

## JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Summer Meetings:** Reminder that the General Membership Meetings are taking their annually scheduled break for 2 months (July-August), returning September 28th at 7pm. The executive will continue to meet monthly. Minutes from the most recent of both meetings can be found posted in the clubroom. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak with one of the executives in the office. The current executive is listed at the top of the membership board, please contact the office if you're unsure who to speak to or how to reach them.

### Words from the President

Our Summer continues to be busy. I want to thank all of our volunteers, and I encourage others to step forward when they can. The executive is busy with longer term goals. Any questions or concerns please bring them to my attention, I am in the office weekdays usually between 11-2pm.

### **Clubroom Hours** Remain:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Closed	Closed	2-7	2-8	2-9	2-9	2-7

**Office Hours** - Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm

### Calendar of Events

#### **August**

*Clubroom (Bar/Patio) Open Wed-Sun*  
*Office Open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm*

Sun 7th - Ruck the Bruce Celebration @ 5pm

Week of 7-13<sup>th</sup> – Canada Summer Games  
Events (More Info TBA)

Sun 14th - Kinsmen Car Show

Sat 20th - Pig Roast  
& Sean's Last Day (going off to School!)

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> – Classic Niagara Reunion + BBQ  
12-6pm

Sat 28th - Car Touring Show

#### **September**

Sat 10th - Cadet Bottle Drive

Sun 18th - Sat 24th - Legion Week  
\*Decoration Day TBD\*

Sept 28th @ 7pm - General Membership  
Meeting

## Membership

**Military Appreciation Night** - The Legions have been presented with a Military Appreciation Night for the Hamilton Tiger Cats game on August 12th. The offer is \$35.00 for silver level tickets, regular price of \$55.00, and a t-shirt. Tickets can be purchased online or directly through Matt Fin (Account Executive, Ticket Sales & Service) at 905-547- 2287 ext 298 or at [mfinn@ticats.ca](mailto:mfinn@ticats.ca).

**Last Post** - Gail Dietsch, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 14, 2022 surrounded by love.



Our world lost one of the best. Family was the very center of her life. Gail was born in Hamilton, Ontario, the eldest of three children. Her father was in the army and they moved around some, but in her teens, they moved to Niagara on the Lake where Gail met the love of her life, Mike. Most of Gail's younger years were spent making memories with their six children. For 27 years Gail drove school bus. She loved seeing and talking with all of the children....Gail had a passion for gardening. She loved spending time outside in the beautiful gardens she created. She also enjoyed cross stitch, painting and decorating. There was no decorating project that she would not tackle, including taking down walls. Tell her she wouldn't be able to do it and you threw down the challenge. After Mike passed away, Gail was lost for many years until she met Bill Sauer. Mom was extremely

blessed to have found

love again. She will be deeply missed by her children Pat (Ken), Linda (David), Michael (Maureen), Paul (Natasha), Jody (Alick), and Matthew (Kristen), as well as her grandchildren Bram, Melissa, Sean, Andrew, Bayley, Tiffany, Ashley, Erik, Michael, Liam, Kaleb, Justin, Tyler, Austin, Nolan, Leah, Nadra, Alwayne, Malcolm, Taya, Shaishauna, Tatiana, Isaiah, Gabby, Lyssa, Dylan and Colton. She had 22 great grandchildren with one on the way. She will be dearly missed by her sister Louise Danieluk. We lost a special one with Gail, she saw the good in all and especially the underdog. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Out of the Cold or the [Canadian Cancer Society](http://www.canadiancancersociety.ca). Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at [www.morganfuneral.com](http://www.morganfuneral.com)

There was a beautiful celebration of life reception held here at the branch on Tues. July 19th.

**Padres** - Friendly Reminder of the branch's padres, Reverends Sheldon & Judy Kofsky's. For availability please contact: [jordanvillagechapel@gmail.com](mailto:jordanvillagechapel@gmail.com)/ 905-562-8269

## Sick & Visiting Officer / Service Officer

Do you know a Veteran in need of assistance?

Please contact the branch and see how our Service Officer can help.

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## Poppy -

**Donations** From the June meeting approved by the General Membership and now approved by Command, a Poppy donation to our local *Meals on Wheels* of \$2,500 will be made. Cheque presentation to follow.

On July 19th Lawrence MacAulay, the Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada made a short visit to our branch as one of the few Legion branch visits he will be making, He met with Comrades such as Al Howse, Grant Brooks, Chris Toye, and Stan Harrington to discuss the future, health and strength of the branches. He is impressed with the membership numbers and our Centennial Cenotaph Celebration and renovation was discussed.

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**RUCK THE BRUCE - Ruck 2 Remember Closing Ceremonies - Sunday August 7th @ 5pm**

The Ruck 2 Remember 2022 Ruck March will be coming to our branch this Sun August 7th at 5pm for their closing ceremonies. We invite all members, and the community to come out and support!

The Ruck marchers have been on the move for over 1 month covering 900KM of the entire Bruce Trail from Tobermory down to Niagara Falls, starting on July 5th 2022. This initiative is in support of a Legion program called “Operation: Leave the Streets Behind” (which aims to get and keep veterans off the streets)

The Ruck Marchers expect to come off the trail at Queenston Heights between 3:30 and 4 pm, depending on the difficulties encountered on that day. Arrangements are being made to allow them to then freshen up before we all meet at Branch 124 at approx. 5 pm. A BBQ is being prepared for a 3-4pm start and they have requested food service before we present our donations. There will be dignitaries and media outlets on site. We recommend all comrades to wear Legion branded merchandise if possible.

**Organization Overview:** Ruck To Remember is built on volunteers who are dedicated to raising awareness and funds to support the Paramedics, Firefighters, Law Enforcement, and Military (present, past and future) by hosting and taking part in events and fundraising. Ruck to Remember currently has volunteers with diverse backgrounds who are eager to partake in the annual ruck, along with other fundraising and events that will help support the front line responders and their families.

**Go Fund Me Fundraising Page:**

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/road-to-recovery-9-ruck-the-bruce>

**“Leave the Streets Behind’ Initiative Info:** “Leave the Streets Behind” is the Legion's national homeless Veterans program that started out of Ontario Command. The program's mission is to reach out to homeless Veterans and those at-risk of homelessness and provide them with immediate financial assistance and support.

Comrades, it should be a good day of celebration and thanksgiving. Let's all get behind these young service people and thank them for what they do on behalf of our homeless vets.

## **Dieppe 80th Anniversary**

Comrades, The City of Toronto has reached out to District “D” inviting all Legion Branches to be a part of the Dieppe 80th Anniversary on August 19th, 2022. In Remembrance of those members of the Canadian Armed Forces who gave their lives for the Freedom we so enjoy today. I do hope that our branches will be able to attend this Parade & Service so those Veterans’ families that still live within District “D” will see and know.

**Followed by the Warrior's Day Parade on Saturday August 20th, in Toronto**

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**Fish Fry** - Reminder: The weekly Thursday Fish Frys are on all summer long 4-7pm!

On July 21st the weekly Fish Fry donated \$2 from each order sold towards the Ukraine Fundraiser through comrade Alex Luhowy. At 341 orders sold over the 3 hours, \$682 was donated, plus personal donations from our loyal customers of \$258 the day of as well. Back on June 4, a BBQ collection of \$250 was donated, bringing the branch’s total donation to the Canadian Ukraine Foundation of \$1,190.00. A Cheque presentation is to be arranged.

Our Branch in Niagara this Week 's Readers Choice Awards was Voted 1st Place in Fish Fry & Take Out for 2022! Congrats to our amazing Fish Fry Team and customers! Thank you everyone for voting!

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**Bar Chair** - New BAR Prices into effect - Wednesday July 27th

Please note: Bartenders are not required to provide table service, and should remain behind the bar when possible. That being said, they are to wipe down tables after they are vacated, and to clear tables after those who may not realize that it's indeed the membership's responsibility to tidy up after themselves.

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## **Ways & Means / Entertainment**

Canada Day - Happy Canada day! What a great turnout after a 2 year break, everyone wanted to re-engage with old friends and neighbours. A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers: Moe Pam, our ways and means chair, put together a good plan and everything worked out well. Rick and Lou-anne Cairns, Chris Toye and Lori Beak, Megan Vanderlee, Henri Adamowski, Elizabeth & Joe Richards, Paul Dolby, Richard Meyers, Mark Gaspich, Alex Luhowy, Elaine Pole and Daughter, and Diane O’Donohue for arranging the entertainment. Apologies if I am forgetting someone. All worked hard and deserve all the credit for our success.

The Corvette Club of Ontario had a short but lovely visit on the 10th. Thanks to Moe Pam, Richard Meyers, Henri Adamowski, and Paul Dolby for assisting with the BBQ and arrangements.

Open Mic Sundays on the last Sundays of the month have been quite successful and well enjoyed by all in attendance. Next one is scheduled for August 28th from 2-5pm. Come on out and show your stuff or enjoy the local talents, we have great turnouts and great fun!

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**Hall Rentals** - Hall Available (with Member Discounts)

August 7-14th - Canada Summer Games - weather safety back-up plan - Hall Reserved

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**House (Building)** The parking lot has been patched, just in time for the Corvette club of Ontario to stop in for lunch on 10 July. It took some work, starting with the work party sweeping the parking lot and cleaning out the potholes. On a hot morning Rick and Lou-anne Cairns, Elizabeth and Joe Richards, Grant and Linda Brooks, Paul Dolby, Henri Adamowski, Julie Corrick and Al swept the lot. Andy Clark measured up the cold patch requirements, and Cal and Matt House tapped in the filler. Thanks to all.

Lawn Maintenance - Thank you to all of our volunteers for keeping the lawn and monument area beautiful and maintained.

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**Cadets** - Next Bottle Drive is Scheduled for Saturday September 10th

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### **Community & Seniors Outreach**

*\*Please contact our Outreach Coordinator Amy at 905-246-4739 if you require assistance.*

### **Community Supports**

- A. The branch's tents were loaned for the weekend to St. Mark's Church for their annual Cherry Festival. Arranged, picked up and dropped off by comrades Allan Magnacca and Gary Burroughs.
  - B. This month, the branch loaned out one of our Raffle Drums to the NOTL Community Centre.
  - C. The branch was also able to loan out a Raffle Wheel & Display Table to the Tim Horton's Camp Day Fundraiser campaign organized by comrade Amber Holliday.
  - D. The Canada Summer Games committee will be utilizing our hall for their volunteer meetings.
  - E. Every Thursday we'll be displaying a Slideshow of recent and relevant branch information and events.
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**Ladies Auxiliary** - The LA is having a busy summer with 2 Yard Sales being held and a sold-out Golf Tournament & BBQ! We thank the ladies for reliably helping out each week with our Fish Fry's Coleslaw Preparation and Bussing.

The Ladies will be set up at the Canada Summer Games selling water to attendees.

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## LEGION BR124'S AUGUST CALENDAR 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 CIVIC HOLIDAY (CLOSED)	2	3	4 FISH FRY 4-7PM	5	6	7 RUCK MARCH ENDS AT OUR BRANCH
8 CANADA GAMES – TENNIS 9AM & 3PM – PRELIMINARIES	9 CANADA GAMES – TENNIS 9AM & 3PM – PRELIMINARIES	10 CANADA GAMES – TENNIS – 10AM - QUALIFICATIONS	11 FISH FRY 4-7PM CANADA GAMES – TENNIS – 10AM QUARTERFINALS	12 CANADA GAMES – TENNIS – 9AM & 3PM- SEMI-FINALS & CONSOLATION	13 CANADA GAMES – TENNIS – 9AM & 3PM - FINALS	14 KINSMEN CAR SHOW
15	16 EXECUTIVE MEETING @ 7PM	17	18 FISH FRY 4-7PM	19 DIEPPE 80 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY - TORONTO	20 PIG ROAST WARRIORS DAY PARADE -CNE TORONTO	21
22	23	24 NO GENERAL MEETING (SUMMER BREAK)	25 FISH FRY 4-7PM	26	27 CLASSIC NIAGARA 12-6PM +BBQ	28 CAR TOURING - 1130 OPEN MIC 2-5PM CELEBRATION OF LIFE
29	30	31	SEPT 1 FISH FRY 4-7PM	SEPT 2	SEPT 3	SEPT 4
SEPT 5 LABOUR DAY	SEPT 6	SEPT 7	SEPT 8 FISH FRY 4-7PM	SEPT 9	SEPT 10 CADET BOTTLE DRIVE	SEPT 11



**BAR & CLUBROOM HOURS**  
MONDAY & TUESDAY – CLOSED  
WEDNESDAY – 2-7PM  
THURSDAY 2-8PM  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 2-9PM  
SUNDAY 2-7PM

**OFFICE HOURS**  
MONDAY – FRIDAY 10AM-2PM  
  
**PRESIDENT AVAILABLE IN OFFICE**  
MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM-2PM  
\*PLEASE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

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