



**Branch 256 Stony Plain Alberta**



**Legion Closed till further notice**  
**no Meat Draw.**

## **Newsletter**

**Feb 28 ,2021**

### **Contact Information**

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The Executive and Branch Members offer their condolences to Cde Norm Hansen and family on the passing of Cde Pat who was a 33 year Associate member of Branch 256. Pat spent many hours volunteering at the Branch. RIP Pat.



# LEST WE FORGET

## **Executive Meeting**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Month @  
7:00pm**

## **General Meetings**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month at  
7:00 pm except for July August  
and December.**

**General Meeting Postponed  
because we are closed and  
COVID restrictions**

**President- Darren Papish**

**Past President -Pat Hale**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice- Jim Stover**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Buck Coutts**

**Secretary- Ed Siteman**

**Treasurer- Lanny McConnell**

**Sgt-At-Arms- Curt Budden**

**Service Officer- Jerry Milne**

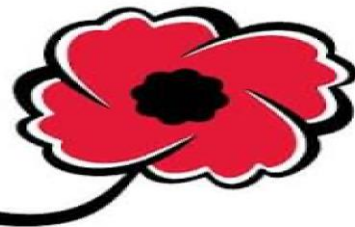
**Pastor- Rev Trevor Swanson MTS**

**Executive-, Andrew Benkovich, Jerry  
Milne and Sherri Milne**



***Volunteers***  
*Make everything happen!*

*Thank You!*



Thanks to all Our Volunteers

## President's Report

I'd like to thank Cde Lanny McConnell and Cde Ed Siteman for taking over the position of Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and I'd like to welcome Cde Curt Budden to the position of Sgt-at-Arms.

There is now the possibility of the Alberta government lifting some restrictions, but when I looked on their website there was no clear definition of what these might be. At the executive meeting last Tuesday we decided that, if we can open, we will try to do so with volunteers as we did in the fall for a short time. If circumstances permit we will look at hiring bartenders at a later date. If we do open in the near future we have an open position on the committee for a bar manager. If anyone is interested please let us know.

Over the last few months there were two grants offered to Legions to help keep them afloat. We didn't apply for the first grant because we were in a good financial position, and there were other Legions who may not have been so fortunate, and I didn't want to take away any money that they may receive. We did apply for the second grant to help cover the costs of utilities, etc, but we haven't heard anything back yet. This does not mean that we are in financial dire straights, our Legion is still in a good position financially.

Hope to start seeing you all sooner than later

**Darren Papish**  
**President**



From your Membership Chair:

Branch #256, Stony Plain ended 2020 with 537 paid up members.

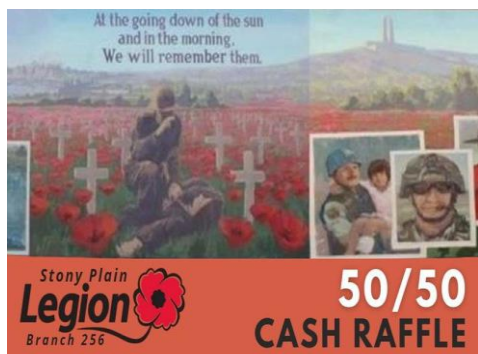
2020 saw a big influx of Veteran members with the Veterans Welcome Program, Welcome to Branch #256. As the Branch was closed for a good part of 2020 (7 months to be exact), I mailed member cards to many new members. These new members are welcome to come see me when we open again to get their Legion pins as I did not put them in the mail.

I have had many inquiries regarding how to pay your 2021 dues:

1. Go on-line to [legion.ca](http://legion.ca) and open an account (you will need your member #), you can then pay your 2021 dues which are still \$50.
  2. Mail a cheque to RCL Branch #256, 4902-44 Ave. Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1V5
  3. There is a mail slot by the entrance door, and you can drop an envelope in there with your payment.
  4. If you do on-line banking you can e-transfer your dues to [phale19832003@yahoo.ca](mailto:phale19832003@yahoo.ca)
- Any way you choose to pay your dues I will mail you your 2021 sticker, please ensure that your address is up to date so I do not have to receive your sticker back in the mail, hunt you down (lol) and mail it again.

Please also keep in mind that dues for 2021 were due as of Dec. 31st, 2020, Dominion Command honours membership for the month of January after which you will be considered a "member not in good standing" and will have to be signed in by a member when you come to the Branch.

Stay safe all,  
Pat



Help support our online 50/50

<https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/rci256/>

Get Your Tickets soon Draw Date March 27

## CATCHING SNOWFLAKES

**Q: What's a good holiday tip? A: Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter.**

## GREEN THUMB?

**Q: Why does Santa have three garden plots up at the North Pole? A: That way he can hoe, hoe, hoe!**

## THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

**A whale swims all day, only consumes fish and water, and is fat. A rabbit only eats vegetables, runs and hops all day long, and only lives 5 years. Meanwhile a tortoise doesn't run and does nothing energetic, yet it lives for 450 years. And you tell me to eat well and exercise! I don't think so.**

**If Help needed contact our service officer**

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## Service Officer



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The Last Sunday of the Month starting April 29, 2018 @ 1400 hours has been set aside for a gathering of Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces & RCMP and all those serving on active duty to come together in fellowship and to be introduced to the Legion. Coffee and Donuts will be Served. All Veterans Welcome.

### Legion services for Veterans and their families

The Legion provides a range of services and supports for Veterans, their families and dependents. In addition to directly assisting Veterans and their families with the disability claims process through Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), the Legion offers a variety of programs, resources and referrals to support Veteran health, transition to civilian life, financial assistance and well-being.

#### At the local Legion Branch, a Veteran or their family can:

- meet with a volunteer Legion Service Officer to help identify unmet health or support needs and review possible benefits through VAC, as well as other supports available
- get assistance with completing the Legion Claims Form and receive a referral to Legion Command Service Officers for individual assistance
- request benevolent financial assistance through the Poppy Fund
- request visits to Veterans in retirement and long-term care facilities
- access Veteran support and care programs as offered through the Branch

**Yesterday I saw a guy spill  
all his Scrabble letters on  
the road.**

**I asked him,  
“What’s the word  
on the street?”**