



Branch 256 Stony Plain Alberta



Newsletter

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Dead crows on the highway

The RCMP have found over 2000 dead crows on Alberta highways recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

A Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be from vehicular impacts. However, during analysis it was noted there was a lack of paint on the bird's beaks and claws suggesting that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with motorbikes, while only 2% were killed by cars.

The RCMP then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorbike kills versus car kills. The Ornithological Behaviourist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger.

They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "bike"



Event Details:

Celebrate Canada Day together! The Town of Stony Plain, City of Beaumont, Town of Devon, City of Fort Saskatchewan, City of Leduc, City of Spruce Grove, City of St. Albert, and Strathcona County have come together to offer this virtual celebration. Stay tuned for event announcements as we get closer to Canada's 153rd birthday celebration.

Feature Image:

[Canada Day Launch-01.jpg](#)



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**

Cancelled till further notice

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 all who are checking on Legion, looking after gardens, Moving
things in Legion ETC.**



Resources

Alberta

https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx?utm_source=google&utm_medium=sem&utm_campaign=Covid19&utm_term=beinformed&utm_content=v3&gclid=CjwKCAjwwYP2BRBGElwAkoBpAoXX68-Yw7XYJBHQjliCQWcAFhRn0213-UECzEf5by_k8U8OK1ujhBoCvKQQAvD_BwE

Stony Plain

<https://www.stonyplain.com/en/live/family-and-community-support-services.aspx>

Helpful Links

<https://meridianhousingfoundation.ca/helpful-links/>

Silent, invisible battles.

There are an estimated 80,000 Veterans in Alberta. You seldom hear about them. Some have moved on with their lives. But too many suffer alone.

The Legion's Service Bureau supports Veterans who have emotional, financial and medical needs. There's no problem too big or too small. We're there to help. Without question.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BRANCH 256

Closed till further notice

We are working on finding out what needs to be ready to open hope to have news soon.

Jim Stover

Public Relations

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.)


CASH RAFFLE....If you have tickets to turn in or want to get some more please contact me personally at 780-908-5672 (Pat) and I can meet you at the Branch.

If Help needed contact our service officer or from the list below


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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

Good morning to our senior members who may have problems getting out to get necessary food items. If we can be of assistance, we would like to lend a hand, you can text or call

Pat Hale- Anytime 780-908-5672

Lorri Klein-Tuesday or Wed 780-915-2637

Gord Morrison- Anytime- 587-594-3230

Jeff Doyle- Fri. Sat. or Sun.

Michelle Doyle Anytime- 780-991-1301

Darla Young- Anytime-780-819-0174

Jay Krause- Anytime- 780-975-4166

Bri Doyle-Anytime-586-338-3114

Need More to go ahead

Good day members:



At the last executive meeting, I was going to propose a photo wall, showing all members of the branch, who their Ordinary Members were.

We currently have 149 Ordinary members in our branch, and having a photo wall is just not feasible, but I still think the portrait idea is a good one.

I had already approached an up and coming local photographer, to see if they would like to improve their skills, along with building up their portfolio.

I have been in communication with a young lady, who would be delighted to do this.

After some discussion, we agreed that all photos would be in Black & White (see attached photo, taken from the net) and that the cost would be \$10.00 per portrait. The members will retain their photo, so that they can, if they wish, share with their families. I informed her that she could use the portrait taken of me, to help her portfolio.

I am putting this out now, to all members of the branch who would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

In the chance that there is a strong reply to this, I would arrange to have her take portraits (like the attached photo), 20 at a time.

I will go in priority of: Members in Legion Dress first, individual portraits second, then couple portraits third.

Interested personnel, please contact me by:

1. email at esiteman55@gmail.com
2. text at 780 860 2749; or
3. cell at 780 860 2749

Please include your phone number or your email address, so that I can contact you if we have enough participants to make this a go.

Yours in Comradeship

Edward Siteman CD2 and Life Member

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