAIRS AVAILABLE TO THE MEMBERS.**

JUST ASK AT THE FRONT OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.

Silent Auction

**The auction raised a total of
\$6,898.50**

A sincere thank you go out to all the volunteers and donors that made it successful. Without the volunteers we wouldn't be able to post monitors in the room to help encourage people to bid. Without the donations we wouldn't have any items to bid on!

And a special shout-out to Trese Biddiscombe, the coordinator, who put in countless hours ensuring that not only did we meet our goal, but we exceeded it.

Quote of the Month

**" I love summertime more
than anything else in
the world.
That is the only thing that
gets me through the winter,
knowing that summer
is going to be there.**

**Jack McBrayer
American actor & comedian**



**Rockin'
Ronnie's**

Music Bingo

Sunday September 20, 2026

Music from the 50s, 60s, & 70s

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Games start at 7:00 pm

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CEREMONIAL FLAG RASING

FRIDAY JULY 17, 2026

On Friday July 17, 2026, the Royal Canadian Legion marked its 100 anniversary - a historic milestone honoring a century of service to Veterans and their families, preserving Remembrance, and supporting communities across Canada.

As part of this celebration Kingsway Legion took part in a shared National Day of Recognition and Remembrance by hosting a symbolic flag raising and a moment of silence to honour the occasion.



The Branch replaces the Legion Flag with the Legion 100th Anniversary Flag



Members of the Branch Color Party (L to R)
Bill Lawrence, Danny Roach, Jocelyn Guillemette, Terry Zech, Mike Walsh, Kim Earles

CEREMONIAL FLAG RASING
FRIDAY JULY 17, 2026 (CONT'D)



MP for Edmonton Manning
Zaid Aboultaif



Members of the Alberta Legislature Assembly
Heather Sweet, Naheed Nenshi, Nicole Goehring



City of Edmonton Mayor
Andrew Knack



Dene Ward - Councillor
Aaron Paquette

CEREMONIAL FLAG RASING
FRIDAY JULY 17, 2026 (CONT'D)



Branch President—Rick Etmanski
says a few words



Members of the Alberta Legislature Assembly
Heather Sweet, Naheed Nenshi, Nicole Goehring
present the Branch with a scroll recognizing the
Legion's 100th Anniversary



It's cake cutting time



Branch Padre—Bob Weibe
blessing the occasion



Rockin'

Ronnie's

Music Bingo

Saturday October 10, 2026

Music from The Beatles

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Doors open at 5:00 pm

Games start at 7:00 pm

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Thank you to all the Sponsors
For Donating to Our Canada Day Celebration!

Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary Cash Donation of \$1000		
Ladies Knitting Club	\$500	in Prizes
Colton's NO FRILLS	\$250	Gift Certificate
Janet Hazen	\$250	Gift Certificates & Prizes
Cheryl Taylor	\$250	in Prizes
Boston Pizza Manning	\$250	Gift Certificate
Real & Carolyn's NO FRILLS	\$250	Gift Certificate
Pegasus Foods Inc	\$200	Paper Products
Tim Hortons Hollick Kenyon	\$200	in Products
Trese Biddiscombe	\$200	in Prizes
Arlene Murray	\$150	Food Products
H&W	\$150	Food Products
Medi Massage	\$105	Gift Certificate
Fran Colpitts	\$100	in Prizes
Belmont Sobeys	\$100	Gift Certificate
Joy Cardinal	\$100	in Prizes
Freshco Manning Village	\$100	Gift Certificate
Reflections Hair Studio	\$80	Gift Certificate
Manning Safeway	\$50	Gift Certificate
Jenni Stempien	\$30	in Prizes
Jennifer Matheson	\$25	Gift Certificate
Menchie	\$20	Tim Hortons Gift Certificate



Reflections Hair Studio





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Ronnie's

Music Bingo

Saturday November 21, 2026

Music from the 80s, & 90s

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JUNO ROOM WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT FOR AUGUST



Jul 31 & Aug 1
CC & High Rider



Aug 7 & 8
CC & High Rider



Aug 14 & 15
Sparking Tones



Aug 21 & 22
Trick Ryder



Aug 28 & 29
The Lumberjacks

UPCOMING NOTABLE DATES

7 - 9 Aug	Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships	8 Sep	Battle of Medak Pocket (1993)
9 Aug	Canadian Peacekeepers Day	10 Sep	World Suicide Prevention Day
15 Aug	Victory over Japan (1945)	17 Sep	Operation Medusa (2006)
19 Aug	Dieppe Raid (1942)	21 Sep	International Day of Peace
22 - 26 Aug	Legion's 50th Dominion Convention	19 Sep	Military Family Appreciation Day
22 Aug	Warriors' Day Parade (1921)	20 - 26 Sep	National Legion Week
2 Sep	Second World War ends	20 Sep	Battle of Britain (1940)
3 Sep	Merchant Navy Veterans Day	27 Sep	Police and Peace Officers Memorial

VETERANS OMBUD'S SURVIVORS RESOURCE GUIDE

Surviving spouses or common-law partners of military or RCMP members or Veterans, and their dependent children, may be entitled to Veterans Affairs Canada benefits.

The Veterans Ombud has developed a guide to help survivors navigate available VAC benefits.

Enter the link into your browser:

<https://ombudsman-veterans.gc.ca/en/publications/resource-guides-and-information/survivors-resource-guide>

or use the QR Code



KENSINGTON BINGO DATES

Below is the list of upcoming dates we are required to support.

Location: **12538 132 Ave NW, Edmonton**

Time: **10:30 — 4:00 pm**

Fri	Aug	7
Fri	Aug	21
Tue	Sep	8
Tue	Sep	29
Wed	Oct	7
Mon	Oct	12
Tue	Nov	17
Wed	Nov	25
Tue	Dec	1
Mon	Dec	28



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!

It's Raining Jokes

Why does a momma kangaroo hate the rain?
Because on those days the kids have to play inside

Why is Britain the wettest country?
Because royalty has reigned there for centuries.

What do you call a bear in the rain?
A drizzly bear

How did the skeleton know that it was going to rain?
He could feel it in his bones

Why do sailors eat shellfish when rain is forecast?
Because It's the clam before the storm

What happens to wizards when it's raining?
They get wet just like everyone else.

Why do cows always lie on each other in the rain?
To keep each udder dry.

Why do hurricanes move so fast?
Because if they moved slowly, we'd have to call them slow-i-canes

The Miller Crossing Outdoor Framers Market
is now open every Sunday from June to
September from 11 am to 3 pm.

Join us and see what we have to offer!

For updates on this event checkout our website:
millercrossingfm or on Facebook
facebook.com/millercrossingfarmersmarket

**MILLER CROSSING
FARMERS'
MARKET**
EDMONTON, AB



Our Weekly Meat Draws

Branch

Wednesday's Night

Tickets on Sale 6:00 pm

First Draw: 6:30 pm

Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday Afternoons

Ticket on Sale 1:00 pm

First Draw 1:30 pm



**Minimum of 12 Regular & 1 Bonus Draw
Tickets \$1.00 each**



**Immediately Following
The Meat Draw
10 Tickets For \$5.00**

KINGSWAY LEGION LEAGUE SPORTS



Darts

Monday Nights 7 to 9:30 pm
Tue & Thu Afternoons 1 to 3 pm



Cribbage

Monday Nights 6:30 to 8:30 pm



Canasta

Tue & Thu Afternoons 1 to 2:30 pm



Drop in Pool

Tue & Thu 11:30 am to 3 pm
Sat Afternoons 11:30 to 3 pm



Euchre

Wed Nights 7 to 9:30 pm



Shuffleboard

Thu 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Fri 6:30 to 8:30 pm



Mah Jongg

Wed Afternoon 12:30 to 3:30



Pool

Scotch Doubles League
Thu 6:30 to 9:00 pm