

Branch #123 Waterford 2015-2017

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“They serve till Death! Why not we?”

**News Bulletin and Calender
August/September 2016**

President's Report

June and July are over. Luckily, July gave some of our members a well deserved rest. Now we head into a very busy August with a pig roast, corn roast and a perch fry ahead of us. Also, we have our Community Decoration Day on August 21st. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on this day. It gives us an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have passed and also our Veterans, for whom we owe so much. It always gives me a sense of pride, humbleness and awe, as I look at the Veterans' Plot, with the Canadian flags and the gladiolas. We Will Remember Them! Of course, we cannot forget the many other beautifully decorated plots throughout the Cemetery.

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, at Dominion Convention this past June, there was an approved a \$1.25 increase in the per capita for 2017 and again in 2018. Therefore we are looking at a tentative increase in our membership dues for the coming year. The resolution for category changes was defeated and therefore all categories will remain the same.

After much frustration and extra work on behalf of our By- Laws Officer, our Branch Regulations have been approved. As a result, all meetings (both Executive and General) will now begin at 7:00P.M. The Clubroom Rules have been revised and will be posted as soon as possible. Our next Annual/General Mt. will be an Annual and Election Mt. on the last Thursday in April (April 27th, 2017), as opposed to the first Thursday in May. Of course, according to our Regulations, a voting member, to be eligible for election to Office, must have attended a minimum of 50% of General Meetings , during the last year , prior to the Election Mtg. I might be reminding you of this for the next few Bulletins as there are only four General Meetings left in this term. We are looking for members to step up to the plate and take a leadership role.

On Saturday, July 23rd, our Branch entered a team in the Dragon Boat Races. It was our first attempt and for a very hot and humid day, we did extremely well! We won one of our heats but lost out on a medal in the final heat by 0.3 seconds. If there had been an award for the most and loudest cheerleaders, we would have won with no problem!

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Nevada Report

The Nevada Committee met on May 24th and the following are the recommended donations;

\$ 50	South Coast Special Needs
\$ 50	Simcoe C. A. S.
\$ 50	Waterford Minor Hockey
\$ 36	Wed. Night suppers (shut-in Veterans, members &/or spouses
\$ 200	Seniors Foot Clinic
\$ 250	“Y” Waterford Youth Group
\$ 500	PumpkinFest (Kid's Activity)
\$ 500	W.D.M.H.A. Team Sponsoprship
\$1000	Norfolk General Hospital
\$ 500	Senior's Fall Hoedown
\$ 500	Norfolk Senior Support
\$ 1000	Paris/Pt Dover Pipe Band

This license began on June 25th after the previous license was finished in 2 months and 10 days, a new record! Ticket sales are progressing very quickly and therefore our donations to the surrounding Community continue to increase.

We thank all individuals who purchase tickets, but especially our own members, who are the major contributors for these donations.

Nevada Chair,
Ruth Anne Masseur

We are on the Web!

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

Legion Brunch!

Delicious omelettes, pancakes,
and fresh homemade goodies!
Next brunch is on Sunday,
September 11th from 9:00 to 12:00



This fish is thinking, “I hope they have enough fish for the Perch Fry! I am not going to volunteer. Is that a hook? Let’s go look!”



The Legion is having a **Perch Fry!**
Saturday, August 27th, @ 5:30 PM in the Pavilion.
Note: Event pending as per the availability of Perch.

Membership

Dominion Command has set a price increase in our per capita tax effective September 1st, 2016 and another increase scheduled for 2017. The issue will be discussed at the August General Meeting of the Branch. At that time, our dues for the coming year will be set. The Early Bird Campaign starts September 1st and the payment of yearly dues will begin. All 2017 dues are payable by December 31st 2016.

Membership Chair,
Barb Taylor Gagné

Public Relations

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

Public Relations Officer,
Norma Jean Kennedy

Community Corn Roast

Grab some napkins and your cheesy corn cob spikes (look in the junk drawer) and come out to the Pavilion for some hot, fresh Norfolk County Corn.

Saturday, August 13th at 4:00 PM.



President’s Report Con’t...

The most important factor of the day was that it was a day of fun, with lots of laughter and comradery. Thank-you to all who participated in any way. It was an indication to the Community, what a unified group we really are!



Before I close, it was recently mentioned in a newspaper article, that the R.C.L. was becoming more of a “social club”. Yes, we do enjoy socializing with our comrades, but we are more than that. We must prove them wrong. We are, and will continue to be an Organization that remembers and recognizes our Veterans, past and present. We will also continue to support the Seniors and Youth in our community.

To all of our faithful volunteers, you are appreciated, necessary and vital to our existence and success. Thank- you all, on behalf of Br 123 and myself.

President,
Ruth Anne Massecar

Zone B1 Sports

Equipment to practice and play with are available at any time in the Kiln for horseshoes or Washer Toss. Ask the Bar Steward for the key.

Sports Chair, Herb Taylor taylorhe@hotmail.ca

Branch Regulations

Our Branch Regulations have been approved by Command. The major changes include a 7:00 p.m. start time for all meetings. There will also be an increase of \$7.00 for new member initiation fee. Clubroom rules have been modified as posted.

By Law Chair
Barb Taylor-Gagne



Go Hog Wild!
At the Legion Pig Roast and Party.
So oink it on over to the Pavilion on
Saturday, August 6th
and enjoy *Swine Dining!*
Tickets available at the Bar.

Senior's Report

Senior's Fall Hoedown is just around the corner. It will be on Thursday, September 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. It will be a toe-tapping, finger snapping, hand clapping good time. Let the word be heard and have a full house that day

Senior's Chair, Sharon Anderson

Br. 123 Golf Tournament at the Greens

Bring out the Plus Fours and your luckiest hat! It is Br 123 Golf time again. Prove your prowess with the chip and the dip!

Saturday, September 10th at
The Greens at Renton.
Registration at the Legion
Steak B.B.Q., & prizes.



It's What We Do!

Questions are asked about what the Royal Canadian Legion is, what it does and what it stands for? In this age of "information at your finger tips", it is not a difficult question to answer.

Go to Wikipedia and it will give you the facts. But more importantly, what does it mean to us at our local level?

We here in Waterford stand for all of the principles stated and at www.legion.ca (Royal Canadian Legion website). But we stand for a lot more.

We stand for Youth and Seniors. We stand for involvement in our community. We stand for charity. We stand by our neighbours in their times of need. We stand for those who may not be able to stand up for themselves or be heard..

Let's look at just one element. That is the charitable side of the organization. Here is partial list of the organizations that are recipients of donations from our branch (in no particular order), through Nevada and Poppy. The funds come from the hard work and generosity of our own Legion members and from community members at large. Their efforts help to keep the Legion viable, so that we can meet these charitable commitments..

Making a difference, one Poppy campaign, one Brunch, one Pig Roast, one Dinner, one Wing, one Golf tournament, at a time.

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| • W.D.M.H.A. | • Crimestoppers |
| • Camp Trillium | • Canadian Cancer Foundation |
| • Norfolk G.H. | • Public Speaking and Poster Contests |
| • Fresh Air Fund | • Simcoe & District Youth Soccer |
| • W.D.H.S | • NGH Nursing Home |
| • Waterford & District Community Foundation | • Crohn's and Colitis Foundation |
| • South Coast Special Needs Group | • Stedman's Hospice |
| • Norfolk Senior Support | • Juravinski |
| • Cemetery Board | • Tricenturena Skating |
| • Seniors' Foot Clinic | • Army Cadet Unit 2853 RCAC |
| • PumpkinFest | • H/N Alzheimer Society |
| • McMaster Children's Hospital | |