

Branch #123 Waterford 2013-2015

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Public Relations/Poppy	Norma-Jean Kennedy
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Youth Education/T&F	Peggy Taylor
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“They serve till Death! Why not we?”

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President's Report

Remembrance and Poppy Time has come and gone for another year. Or has it? Branch 123 has done a splendid job, once again, nurturing Remembrance and being effective leaders of Remembrance in our community. Numerous volunteer hours are spent planning and carrying through the many tasks and events related to this particular time of year. The Executive and Members who put forth these extra efforts must be commended for a job well done! However, Remembrance is a full time, year round mission in our Royal Canadian Legion. Remembrance requires our constant attention. It is a legacy which we must sustain for our forefathers. Lest We Forget!

A busy December is quickly approaching! Watch the notices, the white board, the electronic bar sign, the bulletin calendar, the outdoor signs at the Legion and on Main Street, our website, the newspaper notices and your computer mail. Then you won't miss out on any upcoming event. I don't think I've missed any information source? We are doing a great job of getting the word out. Hope to see you at many of the upcoming events. Either as a volunteer and/or by attending will be great! Thanks for your support in every way.

Next year, 2015 will be an election year. The next General Meeting is Thursday, December 18th at 7:30p.m. If you're thinking of becoming more involved, attending meetings is a definite source for learning more about Legion protocol and happenings. Also, there are attendance requirements for election. It's your Legion! If you want changes or you have concerns, the best way to inform others is to attend meetings. The Executive also appreciates your interest and support through your attendance at meetings.

Please come to the President's Levee on January 1st, 2015, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. It's a wonderful way to begin a new year, surrounded by Comrades and friends in a fun-filled environment.

Comrades, may you share a memorable holiday, filled with good times and everlasting memories with your families and friends throughout this festive season. Thank you for your support throughout this past year and I look forward to continued growth and success for Branch 123 in 2015.

Yours in Comradeship, President Sharon

Senior's Report

At the time of writing this report I am waiting, with anticipation, for the annual Seniors' Legion and Community Christmas Party. The guest list is quickly growing and party plans are nearly all in place. The cook is planning and preparing. The Volunteers are ready to carry out the plans. We are all expecting another wonderful Christmas Party and Dinner. I'll see you all there on Sunday, December 7th at 3:00p.m. You must be registered to attend to ensure there's enough turkey and the fixins' for all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Sharon Anderson

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come One! Come All!

Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m.

Games! Cookie Decorating! Crafts!

Refreshments!

And SANTA!

Note to Members: Please help us make this event a great success by inviting your kids, grand-kids, great grand-kids, neighbours' kids and we'll be sure to have a good time!



Poppy Campaign

I would like to thank all of the members of the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary who helped with the Poppy Campaign. A special thanks to the members of the Branch and Auxiliary who came out to help count the donations.

Your help and support is very much appreciated. The Campaign could not take place without the volunteers. To the Ladies Auxiliary, a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful luncheon after the Remembrance Day Service.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and all of the best in the New Year.

Poppy Chair, Norma Jean Kennedy

Bar Report

Br.123 continues to be a hive of activity! The Bar Stewards must be prepared for all kinds of crowds and they do a fantastic job. Thanks Bar Staff!

Patrons, please remember that Bar Staff should be respected and treated in the way in which you would like to be treated. Please let them do their job in the way in which they've been asked. They will handle awkward situations as they are the ones in control of the club room while working. They will notify visitors who are not aware or have forgotten to remove head gear. Visitors may leave feeling embarrassed or otherwise unwelcome. This is not good public relations. Thanks to our Members for your cooperation in these matters.

Thank you as well to the Members who often step up and help the Bar Staff when the Stewards need an extra hand.

Sharon Anderson, Bar Chair

Public Relations

Please let me know of any events coming up in the New Year that need publicising. If you should need extra details put into advertising, you can email me at nkennedy@bell.net
Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Public Relations Officer Norma Jean Kennedy

We are on the Web!

Check out the Branch #123 web site at www.waterfordlegion.ca for all of the latest news and events. Pictures, events, news and more!



New Years Eve Party

Bring in 2015 at the best party in town. Swing and sway to the sounds of DJ Daryal Roberts. Hats, noise makers, tasty food, snacks, and more!
Get your tickets at the bar.

Nevada Report

As mentioned in my last report, Nevada sales have definitely increased and we should complete this licence well before Christmas. This trend is a positive outcome for the so many who receive donations, through Nevada.

Norfolk County has become much more strict and thorough in their issuing of licences.

Recently, we received a letter from them requesting the following:

- Proof, that we are a charitable, non-profit organization.
- A copy of a proposed budget for the current year.
- A detailed description of the use of proceeds from Nevada sales.
- A copy of our Annual Report for Nevada

All of these requests have been met and sent to Norfolk County. If we had not met these requests before January 2nd, 2015, no further licences would be granted.

Nevada Chair Ruth A. Masecar



Super Bowl Party!

Come support your team and enjoy some great food and fun.
Sunday, February, 1st, 3:00 PM.

Zone B1 Sports

If you are interested in participating in any or all of these tournaments, please contact the Sport's Chair to be registered.

Note: For District sports, contact the Chairperson for registration and to arrange fees.

Darts	January 3 rd	Delhi
Cribbage	January 10 th	Simcoe
Euchre	March 21 st	Teeterville
Golf	May 23 rd	Caledonia. (Sundrim)
Mixed Darts	TBA	Delhi

Sport's Chair, Herb Taylor
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Honours and Awards

We were very pleased with the attendance at the Remembrance and Honours and Awards Banquet on November 15th.

It was a pleasure to not only award the Year Pins, Certificates of Appreciation and Legion Service Medals, but it was also rewarding to honour one of our members with a Life Membership.

The Committee will meet again in the New Year to discuss possible applicants for the awards mentioned above, as well as Meritorious Service Medals. If you are in doubt as to the criteria for any of these awards, please give me a call and I would be glad to explain it. You could also put your recommendation in a letter in writing and submit it and it will be considered by the Committee.

"Years of Volunteering-deserve Recognition!"

There are several "Year Pins" available for pick-up at the Bar, until further notice. Thanks for being members of Br.#123. Wear your year pins proudly!

Honours and Awards Chair, Ruth A. Masseur

President's Levee

Bring in 2015 in a Grand Way at Br 123!
Join us for a time filled with music, laughter
and fellowship.

Thursday, January 1st, 2015, from 2:00-6:00 p.m.
Entertainment! Light Refreshments!
Happy New Year!

Youth Education

The Remembrance Day Poster and Prose Contest has concluded for another year. All five schools in our area competed with a total of 252 entries.

First Place entries will be sent on to the Zone level for evaluation taking place at the Simcoe Legion. Awards will be presented before the December 18th General Meeting.

Youth Chair. Peggy Taylor

Membership

The first two Early Bird winners were Wayne Jenkins and Wendy MacGowan. The third draw will be held in December for all who paid prior to November 30th.

Annual membership fees (\$46) are due by December 31st. You can renew your membership at the Branch or mail it to the Legion. Please note that it often takes almost a month for dues to be processed at Dominion Command. It would be wonderful if all our members were paid and we would not risk having members dropped from our roster because their dues were processed after the January cut off date.

Chair, Barb Taylor Gagne

For thought...

We are fortunate to have a very active and attractive Legion. We are often a gathering spot at times throughout the year. During Pumpkinfest, Raffles, Super Bowl and Grey Cup Parties, Golf Tourneys, BBQ's, Fish Fries ..., we are host to many guests.

These activities draw both Legion and non Legion participants. Regardless, we wish to greet each and every one with a smile and a genuine welcome.

If there is a guest, who is not familiar with our By Laws and Policies, it is the responsibility of the Bar Stewards to quietly remind anyone about the proper etiquette. We rely on them to carry out this duty and they do it consistently and they do it well.

The Editor

Break out of the Winter Blahs!

Winterlude 2015!

Dance, eat, socialize and tell
Old Man Winter to take a hike!

Be a true Canadian and
celebrate Winter,
not hide from it!

Saturday, February 14th,
with entertainment by
"A Touch of Sass"

