

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

We have completed a very busy November. We hosted our regular events plus we concluded a successful Poppy Campaign. The Legion held the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony, had numerous school visitations and concluded with the Remembrance Honours and Awards Banquet. Both our Cenotaph service and the Banquet were well attended. A sincere thank-you to all who helped to make the day a success. This includes our Ladies' Auxiliary, who prepared the lunch on the 11th, as well as the Banquet meal. Our Colour Party looked impressive for all the events. You are the best!

Congratulations is extended to Barb Taylor Gagne, who received her "Life" membership on the night of the Banquet- an honour well earned!

During the week of Remembrance, we were saddened to lose one of our few remaining World War II veterans, Alex Thomson. It brings to mind, the importance of remembering, not just on one day, but every day. We must, as a Legion, carry the torch forward and to keep the memories of our Veterans alive. We Will Remember Them!

December brings another busy month with several Hall bookings for Christmas parties, as well as some of our own special events. These include our Seniors and Children's Christmas parties and the New Year's Eve Dance.

A reminder, that a voting member, to be eligible for election to Office, must have attended a minimum of fifty percent of the general Meetings during the last 12 months. Therefore, anyone planning to run for a position on the Executive at the end of April has exactly three more opportunities. We are always looking for new people with fresh ideas. As a volunteer organization, we can't continue to exist without you!

As this will be the last Bulletin prior to Christmas, may I take this opportunity to wish all of our members and community supporters, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the President's Levy on January 1st.

President, Ruth Anne Masecar

Nevada Report

The License, which was started on September 5th was completed on November 17th. This one again moved very quickly, being completed in 2 ½ months. The Committee will meet in the very this month to decide future donations. Our members and other participating individuals should be proud of their donations that have made a difference for local charitable community groups..

\$50	South Coast Special Needs Group
\$50	Waterford Minor Hockey
\$50	Fresh Air Fund (C.A.S.)
\$144	Wednesday suppers for shut in veterans , members &/or spouses
\$160	Senior' Foot Clinic
\$199	MYFM Poinsettia Program for Nursing Home
\$250	Waterford Public School Nutrition Program
\$350	Waterford Tricenturena Skating Club
\$550	Senior's Christmas
\$550	Kid's Christmas
\$500	Army Cadet Unit 2853 RCAC
\$250	WDHS Breakfast Club
\$500	Special Olympics Simcoe
\$500	Salvation Army
\$400	Public Speaking
\$110	Provincial Public Speaking Certificates

Nevada Chair,
Ruth Anne Masecar

We're on the Web

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



Super Bowl Party!

Come support your team and enjoy some great food and fun.

Sunday, February, 5th , 3:00 PM.

Last Post

THOMSON, Alexander (Alex) Bruce – Peacefully at Brantford General Hospital on Monday November 7, 2016, of Waterford in his 100th year. Beloved husband of the late Muriel (Kernaghan). Dear father of Dorothy (and Albert) Cloet, David (and Anne), Bruce (and Sharon). Proud Grandpa of Renee (and Brien), Jeff (and Pauline), Mike (and Jayme), Stephen (and Karen), Darryl (and Michelle), Tracey (and Jeff); great grandchildren Garret, Nathan, Travis, Teran, Kyle, Rachel, Alexis, Tyler, Alex, Braydon, Abigail, Emma, and Jackson. Brother of Cameron. Predeceased by parents John and Margaret, sister Beth Edwards and great grandson Ryan Walker. Alex was a World War 2 veteran, a Life Member of Waterford Legion Branch 123 and a Charter Member of Independent Order of Forresters.

We Will Remember Them!

Membership

Congratulations to our Early Bird winners of paid memberships to Associate Member, Elizabeth Corewin and Ordinary Member Jack Anthony.

Annual membership fees (\$47.50) are due by December 31st. You can renew your membership at the Branch or mail it to the Legion. Most membership cards are available within days. Those who paid after the cut off date last year must be forwarded to Command for processing and that may take a month or more to be returned. 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 cut off date.

Membership Chair,
Barb Taylor Gagné

Legion Brunch!

Delicious omelettes, pancakes, eggs, hash browns bacon and sausage, The works! And don't forget the fresh homemade goodies!

Public Relations

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

Public Relations Officer,
Norma Jean Kennedy

Zone B1 Sports

Feeling sporty! Darts, cards and crib boards are available in the bar. Just ask the Bar Steward. 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.

Regular Darts	Jan, 7 th	Delhi
Mixed Darts	Jan 14 th	Port Rowan
Sr Darts	Jan 21 st	Cayuga

Sports Chair, Herb Taylor
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Senior's Report

On Sunday, December 4th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., the annual Seniors' Christmas Party is happening. There will be lots of laughter and delicious finger foods and much good cheer! Reservations are being recorded at the time of writing this report.

There may be a few spots left if you want to come. Call Sharon at 519-443-7567 Merry Christmas to you all!

Senior's Chair, Sharon Anderson



New Years Eve Party

Bring in 2017 at the best party in town. Swing and sway to the sounds of our awesome music. Hats, noise makers, tasty food, snacks, and more!
Get your tickets at the bar.

Poppy Report

Thanks to all of the members of the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary for making the Poppy campaign a success. Your participation in the campaign is appreciated. Without members volunteering their time, the campaign would not be possible

Poppy Chair, Norma Jean Kennedy

Bar Report

Constructive suggestions for contributing to the smooth and efficient operation of the Br.123 Bar are always welcome, We also welcome canteen item ideas. All concerns are addressed and problems are solved as soon as the Bar Chair is informed. We aim to please our patrons.

Thank you for respecting our Bar Staff and treating them in a cordial manner. Thank you for letting them do their job in the way in which they've been asked.

May all your wishes be granted this Christmas!

May your New Year be merry and bright!

Sharon Anderson, Bar Chair

President's Levee

Bring in 2017 in grand style at Br 123!

Join us for a time filled with music, laughter
and fellowship.

Sunday, January 1st, 2017, from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Entertainment! Light Refreshments!

Honours & Awards

Congratulations to Barb Taylor- Gagne on receiving her Life Membership and also to those who received Branch Medals and Appreciation Certificates at the Awards Banquet.

Membership year pins were passed out to those present and anyone who has a pin coming to them can get it at the bar. The list of names is included in this bulletin.

Honours & Awards Chairman John Toms

Honours and Awards

Ordinary	Yr	Shawn Hare	20
Art Strugnell	45	John Hayes	20
Robert Kennedy	35	Ken Holder	20
Ian Birnie	20	Deb Kitchen	20
Stephen Chadwick	15	Chris Vinnai	20
Mike Koski	10	Jason Anderson	20

Associate

Mike Danyluk	45		
Sheldon Morgan	40		
Tom Sweich	40	Rebecca Swedo	15
Annette Vandendriessche	40	Barb Taylor-Gagne	15

Pat Harvey	35	Donald Gareth	10
Grant MacDonald	35	Dennis Nielsen	10
Sharon Pellow	35	Charles Sawyer	10
Ron Richards	35	Kelly Steinhoff	10

Daniel Bonin	30	<u>Affiliates</u>	
Pat Gareth	30	Ruth Anne Masecar	15
Robert Hall	30	Maurice Pohoresky	15
Lindy Kalar	30		
John Kenny	30	Brian Bennett	10
BW Korobka	30	Kathi Giles	10
Sandra Smith	30	Ryan Kozicki	10

Janice Gunn	25	Greg McKenzie	10
Bruce Howard	25	Stan Pajor	10
Charlene Mackie	25	Dave Thompson	10
Scott McCulligh	25	Marlene Thompson	10
Darlene Smith	25		
Annie Zaluski	25		

Youth and Education Report

Our Remembrance Day Poster and Poetry entries have judged. The first place winning entries have been sent on to the Zone and all of the winners have been notified. The Awards will be presented at the Legion prior to Branch General Meeting on December 15th at 6 PM. The best entry will be framed and hung in the Legion for 1 year, Check it out in January!

Youth and Education Chair, Peggy Taylor