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JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyably quiet holiday season, and Happy New Years!
We at the Legion, just wanted to pass along to you a couple of things here at Branch 124 as we all endure the Province Wide Lockdown.

Branch Assistance/Service Officer



Although our Branch is closed during the COVID-19 situation we will continue to provide support to our Veterans and their Families.

If you require any support please contact us by email or phone message, and someone will be available to assist you.

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Please note, while the branch is closed, staff will be available to respond to emails and phone calls from Monday to Friday between 10 am and 2 pm, for anyone needing assistance.

Please contact the branch at legion124@gmail.com or 905-468-2353 if you have any concerns, or would like to be put into contact with our local or Provincial Service Officer.

You may contact the Dominion Command Service Officers directly via phone or email at 1-877-534-4666 & veteransservices@legion.ca and they will direct your inquiry.

Fish Fry



**LEGION
FISH FRY**

POSTPONED

During Lockdown



Our branch has been CLOSED as of December 20th, and our last Fish Fry of 2020 was December 17th. We appreciate everyone's support during these difficult times as we worked to accommodate the new and changing restrictions. The 2021 Fish Fry will be postponed until Spring. Please stay tuned for our reopening dates, and for news as restrictions change.

Ladies Auxiliary – Christmas Wreath

In an odd season, the Ladies Auxiliary put together a Christmas wreath promoting local business in and around NOTL. December 19th it was awarded to R. Bateman. We want to thank him and all our friends in the community for supporting the RCLegion Br.124, attending our Fish Fry and remembering. I would also like to thank the ladies of the auxiliary for their generosity of time and effort, in this time of uncertainty, to think of our neighbors and support our branch.

Enjoy the holidays as best you can, stay safe and take care of each other.

Beth Black, RCL Br124 Ladies Auxiliary President



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NEWS RELEASE

January 12, 2021 - Niagara on the Lake

NOTL LEGION BRANCH 124 ANNOUNCES FEDERAL FUNDING AND FURTHER BRANCH UPDATES

The General Nelles Branch 124 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Niagara on the Lake is pleased to announce receipt of \$10,800 from the Veterans Affairs Canada federal financial aid package. This represents our share of the \$14 million dollars in funding administered to ensure continued operations in the many Branches there were hit hard by the pandemic. A portion of these funds will be put toward a new ventilation and UV air cleaning system in the Branch to provide improved air quality for our members, veterans and the public who frequent the Branch now and in the future.

Our local MP, Tony Baldinelli, is among those who see the need for emergency funding, in these words:

“COVID-19 has hit many of our community-based and not-for-profit organizations hard, including its impact on the work and efforts being performed by our five Royal Canadian Legion Branches located in the riding. Since the spring, my Conservative colleagues and I have been advocating for support to our Legions, so I was pleased to see funding finally flow to branches, such as General Nelles Branch 124, as part of the assistance provided to Dominion Command. This funding will help support the important role and work undertaken by Legion Branches in communities across our country,” he said.

The Branch would also like to thank all those who have supported our popular Thursday Fish Fry, which has been our main source of income throughout the Covid-19 closures and restrictions. We have temporarily cancelled the fish fry until later this Spring due to inclement weather and the ongoing lockdowns. Please watch your local papers for further updates on the fish fry start-up.

Yours,
The Executive Committee
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 124



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Membership



As the branch is now closed due to restrictions, anyone wanting to renew their membership can still mail their cheque to: RCL Br.124 410 King St. P.O. Box 714, Niagara on the Lake, Ontario L0S1J0. Please make your cheque payable to: RCL Br.124 and write on the memo line Membership Renewal.

You can also renew your membership online here at: <https://portal.legion.ca/renew>.

Last years' membership expired Dec. 31st 2020.

2021 Membership Cost: \$40.00

Each New Members: + \$7.50 admin processing fee (one-time payment)

New Members Applications available at: <https://legion124.ca/legion-membership>

If you have any questions, please contact our long-standing Membership Chair, Doug Pettit, you can leave him a message at 905-468-2353, or through email address legion124@gmail.com.

Bates' 65th Anniversary – Branch 124 would like to wish Jack and Dorothy Bates congratulations on their 65th Wedding Anniversary! May you be continually blessed with great love and happiness.

Youth & Education

After receiving close to 250 entries in this year's Remembrance Art and Literary Contest from our five area schools, the overall winning entries in each category have been delivered to Zone for the next level of competition. We look forward to hearing whether any of our local students advance to the District competition or higher. As we are unable to display the artwork in our branch for our members to enjoy, we will be posting photographs of some of the entries on our Facebook page and website so please stay tuned.

Padres

Again, we'd like to remind you of our Br124 Padres' message during these times:

“What a year we have had with so many things changed for all of us, one thing that stayed was our faith in the Lord.

With this in mind I have had calls to be part of the celebration of life for members and would like everyone to know that we are prepared to assist families with their needs in all matters, celebration of life, a wedding, baptism, etc.

The honorarium will be donated to the Legion to assist our members in need.

We were part of the remembrance events, both on Tuesday where the wreaths were placed at the cenotaphs in Queenston and Niagara on the Lake and both Judy and Sheldon were at the Remembrance Day at the Legion.

It was quite amazing that many who drove by stopped and stood a distance apart but became part of our moment of remembrance and prayer.

We are honoured to be a part of the Branch 124 group that serves our members and their spirit.”

Blessings, Padre's Sheldon & Judy



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**Military Service
Submissions Requested
for Recognition Book**

Past Books Available

We have compiled personal stories submitted by family, friends or Veterans themselves in a collection of Military Service Recognition Books.

These stories give us a glimpse of lives that deserve to be remembered.

The books are then given to branches, schools, libraries, and the public.

Money from advertisements in the books goes towards helping Branches and Legion programs.

Everyone is welcome to submit a story or a photo of a Veteran, including relatives or friends.

January

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BRANCH 124, NOTL

2021

CLOSED for Covid-19 Lockdown						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					CLOSED 1 NEW YEARS DAY	CLOSED 2
CLOSED 3	CLOSED 4	CLOSED 5	CLOSED 6	CLOSED 7 NO FISH FRY	CLOSED 8	CLOSED 9
CLOSED 10	CLOSED 11	CLOSED 12	CLOSED 13	CLOSED 14 NO FISH FRY	CLOSED 15	CLOSED 16
CLOSED 17	CLOSED 18	CLOSED 19	CLOSED 20	CLOSED 21 NO FISH FRY	CLOSED 22	CLOSED 23
CLOSED 24	CLOSED 25	CLOSED 26	CLOSED 27	CLOSED 28 NO FISH FRY	CLOSED 29	CLOSED 30
CLOSED 31						Stay Tuned for February's Calendar as restrictions change

Thank you, Legion Branch 124