



Branch 256 Stony Plain Alberta



WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MEAT DRAW Thank You to Bob & Dixie Jones for Conducting the Meat Draw. Thank you to Simone Franks for conducting the 50/50 Draw and congratulations to Dawn Klashinsky who had the winning ticket and took home \$102.50.

Newsletter

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This Week

Vern Savoy

James Bishop

Ronald Fungsang

No Winners

Sept Toonie Draw

Elsie Kulak won \$111.00

Royal Canadian LEGION



Good Day Members

If anyone hasn't seen the post on our Facebook page, at our General Meeting Cde Mel Lee donated an original Edmonton Journal newspaper reporting on the end of the war in Europe. This paper is a real piece of history and we are honoured that it can now be hung on the walls of our Legion.

It's one again a busy time at the Legion with the Poppy Campaign kicking off shortly and the Remembrance Day ceremony. Our current social situation had us make some adjustments on how we can do these this year, but with the planning from our Poppy Chair, Cde Andrew Benkovich, and our Sgt-at-Arms, Cde Larry Funge, I'm confident that both will be successful.

Next month is traditionally our elections month and we do have some executives and committee members stepping down. Once again, due to our current social situation we have to make a change to how these are done. Dominion has advised against holding elections until distancing restrictions have been lifted. Until that time, any positions that need to be filled are to be appointments by Branch Presidents until the time comes when Branches can hold regular elections. We have had people come forward stating they would like to fill some of our positions so they will be appointed by me next month. There are still positions that need to be filled for our committees, so again, if anybody is interested the board will remain up in the foyer of the Legion for people to add their names. Committee Chairs are appointments and are for a one year term.

Darren Papish
President

Dear Comrades of Branch 256 Stony Plain

The President along with fellow Executive Committee members met on Thursday evening October 22 to plan November 11 Remembrance Day Service. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Service will be of an altered format and follow AHS guidelines and recommendations.

This year the Branch is planning to host an In-House Remembrance Day Service on November 11 commencing at 10:45 AM. The Service will be held in our hall with the maximum seating allowed by AHS guidelines. As seating will be limited we will be giving priority seating in the hall to our Branch Veterans and our invited dignitaries. We are in the process of contacting our Branch Veterans via phone to confirm their participation at this years Service. Once we confirm the Veteran count which has a deadline of Nov. 7, we will then let everyone know how many seats will be available for branch members. We will be using the lounge as it is presently set up for overflow seating for the Service only. After the Service our lounge will open from 1200-1800 hours. After the Service we will reconfigure the hall with tables and chairs to allow for seating as per AHS guidelines for socializing.

As per recommendations by the Government of Canada there will be no public participation at Remembrance Day. It is recommended that the public stay home and watch the Service in Ottawa on November 11 on TV or their mobile devices. We are actively pursuing a Live Streaming of the Service in our hall on mobile devices so our members can watch from home. We will let the membership know as soon as possible if this can be accomplished.

As there will be no public participation this year it was decided to hold the service in our hall to overcome any inclement weather and allows parking for our Veterans and guests.

This year has been a difficult one for our Branch. The planning for this years November 11 Service has been a challenge but I wish to thank our branch President and Executive members and our membership for assisting me in what we believe is the best solution for this year.

There will be minor changes that may be needed prior to November 11. I ask that our membership please be understanding of the situation we are all experiencing. I will endeavour to communicate any further information as soon as it is available.

Yours Sincerely,
Comrade Larry Funge
Sgt at Arms
Branch 256 Stony Plain



LEST WE FORGET

Executive Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each Month @
7:00pm

General Meetings

3rd Tuesday of each Month at
7:00 pm except for July August
and December.

Next Meeting Oct 20 because of Covid
restrictions copies of minutes will not be on
table so read minutes from newsletter and if
you have questions bring up at meeting

President- Darren Papish

Past President -Pat Hale

1st Vice- Jim Stover

2nd Vice - Buck Coutts

Secretary- Dixie Jones

Treasurer- Kim Martin

Sgt-At-Arms- Larry Funge

Service Officer- Jerry Milne

Pastor- Rev Trevor Swanson MTS

Executive

Lanny McConnell, Andrew Benkovich, Ed
Siteman ,Duffy Mervold, Jerry Milne
Audrey Funge and Sherri Milne



Thank You Volunteers



. Thanks to our Volunteers for Friday Night. Pat Hale, Gladys Getzinger and Hetty Ciofani

Burger Night Volunteers Bert Reeves, Bob Lecompte, Dawn & Brian Klashinsky and Gwenda Clark..

Thank to our Volunteers Saturday Heather Hale, Barb Livingstone and Vikki Scott



2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL STICKERS

- The 2021 membership **RENEWAL STICKERS ARE IN** the Branch.
- Renewal **FEES** for 2021 remain at **\$50**.
- We will be running an **'INCENTIVE MEMBERSHIP DRAW'** again this year:
 - **3 DRAWS** at the end of **SEPTEMBER** for **FREE MEMBERSHIP**.
 - **2 DRAWS** at the end of **OCTOBER** for **FREE MEMBERSHIP**.
 - **1 DRAW** at the end of **NOVEMBER** for **FREE MEMBERSHIP**.



Cde Mel Lee presented to President Cde Darren Papish and Past President Cde Pat Hale, a framed Edmonton Journal from 1945, end of WWII. The newspaper was purchased by his Dad for 5 cents, Cde Mel wanted to pass the framed newspaper to Branch 256 to display on the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII (COVID has delayed, but we got 'er done). Many Thanks to Cde Mel for bestowing our Branch with such a great gift 🍁🍁

Tempting fate

In surgery for a heart attack, a middle-aged woman has a vision of God by her bedside. "Will I die?" she asks.

God says, "No. You have 30 more years to live."

With 30 years to look forward to, she decides to make the best of it. Since she's in the hospital, she gets breast implants, liposuction, a tummy tuck, hair transplants, and collagen injections in her lips. She looks great! The day she's discharged, she exits the hospital with a swagger, crosses the street, and is immediately hit by an ambulance and killed. Up in heaven, she sees God. "You said I had 30 more years to live," she complains.

"That's true," says God.

"So what happened?" she asks.

God shrugs. "I didn't recognize you."



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BRANCH 256

Friday Nights- Burger night 5 to 7 pm

Saturday. 50/50 and Meat Draw from
3:00 to 5:00 pm

October 25- Veterans Coffee !400 hrs

Nov 11 Remembrance Day

BRANCH #256 STONY PLAIN
OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION



A FUNDRAISING EVENT:

CASH RAFFLE

In support of the
MERIDIAN HOUSING PROJECT
FOR VETERANS

Tickets: \$5.00 each
Draw date: Nov. 11, 2020
Prizes: 1st - \$6000
2nd - \$3000
3rd - \$1000

Calling on all Branch #256 Members
to pick up a book of tickets (25 tickets/book)
to sell for this great Fundraising event.

(Please don't sell them in the Branch, they will already be on sale from the Bar.)

Canadian Legion Fundraising is held for the benefit of the Government of Alberta and the Town of Stony Plain.



The draw date is fast approaching for the CASH RAFFLE draw and due to COVID-19 and slow sales the Fundraising Committee is considering applying for an extension to the draw date. If you have a book that you have finished selling please can you get it into the Branch ASAP. The Lounge is open Fri./Sat. at 3:00 pm. For more information please call Pat at 780-908-5672 or the Branch 780-963-9232, Thank You 🍁

If Help needed contact our 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 dependants. 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

Rules in the Lounge Re: COVID

- Members and spouses only.
- Sign in and use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- Do not go to the bar upon entering the Lounge, find a table and sit down as there is table service only.
- Only 6 per table, do not pull in any extra chairs.
- No table hopping or roaming about to visit.
- If you need to leave your table for any reason please wear your mask.
- Please exit out the SE door onto the deck.

Oct

Stony Plain Legion # 256

Sunday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday			
	27		28		29		30		1		2		3
										Open 3:00 pm Burgers 5 to 7 pm		Open 3:00 pm MeatDraw 50/50	
	4		5		6		7		8		9		10
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	11		12		13		14		15		16		17
			Executive Meeting							Open 3:00 pm Burgers 5 to 7 pm		Open 3:00 pm MeatDraw 50/50	
	18		19		20		21		22		23		24
			General Meeting 7:00 pm							Open 3:00 pm Burgers 5 to 7 pm		50/50 and Meat Draw 3:00 pm	
	25		26		27		28		29		30		31
Veterans Coffee 2:00 pm										Open 3:00 pm Burgers 5 to 7 pm		50/50 and Meat Draw 3:00 pm	
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10 Quick Facts on... Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It was originally called "Armistice Day" to commemorate armistice agreement that ended the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.—on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

From 1921 to 1930, Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. In 1931, Alan Neill, Member of Parliament for Comox–Alberni, introduced a bill to observe Armistice Day only on November 11. Passed by the House of Commons, the bill also changed the name to "Remembrance Day". The first Remembrance Day was observed on November 11, 1931.

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. We remember the more than 2,300,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation's history and the more than 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to provide assistance to Veterans.

Remembrance Day is a federal statutory holiday in Canada. It is also a statutory holiday in three territories (Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut) and in six provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador).

The national ceremony is held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. The Governor General of Canada presides over the ceremony. It is also attended by the Prime Minister, other government officials, representatives of Veterans' organizations, diplomatic representatives, other dignitaries, Veterans as well as the general public.

In advance of the ceremony, long columns of Veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members, RCMP officers, and cadets march to the memorial lead by a pipe band and a colour guard. At the end of the ceremony, they march away to officially close the ceremony.

Some of the 54 Commonwealth member states, such as Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia, observe the tradition of Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Other nations observe a solemn day but at different dates. For example, ANZAC Day is observed in New Zealand on April 25. In South Africa, Poppy Day is marked on the Sunday that falls closest to November 11.

Many nations that are not members of the Commonwealth also observe Remembrance Day on November 11, including France, Belgium and Poland.

The United States used to commemorate Armistice Day on November 11. However, in 1954 they changed the name to Veterans Day.

Submitted by Larry Funge Sgt at Arms