

## Branch #123 Waterford 2015-2017

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### Executive Committee

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**“They serve till Death! Why not we?”**

**News Bulletin and Calender  
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## President's Report

By the time that this newsletter is published, it will only be about 3 weeks until Christmas. Can time be moving quickly and standing still at the same time? I guess not. But sometimes that is the way I feel. Remembrance day has come and gone and we were very impressed by the Community's support. It was so gratifying to see young and old standing together. "Remembrance" on that day served to recognize and remember. It continues to be our goal to ensure that those who have served, are serving, or will be serving *shall never be forgotten!*

I was very proud of our Colour Party and any others who joined the marching Unit on that day. You all looked very impressive!

Our Banquet was also very successful with a full house. Special thanks is extended to the Ladies' Auxiliary for financing the meal, the cadets, who took coats and helped serve, the other servers, our members, and the kitchen crew. It was an awesome night. Congratulations to all, who received awards, for your many volunteer hours. Well deserved!

We now look forward to a busy December, with many events taking place for both the L.A. and the Branch.

Take time to join us for some comradery on Christmas Eve and don't forget the President's Levy on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Before I close, I would like to repeat something that I said on Remembrance Day. It is important that we remember all year round why our Veterans fought for our Country and that we carry the torch forward. To quote Winston Churchill, "It's no use saying we are doing our best, we've got to succeed in doing what is necessary!"

On behalf of the Executive and our members, have a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year!

President, Ruth Anne Masecar

## Poppy Report

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the Poppy Campaign. Without the Branch members and the Ladies Auxiliary members volunteering, the Campaign would not be possible. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Job Well Done, Many Thanks!

Norma Jean Kennedy, Poppy Chair

## We are on the Web!

Check out the Branch #123 web site at [www.waterfordlegion.ca](http://www.waterfordlegion.ca) for all of the latest pictures, events, news and more!

### Legion Brunch!

Delicious omelettes, pancakes,  
fresh homemade goodies!  
Next brunch is on Sunday, Dec13<sup>th</sup>



## Nevada Report

The Nevada Committee met on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and the following recommendations have been made re: donations from the permit, which began on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

\$50	South Coast Special Needs Group
\$50	Waterford Minor Hockey
\$50	Waterford & District Community Foundation
\$50	Fresh Air Fund ( C.A.S.)
\$77	Wednesday suppers for shut in veterans, members &/or spouses
\$280	Senior' Foot Clinic
\$1000	Norfolk General Hospital(echocardiography machine)
\$350	Waterford Public School Swim Program
\$350	Waterford Tricenturena Skating Club
\$200	Waterford Lions' Skate-a- thon (refreshments for kids)
\$250	South Brant Youth Darts
\$200	Army Cadet Unit 2853 RCAC
\$300	Alzheimer Society Haldimand Norfolk
\$500	McMaster Children's Hospital
\$300	The Children's Aid Christmas Party for youth under their care

As usual, thank-you to the many supporters of these donations. According to our Zone Commander, Waterford is the only Legion in Norfolk making money from Nevada. This is because of you, our valued members and patrons.

Nevada Chair, Ruth Ann Masecar

### President's Levee

Bring in 2016 in grand style at Br 123!  
Join us for a time filled with music, laughter  
and fellowship.  
Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, from 2:00-6:00 p.m.  
Entertainment! Light Refreshments!  
Happy New Year!

### Membership

Congratulations to the Early Bird winners - Peter Roy and Daniel Montross. Each will received a one year paid membership. Our 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.

Membership Chair  
Barb Taylor Gagné



### Super Bowl Party!

Come support your team and enjoy  
some great food and fun.  
Sunday, February, 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM.

### Public Relations

Please continue to put events in event book with any pertinent information.

Wishing Branch members and the Ladies Auxiliary members a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Public Relations Officer  
Norma Jean Kennedy  
**Zone B1 Sports**

If you are interested in participating in any or all of the events, sign the sheets in the Club Rm Foyer or email to be registered.

Darts	Jan	9 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Norwich
Cribbage	Jan	16 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Dunnville
Sr Darts	Jan	30 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Simcoe

Sports Chair, Herb Taylor  
[taylorhe@hotmail.ca](mailto:taylorhe@hotmail.ca)

### Big Christmas Meat Draw



"I am relieved to announce that there will be **no turkey** at this event? So please come to the Draw and make a lot of cows and pigs very nervous!"

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at  
3:00pm in the Front Hall and be  
the jolly person to put the gift of **NOT TURKEY** on the  
Christmas table.

### Senior's Report

The Seniors' Christmas Party is just around the corner. It's Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. At the time of writing, there are still spots left for Seniors to reserve. There will be lots of fun, music and food for everyone to enjoy. Santa and Christmas Pudding will make things just right!

Merry Christmas Seniors. May your days be merry and bright. Not only at Christmas but throughout the entire winter season as well.

Senior's Chair,  
Sharon Anderson

## Bar Report

Successful Busy Legion = Busy Bar Staff + Busy Volunteers + Supportive Members & Guests!

We're a busy bunch with a beehive of activities to organize, schedule and support. A busy Legion means a busy bar. Thanks to the Bar Staff and the many volunteers who must work as a team to make the many experiences hosted at Br.123 a success. Thank you to the Members who support the activities and their Club.

Respect and support are the two main ingredients which combine to result in a smooth, efficient and successful bar operation. Also, with a bit of patience and tolerance added in. This recipe for success would not work without the support and good will of the our Legion members and the Executive..

There are many changes in Bar Personnel. Please continue to support and respect the staff. They appreciate it and so do I.

Do bring your bar concerns to me personally, to be addressed

Bar Chair, Sharon Anderson



### New Years Eve Party

Bring in 2016 at the best party in town. Swing and sway to the sounds of our awesome band. Hats, noise makers, tasty food, snacks, and more!  
Get your tickets at the bar.

## Youth Education

November was a busy month with the Remembrance Day Poster and Prose Contest taking place on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations for 1<sup>st</sup> place to Kayley Turcotte, Ruth Bilyk, Rachelle Slote, Aubrey Howe, Sadie Harbin and Hannah Woodley. Their posters have been sent on to District level. All awards will be presented to the local winners on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 before the General Meeting.

A challenging task of judging was capably handled by Jo Donaldson, Barb Taylor-Gagne, and Louise Turner.

Youth Education Officer, Peggy Taylor

## Royal Canadian Legion Br. 12, Waterford

### Poppy "Trust" Fund Statement

Oct. 2014-sept. 2015

Br. 123, Waterford of the Royal Canadian Legion would like to thank the Community for their support during our 2014 Poppy Campaign. It is through the Publics donations that we are able to assist our Veterans and their dependants and support our seniors and Youth in our community.

Monies held in trust are disbursed according to the Legion's By-laws and as authorized in the Poppy Manual, published by the Legion Command. The following figures are evidence of the ways last year's donations were used.

Account Balance as of Oct. 1/2014	\$ 9,466.86
Donations from Poppy Campaign and other sources	\$ 8,879.83
<b>SUB-TOTAL FOR DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$18,346.69</b>
Campaign expenses	\$ 1,244.68
Ontario Command Poppy Fund	\$ 750.00
Ontario Command Charitable Foundation	\$ 250.00
District B Hospital Fund	\$ 500.00
Leave the Streets Behind {homeless Veterans}	\$ 1,000.00
Pads and battery for defibulator	\$ 281.06
Ontario Command Bursary Fund	\$ 250.00
Norview Lodge	\$ 2,500.00
Norfolk General Nursing Home	\$ 2,000.00
Stedman House Hospice	\$ 1,000.00
Simcoe Cadet Corp.	\$ 1,000.00
Juravanski Hospital and Cancer Centre	\$ 1,000.00
Veterans Christmas baskets and gift certificates	\$ 366.85
Youth Education	\$ 989.99
Total Disbursements and Expenses	\$ 13,132.58
Poppy Tr. Bank Balance as of Sept. 30/2015	\$ 5,214.11

Thank you for your support

Poppy Chair, Norma Jean Kennedy

## Honours and Awards

Congratulations to Ruth Anne Masecar for being presented with a Lifetime Membership in the Royal Canadian Legion.