

## Branch #123 Waterford 2015-2017

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

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

Our regular events are back into full swing and we have a busy Autumn ahead of us. The events that we host cannot be done without you, our members. We are a volunteer, non-profit organization and our existence depends on all of us, not just a few.

Legion Week , which ended on September 24<sup>th</sup>, was brought to a historic end with the "Rockford Road of Heroes" dedication, held on the Lemery farm. There were over 200 in attendance and I have to say, it was a memorable experience for anyone who attended. Our Colour Party opened and closed the dedication and they looked as impressive as ever. This event was a clear representation of our most important mandate, which is to honour and support our Veterans, past and present. This day was exactly that !

Now, as we move into October, we hope that everyone has a good Thanksgiving with friends and family. On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> of that weekend, some of us will attend the Warriors' Day Parade held at the Rec Centre in Simcoe. Anyone is welcome to attend this event, which again pays tribute to our Veterans.

Right after that it will be our annual Pumpkinfest celebration with our usual activities. We are crossing our fingers for a good weekend in all aspects.

By mid October, we are speculating that the installation of our new furnace on the Hall side will be near completion. With that being said, it has become increasingly more evident that we need our members to have a voice at the General Meetings. Your input is of greater importance when Legion policy is being formed and voted on, rather than after decisions have already been made. The Chairs of all our Committees work very hard and need your support!

On October 28<sup>th</sup> , our Poppy Campaign begins. Remember that part of the oath that we all took when becoming a member, is to actively participate in the Poppy Campaign. This is one time that we shouldn't have to struggle to cover the shifts. Step up to the plate and be proud to be a member!

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## Nevada Report

The current license began on September 5<sup>th</sup> and it is already more than half completed. The Nevada Committee met on September 19<sup>th</sup> and the following are the recommended donations;

\$ 50	South Coast Special Needs
\$ 50	Simcoe C. A. S.
\$ 50	Waterford Minor Hockey
\$ 120	Wed. Night suppers (shut-in Veterans, members &/or spouses)
\$ 96	Seniors Foot Clinic
\$1000	Waterford Lioness- Christmas Project for area families
\$ 500	District B Track & Field
\$ 500	Salvation Army
\$1000	56 <sup>th</sup> Field Regiment- Vimy Ridge Celebration- France 2017
\$1000	St. Joseph's Lifecare- Stedman's Hospice
\$ 500	Flags- Veterans' Plot

Ticket sales continue to progress quickly and therefore our donations to the surrounding Community continue to increase. Our Legion appears to have the best Nevada sales in our Zone and that is because of our members , who support the program on a regular basis. Thank You for your continued support of these worthy charities.

Nevada Chair,  
Ruth Anne Masseur

### Mini Thanksgiving Draw



"Tom is looking pretty happy considering he is about to be raffled off!"

Here is your chance to take him home and have a ton of fun at the same time..

It happens at the Legion on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Let the good times roll!

## **We're 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!

## **Membership**

Did you know that your membership renewal supports Canada's largest veterans and community service organization? Your membership is important to the Veterans, Youth and Seniors served through our programs.

Annual membership fees (\$47.50) are due by December 31st. You can renew your membership at the Branch or mail it to the Legion. Dominion Command has set a price increase in our per capita tax effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and another increase scheduled for 2017. This will be reflected in your due fees.

There's still time to be included in the Early Bird free membership draws. Memberships paid before October 31st will be entered in the draws.

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

### **LA Pumpkinfest Brunch**



Get a delicious omelette! Grab a pancake with syrup, goodies and a beverage. Bring a table full and celebrate Pumpkinfest!  
Sunday, October, 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM or sold out.

## **President's Report Con't...**

November, brings Remembrance Day and the Honours and Awards Banquet. They happen to occur back to back this year. Invitations to the Banquet will be sent out by the end of October. Thanks to all who support the Legion, whether it be by volunteering, purchasing Nevada, or attending our functions. Every little bit helps. Every bit makes a difference!

President,  
Ruth Anne Masecar

## **Zone B1 Sports**

Equipment to practice and play with are available at any time. Horseshoes or Washer Toss are in the Kiln. Ask the Bar Steward for the key. Darts, cards and crib boards are available from the bar. Don't forget about the pool table!

Zone Sports are ready to kick off. Sign up sheets are in the foyer of the Club Room for Euchre, Cribbage and 8 Ball. Sign up your team early and enjoy.

Sports Chair, Herb  
Taylor  
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### **Grey Cup Party**

Sunday.  
November 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Food available at  
5:30 PM Game at  
6:30.  
Draws, and Fun



### **Legion Brunch!**

Delicious omelettes, pancakes, eggs, hash browns  
bacon and sausage, The works! And don't forget the  
fresh homemade goodies!  
Next brunch is Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00

## Senior's Report

As I write this report, plans for a Seniors' Fall Party are nearing completion and the party is about to begin! It'll be a toe-tappin', finger-snappin', hand-clappin' good time as all of our Seniors' parties seem to be.

There's also another one coming soon! On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. This will be our annual Seniors' Christmas Party. There will be lots of laughter and delicious finger foods and much good cheer! Starting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Sharon will take your names and reserve you a spot for this festive event. Please join us and make your Christmas totally complete.

Senior's Chair, Sharon Anderson  
519-443-7567



**Pumpkinfest is Upon Us**

The Legion has many events set to run over the weekend. Make your picks and party on!

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
Wings, Rings and Salad

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Meat Draw (3 pm) and  
Costume Ball (8 PM)

## Poppy Report

The Poppy Campaign is once again rapidly approaching. Your help with the campaign is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Remember the oath that you gave when you became a member of the Legion? Part of that oath was to participate in the Poppy Campaign,.

The sign up sheet will be at the bar. Campaign dates are October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Do **your part** to help with this campaign. The Poppy Trust helps fund Veterans and their spouses, as well as provide funds that are donated to causes in our community. Volunteer ribbons are available for members who do not have a uniform.

Poppy Chair, Norma Jean Kennedy

## Bar Report

As of this writing, I realize that Legion Week in Ontario is coming to a close. It's a great time to recognize the many volunteers within our Branch, some of whom make up the Bar Committee. They do many of the various tasks associated with keeping the bar running smoothly and efficiently. This includes; stocking the canteen and bar with many extra items other than alcohol, keeping an eye open for special prices pertaining to these goods, picking them up, doing a regular bar inventory, checking facts and figures, scheduling staff, and attending to bar issues and concerns. All of these form part of the long list of duties carried out by Volunteers. Thank you.

It's also an appropriate time to thank our Bar Staff. They are the best in the area, although I am a bit biased. They are a dedicated, co-operative, pleasant group with which to work. They keep our bar inviting and efficient. They all have individual strengths which they bring to our bar. Together, the volunteers and staff make an excellent team!

Sharon Anderson, Bar Chair

## Rockford Road of Heroes

On Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> a military ceremony, dedication and remembrance was held on the Rockford Road. This 3.2 km stretch will now be known as the Rockford Road of Heroes. That stretch of road was home to 27 men who served our country. Of those 27, 11 died in battles in the First or Second World Wars.

To recognize these men, a poppy metal tag will be located on the properties where they lived. Also, a 30' flag pole with insignias will stand on the property of Neil and Gale Lemery, the home to two of the soldiers.

The community and the Waterford Legion make it our duty to recognize the bravery and sacrifice made by so many. We must find every opportunity to recognize and show our respect to those who served.

The price of freedom is steep. As Remembrance Day approaches, it is timely and appropriate that we recognize the Rockford Heroes.

The Rockford Road of Heroes will add to our community's reminders of those who served..