

## Branch #123 Waterford 2013-2015

### Executive

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Sports/Bulletin	Herb Taylor
Hall Rental	Barb Runions
Public Relations/Poppy	Norma-Jean Kennedy
Meat Raffles/Sick and Visiting	Bonnie Lemery
Meat Draws	Wayne Jenkins
Youth Education/T&F	Peggy Taylor
Training, Organizational Development Officer	Dian Landry

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President	Jane Postill
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2nd Vice President	Dianna Vranken
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Treasurer	
Sgt.-at-Arms	Mary Hipson
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Sports Officer	Marie Innes
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**“They serve till Death! Why not we?”**

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## President's Report

Happy New Year Comrades! If you remember the following quote throughout the upcoming year, you will pass through it just fine. "Seriously, if you woke up on the right side of the grass this morning, with a roof over your head and somebody who loves you, it will be a good year." I've taken this quote from the column of Gord Christmas, a contributor to the Simcoe Reformer. So true isn't it?

The Legion and the Community have lost too many Comrades over the past couple of months. Our thoughts continue to be with their families. Included in the group was another of our WW11 Veterans, Tom Wardlaw. Please read a presentation made by Tom to W.D.H.S. Students at a Remembrance Day Service several years ago. I found it within my files and I felt that its message should be preserved. It is displayed in the artifact cabinet.

There is still time to complete submissions for the next edition of the "Military Book of Recognition". In it you can ensure that your family member's or friend's contributions to our country are remembered. The applications are at the bar.

Organizers have lined up several upcoming seasonal events for your enjoyment. Regular monthly events have become part of many members' monthly routines, either as volunteers to help or attendees to support. Either way, we appreciate you and thanks in advance.

Two thousand and fifteen is an Election Year. May, or Election Month, is just around the corner. This is your club. Plan to ensure its growth by attending the meeting and help elect a strong, knowledgeable Executive. These electees will continue to promote Br.123 and ensure its progress and growth. By keeping the Mission of the Royal Canadian Legion foremost in their thoughts, they provide service, not for self, but for the Comrades in need, and truly represent the ideals for which our Comrades laid down their lives. Live, laugh, and love! Enjoy the next two months. Spring is just around the corner! Yeah!!

Yours in Comradeship, President Sharon

## Senior's Report

Spring is just around the corner, Seniors. That is, the Seniors' Spring Fling! It happens on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 2:00-4:00p.m. Put the date on your calendars now so that you won't forget. It's sure to be lots of fun and plans are already underway. Watch for more details in the April bulletin.

We hope that the winter is not delivering too many harsh blows to you and that you are able to enjoy some relaxing recreational activities. Keep happy and warm!

Sharon Anderson

## Membership

Congratulations to our Early Bird winners Wayne Jenkins, Wendy MacGowan and Ted Jenereaux. February will be "Show Your Card" month. Be proud of your membership and show it when asked. If you have yet to pay your 2015 dues, you will be required to sign in. Please keep in mind that when dues are received at the Branch, it takes almost one month for processing before Command completes all paperwork. If you do not receive the Legion magazine, it may be that your membership was not processed by Command by February 6<sup>th</sup>. Your receipt for paid dues will be honoured at most Branches. Chair, Barb Taylor Gagne

Break out of the Winter Blahs!

Put on a warm sweater and  
get ready to howl at...

**Winterlude 2015!**

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>,

with entertainment by  
"A Touch of Sass"

Wear red and white and give your  
sweety and early Valentine's gift.

Doors open: 7 PM, Music: 7:30 PM

Hor D'oeuvres between sets, Tickets \$20 at the Bar



## Bar Report

Hats off to those Br.123 Members who step up to the plate whenever necessary! Lately, some may have been asked to help out the Bar Staff who require assistance or Kitchen Staff who find some tasks a bit taxing. We do appreciate members who readily help out when requested to assist. Thank You!

Mandatory Health and Safety Awareness Training for employees, including our custodian, has taken place, as mandated by the Ministry of Labour. Many items included in a "Reminders" List have been reviewed and discussed by Bar Staff and Bar Committee Members.

Thank you, Members, who treat our staff, our comrades and our visitors in the way in which you would like to be treated. Thank you staff for treating our members, our comrades and our visitors in the same way. Thank you, Bar Committee Members who complete their assigned duties so efficiently. Bar Committee Members do a host of behind-the-scene tasks, such as, taking a regular inventory of supplies, purchasing and/or ordering canteen supplies, assisting in determining of alcohol needs for upcoming events and ensuring that all health and safety matters are addressed.

Please remember to allow our staff to do their job in the manner in which they have been instructed. While on duty, the Bar Steward(s) is(are) in complete control. Please respect them and their decisions.

Sharon Anderson, Bar Chair



### St. Patrick's Day Bash

Everyone is Irish today! Wear something green, drink something green and hopefully not feel too green the next day!

Party in the Club room with the "**The Shanigans**"

Irish, Celtic and down East tunes.

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

**(\$5 at the door)**

Draws, Prizes and great music

## We are on the Web!

Check out the Branch #123 web site often to keep up with events, news and pictures at [www.waterfordlegion.ca](http://www.waterfordlegion.ca)

## 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](mailto:nkennedy@bell.net).

Public Relations Officer Norma Jean Kennedy

## Nevada Report

The Nevada Committee met on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and following is a list of their recommendations (re: donations from this licence)

South Coast Special Needs Group	\$ 50
Waterford Minor Hockey	\$ 50
Fresh Air Fund (C.A.S.)	\$ 50
Waterford & District Community Fdtn.	\$ 50
Wednesday Night Suppers	
for shut-in Veterans &/or Members	\$ 132
Seniors' Foot Clinic	\$ 168
South Brant Youth Darts	\$ 250
Waterford Public Swim Program	\$ 350
Br.#123 Youth Public Speaking	\$ 550
R.C.A.F. WWII Memorial	
re: Local Veterans	\$ 200
Br123 Upgrades, Memorial Heating System	\$1500
Tricenturena Skating Club- Re: Ice Time	\$ 350
Waterford Lions Skate-a-thon for Kids-	
Re: Ice Time and Refreshments	\$ 200
Canadian Military Museum	\$ 200

The current licence began on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and is moving very quickly. Again, we thank those, who through your purchases, are responsible for these donations. These contributions would not be possible, without you.

Nevada Chair Ruth A. Masecar

## Zone B1 Sports

We are proud to report that our Cribbage Team ( Herb and Matt Taylor, Garry and Louise Turner) and our Dart Team (Ian Simpson, Scott Hooper, Greg Moses and Grant McDonald) were successful in Zone play and qualify to participate at the District B Tournaments.

If you are interested in participating in any or all of these tournaments below, please contact the Sport's Chair to be registered. Note: For District sports, contact the Chairperson for registration and to arrange fees.

Euchre	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Teeterville
Golf	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Caledonia. (Sundrim)
Mixed Darts	TBA	Delhi

Sport's Chair, Herb Taylor  
[taylorhe@hotmail.ca](mailto:taylorhe@hotmail.ca)



### Super Bowl Party!

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

## Honours and Awards

The "year pins" have recently been removed from the Bar. There are 19 left to be picked up and these will be available, upon request, until further notice.

The Committee will meet ,within the next month, to discuss future awards.

Honours and Awards Chair, Ruth A. Massecar



### Easter Meat Raffle

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in the Club Room  
at 4:00 PM  
Fun Food Prizes  
No Eggs!

## Youth Education

In December, we presented the Remembrance Day Poster and Prose contest winner awards to a full house. It was nice to see the support of the family members. This is encouraging for the program.

The month of January has been busy with preparations for the Public Speaking contest. It will be held on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Chair. Peggy Taylor

## Meat Draws

Christmas Meat Draw Thank-You

I would like to extend many thanks to everyone that helped out with and attended the Big Giant Christmas Meat Draw.

It was a great success and all your help and support was very much appreciated!

Upcoming Draws: February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chair, Wayne Jenkins

## News from the Front 1942

News from the sea was really quite good for the Royal Canadian Navy between late July and early September 1942. The fleet was sinking U-boats: two for sure in July by warships St. Croix and Saguenay and Wetaskiwin, maybe one or two more by Sackville, and Assiniboine's dramatic sinking of U-210 on Aug. 6.

These victories coincided with a period of quiet in inshore waters, especially in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Two more U-boat kills followed in the next four weeks. The final confirmed tally for the Royal Canadian Navy from July 24 to Sept. 1 was five U-boats destroyed, making those six weeks the best period for U-boat hunting in the navy's history.

But in a summer characterized by drama, the sinking of U-94 in the Caribbean on Aug. 28 is in a league of its own. It was an unusual place for a Canadian warship to sink a sub—a long way from the cold waters of the North Atlantic. The corvette responsible, His Majesty's Canadian Ship Oakville, had been escorting Canadian oil tanker convoys between Halifax and Aruba.