

Branch #123 Waterford 2013-2015

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Meat Draws	Wayne Jenkins
Youth Education/T&F	Peggy Taylor
Training, Organizational Development Officer	Dian Landry

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“They serve till Death! Why not we?”

**News Bulletin and Calender
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President's Report

Yes, Spring Has Sprung! The snow is disappearing, sap is running, eaves troughs are clear of ice (nearly), roof leaks are less frequent, spring/summer Legion happenings and rentals are being organized, and Br.123 is a beehive of activity. Keep track of everything by reading all the available information sources. Volunteer or attend, you'll be sure to enjoy yourself either way.

I hope you've survived this past winter in a better manner than our Br.123 building. It has leaked at this time of year for as long as many of us can remember. But this year has been the worst. Over the years, members have tried to discover the root of the many problems. Some have worked, some have not. An aging building with connections at various places from earlier years, along with an unusual roof slope with deep valleys have all added up to problems. Solutions continue to be put into effect in the hope that problems are eventually diminished. A huge "Thank You", to the members who have put forth much dedicated time and effort to assist in finding the solutions these past few weeks.

On a brighter note, our wish for a generator, to assist our members and our community in the event of an emergency, has now come to fruition. The financial generosity of the following have contributed to a healthy building account from which the cost of this item will be paid: members, community residents, Br.123's Ladies' Auxiliary, Nevada Sales Allowances and the many facility rentals. This wish has been ongoing for several years and we've established the funds independently as a team. Members, give yourselves a pat on the back. It belongs to all of us. We are ready, should we need it, all year round.

Spring means Convention Time. Executive Members will be attending conventions at District and Provincial levels, participating in making decisions on your behalf and gaining a wealth of information about new Legion initiatives.

As has been said in the past, if you are interested in learning more about the Royal Canadian Legion, to which you belong, attend the General Meetings, which are held bi-monthly on the 4th Thursday.

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Senior's Report

Spring Has Sprung! Seniors, let's put some *SPRING* in our *FLING* or *FLING* in our *SPRING*!

Please come to the annual, "**Seniors' Spring Fling**" on Thursday, April 30th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Did you know that it's **Fun to Be Fit**? Imagine that! Come and find out the "hows", the "whys" and "wherefores". It'll be another great time. All Seniors are invited!

Seniors' Officer, Sharon Anderson,

Entertainment Report

The Winterlude and St Patrick's Day Dance has come and gone. Several members and non members stepped up and went beyond the call of duty. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. They provided give away prizes, helped with tickets and were there to provide needed support. Thanks to your efforts that made the events a success.

Entertainment Chair, Charlie Lemery

Membership

Congratulations to our Early Bird winners Wayne Jenkins, Wendy MacGowan and Ted Jenereaux. 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. Your receipt for paid dues will be honoured at most Branches.

Chair, Barb Taylor Gagne

Get Your Fresh, Hand Made

L.A. Meat Pies

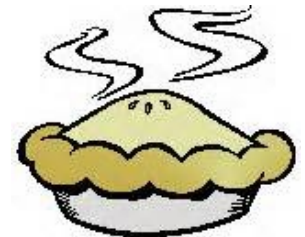
Turkey or Meat, Your Choice

Mix and match for only

\$3.00 per pie

Order at the Bar before April 25th

Pick up on May 2nd from 2-4 PM



Bar Report

We've kicked off spring in fine fashion at the Br.123's Bar. The bar revenues from our regular, extra and visitor functions have boosted our coffers in a healthy manner.

Hats off to our dedicated regular Bar Steward, who has worked extra hours and kept our bar operating smoothly and efficiently, throughout our recent changes. Hats off to our dedicated casual part-time Bar Stewards who have assumed extra shifts so that we could host the many visitor functions as well as club room shifts, which require extra hands. Kudos to our dedicated Member, who has stepped in to cover shifts so that Bar Staff could be recertified in First Aid. Hats off to our Members who willingly assist our Bar Steward who has been on light to moderate duty while her back recovers from a strain and fall. Thanks to All of You! These acts exhibit true Legion spirit.

A regular part-time Bar Steward has resigned and a new regular part-time Bar Steward has been hired. Please welcome her and continue to respect our Bar Stewards and their position and allow them to do their job in the manner in which they have been instructed.

Remember, concerns related to bar matters should be brought to the attention of the Bar Chair. Thanks for your co-operation in this.

Sharon Anderson, Bar Chair

Honours and Awards

The Honours and Awards Committee met recently and a list of recommendations has been sent forth for the Banquet in November of this year.

They include the following:

- 11 Certificates of Appreciation
- 5 Legion Service Medals
- 1 Life Membership

The Committee has also started a list of names for various awards for 2016 and these will be passed on to the next Committee.

Honours and Awards Chair, Ruth A. Masseur

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

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.

Public Relations Officer Norma Jean Kennedy

**If you are a Perch
be Afraid, very Afraid!
If you are a Perch Lover...
Be Happy, very Happy!**



The Legion is having a **Fish Fry!**
Saturday, May 23rd , @ 5:30 PM in the Pavilion.
Great food and entertainment by Pierre Maher

Nevada Report

The Nevada Committee recently met and the following are the proposed recommendations re: donations from this licence.

Southcoast 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	\$ 176
Seniors' Foot Clinic	\$ 216
Simcoe & District Youth Soccer	\$ 375
W.D.H.S. Band and Choir Trip	\$1539
Br. 123 Seniors' Community Spring Fling	\$ 500
Br. 123 Upgrades Memorial Heating System	\$1500

The current licence began on Feb. 15th. 2015 and is moving a little slower than the last one. As usual, we thank those, who through your purchases, are responsible for these donations.

Nevada Chair Ruth A. Masseur

President's Report, Con't

May, 2015, is an Election Year. Branch Elections will be held Thursday, May 7th, 2015, with the Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and the Elections at 7:30 p.m. Make sure you come and utilize your vote to elect the best individuals for the decision-making positions over the next two years. Don't forget to bring your signed membership cards with you.

Congratulations to Don Biggs, who has assumed the position of Zone B-1 Commander. At the February General Meeting, we presented Don with framed newspaper clippings of his Korean War Recognition, which was presented to him by the official representative of the Republic of South Korea. The presentation was at Br. 123 on Remembrance Day. Don is our only remaining Korean War Veteran. We're proud of you Don.

May 31st is the end of the Legion's fiscal year. May 31st, 2015 is the end of my fourth year as President of Br. 123. It has been a truly challenging, yet gratifying experience throughout. It has filled my being with lots of information, inspiration and motivation. I have decided to become the Past President to allow someone else to experience the President's position. Thank you to the Branch Executive and all other members for providing me with such an enjoyable opportunity to serve as your President. You are a group of dedicated diligent individuals, with a wealth of knowledge, wit, humour and generous caring hearts. You continue to contribute to the growth and progress of this amazing Legion branch.

THANK YOU!

Yours in Comradeship, President Sharon

Terry Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament



Clean up those special shoes, press your checkered pants, find your hat and be ready for a nice walk in the fresh air!

Interrupted occasionally by side trips into the bushes, fishing in the pond and many swings of a golf club!

Coming Soon. Call the Branch or watch for posters for further information.

A day of Great Fun!!!

Zone B1 Sports

We are proud to report that our Euchre Teams, whose members include: Peter and Michelin Roy, Grant McDonald, Darb Walsh, Jo Felker, Mike Danyluk, Rob Fletcher and Bob Kennedy, were successful in Zone play and qualify to participate at the District B Tournament in Milton on April 18th.

Next up will be the Zone B-1 Golf on May 23rd at the former Sundrim Golf Course hosted by Br 154, Caledonia.

If you are interested in participating in this tournament, please find a partner and sign the sheet in the Club Room Foyer or contact the Sport's Chair to be registered.

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

Sport's Chair, Herb Taylor

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Youth Education

The Zone B-1 Posters and Poetry were judged in Simcoe in November. Our representatives did well representing our Branch.

Here is a list who, what and how well they did.

- Sophie Werner (Black and White Poster) First Place, Honourable Mention at District
- Destiny Mayo (Colour Poster) Second Place
- Ruth Bilyk (Poster) Fourth Place
- Ethan Little (Poster)
- B. McKenna Campbell (Poetry)

Youth Chair. Peggy Taylor

Br. 123 Annual General Meeting and Election

Come at 6:30 PM for the Meeting to see how the last year unfolded and get a peak into our immediate future. At 7:30 PM, be part of the democratic process and help elect the new Branch Executive.

Thursday, May 7th, 2015