



THE TORCH

Newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch # 175

Sep 2026 Edition

Starting Tuesday September 8

BRANCH HOURS

Mon - 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tue - Wed 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Sun - Closed

BRANCH OFFICE

Mon - 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tue - Wed 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 12:00 am
Sun - Closed

CANTEEN BAR

Mon - 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tue - 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Thu- Sat 11:00 am - 11:30 pm
Sun - Closed

KITCHEN

Mon - 5:00 pm—8:00 pm
Tue - Wed 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thu - Sat 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sun - Closed

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 Aug 26, 2026

Affiliate	219
Associate	370
Life Members	23
Ordinary	367
Centenary	653
Total	1632

We will be closed on:

Labour Day 2026

Monday Sep 7th

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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



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>			

NATIONAL POPPY CAMPAIGN DATES STANDARDIZED



The Dominion Executive Council has approved a standardized annual period for the National Poppy Campaign.

Beginning in 2026,

the campaign will run each year from October 24 through November 11.

Previously, the campaign began on the last Friday in October and varied from 12 to 18 days. Consistent annual dates will provide greater certainty and reduce the impact that weekends, business hours and local circumstances can have during a shorter campaign.

Benefits of a consistent campaign period

- more opportunities for Canadians to obtain and wear a Poppy
- more time to collect donations in support of Veterans and their families
- greater certainty for businesses, schools and community organizations planning their participation

improved national coordination and public messaging

The Poppy Campaign is a meaningful way for members to meet others, become involved in their Branch and take part in one of the Legion's most important traditions.

Thank you to the countless volunteers whose dedication to Branch's Poppy Campaign!

Signup up sheets will be out shortly.



2026 DOMINION CONVENTION
CONGRÈS NATIONAL 2026



**2026 Dominion Convention
Kingsway Legion Delegates**

Bill Fecteau, Norma Yuma,
Jackie Hyshka, and “Mac” Torrie

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.

Kingsway Legion Presents

KARAOKE NIGHT

**Every Tuesday Night
Beginning September 8
in the Juno Lounge**

**Doors open @ 5:00 pm
Music: 7:00 –10:30 pm**

**Food, Drinks,
& “Lots Of Fun”**



**Open To The
Whole Family**

**Get ready to take the stage and unleash your
inner superstardom! Gather your family
and friends, grab the mike, and belt
out your favorite hits.**

Hosted by Jerry Dee from YEGEntertainment

“BETTER & STRONGER TOGETHER,”

GREETINGS COMRADES: I trust your summer is going well so far, and that you are making the effort as I am to connect with those who mean the most to us. Family, friends and even with those we may not know that well. I know you have read some of the articles I have written about relationships and community, but please read on. Some of what I am about to say may just surprise you.

COMRADE – traces its roots back to the 15th-Century, French Word, which gets its meaning from the Spanish Word, *Camarada*, which literally means “roommate.” In the 1500s the word applied to someone who shared a room or sleeping quarters. By the 1600s the word was used in military contexts, where soldiers shared a tent or were grouped in the same room. This shifted, to mean fellow soldier or “companion in arms.” And so, we use the word to reflect our respect for those who have taken up arms. In short I suggest we use it, and it takes the place of friend, companion with similar goals, but all connected to one another, by way of being companions or might I suggest being in relationship with one another under a common goal.

Relationships are often difficult to navigate, and in today’s culture, relationships are often no deeper than the recent technology available. We have any number of social media platforms. A reduction in human-to-human contact refers to the decrease in direct, face-to-face, and physical interactions between individuals, and this trend is said to have a direct impact on our mental health, and other social dynamics. In short, we are just not talking to each other as much as we used and probably as much as we should, and as such we are becoming a lonelier and more isolated people, and it leads to more loneliness, and stress, research shows. We use the word comrade, but are we really closely connected?

A number of weeks ago the pastor of the church we attend spoke on the topic of relationships, of being close community with one another, for our own good and the good of our community. Daniel, our pastor’s first name, provided me with some of his research and I use it with his permission.

I was quite fascinated recently with the portion of his sermon, where he talked about Human to Artificial Intelligence relationships. Now I a little, about A.I. and have a small understanding of its benefits, but had never considered that there is a Human to A.I. relationship that goes far beyond just what it can do for us.

We all know we can ask A.I. for all sorts of help: Compare shoes, compile a list of summer camps for kids, learn how to sand out rust, and repair my vehicle, plan vacation spots and the like. And A.I. can be a great tool that saves times, but be aware, that A.I. does not have a problem lying, and being overly positive.

Quotes: Daniel

By “Human to A.I. relationships,” I’m referring to the way tens of millions of humans around the world are beginning to **SUBSTITUTE** human to human relationships with “Human to AI relationships. This isn’t science fiction. It’s fact. **As of July 2025, there were 337 different active AI relationship apps that had been downloaded more than 220 million times.**

The most popular one claims to have 42 million users worldwide. In fact, one survey of 1000 Americans and Canadians found that:

55% of those surveyed say talking to an AI companion feels easier than talking to a real person.

19% of those surveyed have already engaged in romantic or sexual A.I. interactions.

70% of those surveyed consider developing romantic feelings for an AI companion to be cheating.

“BETTER & STRONGER TOGETHER,” CONT'D

I'm trying to figure out why people would engage in A.I. relationships.

“How does that even work?” Because isn't it just chatting with a computer?”

Not necessarily. On the newest AI relationship apps, you can choose what the person looks like and their personality. You can ask them for selfies and even video chat with them...like when you FaceTime with a friend. And they can look like REAL people.

They found that A.I. chatbots can effectively alleviate loneliness, and offer reliable, non-judgmental support in a comparable way to human interactions. In fact, just like humans' form attachment bonds to one another, studies are finding that humans can form the same sort of attachment bonds to “A.I. companions,” and can experience the same range of emotions that they would experience in human relationships!

However, A.I. relationships talk only about you, and that is where they fall apart. Real relationships, with real people offer the warmth of emotion, the challenge, and the ready support, that only a human can give. We are created in the Image and likeness of God. Why? He created us to need relationships with other humans, and with Himself. Deep down in our hearts and souls, we need each other. We need to be in relationship with other humans, and yes, sometimes relationships are hard and messy. And A.I. was not created in the image of God, we were: We need each other. We need other people in our lives to walk with us, hold our hands when that is needed, and to ask, “how are you really doing?”

And that in essence why the R.C.L. came into existence 100 years ago. We exist to come along side one another, to lend a listening ear, to render assistance when we can. The Legion is a community of people that care about each other. I find it interesting that in many ways we are living out what community is all about.

Rev. R.D. (Bob) Wiebe
Padre, RCL, Kingsway Branch

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



ELVIS

A Tribute to the KING

Friday September 25, 2026



featuring:
**BRUCE
ANDREW
STEWART**

Dinner & Show: \$60.00 (+ gst)

**Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes,
Veg, Salads, and Dessert**

Show Only: \$35.00 (+ gst)

(at door) \$45.00 (+ gst)

Doors Open: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 5:30 pm

Show: 7:00 pm

Tickets available at the Branch or online at Eventbrite



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.

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

If you are available to work please contact:

Norma Yerex @ 780-478-7680

WHAT'S YOUR IRRATIONAL FEAR?

Nomophobia

Fear of being without a phone (Nomophobia) – This modern fear stems from dependence on smartphones for communication and connection.

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



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CALGARY
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2026



Contact us

Calgary: cdnwalk4vets.cgy@gmail.com

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14339-50TH ST NW

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LADIES AUXILIARY



The Ladies Auxiliary has had a good summer despite the multitude of rainy days. While the number of people coming out on Saturday have been down at our Meat Draws and 50/50 we continue to do well and have a lot of fun doing it. We are looking forward to September and those returning to see us. Thank you to everyone who comes out to supports us.

The Ladies Auxiliary planted the planters in the front and have cared for them over the summer. Now that the rain has abated and the weather has improved there is more hand watering happening. Should you pass by, have a few moments and feel the urge, please feel free to “dead head” our petunias, it seems to be a never ending job. A huge THANK YOU to Arlene and Murray for their commitment to the project throughout the summer.

We are gearing up for fall and have our Christmas Raffle tickets ready to go. Prizes for our December 12th draw are 1) Food hamper valued at more than 400 dollars including a turkey for the Festive Season, 2) A gorgeous poppy themed quilt and two shams and 3) gift cards valued at \$250.00. Tickets are \$2.00 each and are available from Ladies Auxiliary members, the front desk and at the Farmer’s Market most Saturdays. Buy early and buy often!

First fall general meeting of the Auxiliary will be September 22 at 12:30 p.m. We welcome new members.

THE THRIFTY SHOPPER

Did you know the Bulk Barn offers seniors 15% discount on Wednesdays?
Denny’s Restaurant has a Seniors discount menu available all day.

Kingsway Legion Ladies' Auxiliary

Fundraising Day

December 12, 2026

Raffle Draw Tickets \$2.00 each

1st Prize **Handmade Quilt with Shams** (value \$500)

2nd Prize **Grocery Hamper** (value \$400)

3rd Prize **Various Gift Card** (value \$250)



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<https://kingswaylegion.ca>

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

KINGSWAY LEGION LEAGUE SPORTS
MONDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE LEAGUE



Monday Nights 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Branch Crib starts Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. Legion and Ladies Auxiliary Members pay \$15.00 for the year and \$4.00 each Monday we play. Non-members are welcome but pay \$20.00 for the year. Players of all levels are welcome.

Redwater kicks off the Legion Sports Seniors Pairs Crib season on September 26 at the Redwater Branch. This is for seniors 50 and older who hold a current membership (Legion or Ladies Auxiliary) in good standing. Pairs and teams must be from the same branch and may be playing further at the next level up. Sign-up sheets are at the Branch.

Please be mindful of registration deadline.

KINGSWAY LEGION LEAGUE SPORTS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT EUCHRE LEAGUE



Wed Nights 7 to 9:30 pm

It's Euchre Night every Wednesday night following the meat draw. The registration fee for the year is only \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. There is an additional fee of \$5 and \$7.00 respectively each night you play. The fees pay for our bi-annual banquets.

Come early enjoy a meal, try your luck at the meat draw & 50/50, when enjoy an evening practising your card shark skills.

Registration starts on September 9, at 6:00 pm

Looking forward to seeing you there!



**Rockin'
Ronnie's**

Music Bingo

Sunday September 20, 2026

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

*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



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Rockin'

Ronnie's

Music Bingo

Saturday October 10, 2026

Music from The Beatles

*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

Free Entry to the Dance Following the Bingo

**Register on Eventbrite for \$5.00
(plus gst and service fee) and
receive 2 cards free**



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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





Rockin'

Ronnie's

Music Bingo

Saturday November 21, 2026

Music from the 80s, & 90s

*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

Free Entry to the Dance Following the Bingo

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(plus gst and service fee) and

receive 2 cards free



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JUNO ROOM WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT FOR SEPTEMBER



Sep 4 & 5

Loaded Guns



Sep 11 & 12

CC & High Rider



Sep 18 & 19

Dean Henry



Sep 25 & 26

CC & High Rider

UPCOMING NOTABLE DATES

2 Sep	Second World War ends (1945)	20 Sep	Battle of Britain (1940)
3 Sep	Merchant Navy Veterans Day	27 Sep	Police and Peace Officers Memorial
8 Sep	Battle of Medak Pocket (1993)	1 Oct	National Seniors Day
10 Sep	World Suicide Prevention Day	10 Oct	10 World Mental Health Day
17 Sep	Operation Medusa (2006)	14 Oct	Van Doos anniversary (1914)
21 Sep	International Day of Peace	17 Oct	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
19 Sep	Military Family Appreciation Day	24 Oct	Anniversary of United Nations (1946)
20 - 26 Sep	National Legion Week	24 Oct	Start of Poppy Campaign

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



**SUNDAY AFTERNOON JAMS
IN THE JUNO ROOM
2:00 – 5:30 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 PM**



Band Line Up

30 Aug Running River Band
6 Sep Loaded Guns
27 Sep CC & Highrider
**4 Oct Norm & the
Country Jammers**
18 Oct Strathcona Country



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**

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!

Wedding Plans

Frank, age 92 and Shirley, age 89, were talking wedding plans when they passed a drugstore.

They walked in and pulled over the pharmacist.

"Tell me," asked Frank, "you sell heart medication here?"

"Of course," said the pharmacist."

"And medicine for circulation?" The pharmacist nodded.

"Rheumatism, scoliosis, arthritis?"

"Definitely."

"What about adult diapers?" asked Shirley.

"Of course."

"And for memory problems?" The pharmacist again nodded.

"You sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

"All types."

"Perfect!" said Frank. "So where do we register for wedding gifts?"

The Miller Crossing Outdoor Farmers 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**