

Branch #123 Waterford 2017-2019

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“They serve till Death! Why not we?”

**News Bulletin and Calender
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President's Report

The busy period of Remembrance has passed and overall, everything went well. We had a successful Poppy Campaign and an excellent turn out for the Remembrance Day Service and Banquet.

One thing that meant a lot to many of us is that, after the Service on the 11th, most of the Colour Party went to visit Don Biggs in the hospital. As our only Korean Veteran, a Past President of the Branch and Past Zone Commander, it only seemed appropriate that we visit him on this Special Day. He was very surprised, but also very pleased that we took the time to *remember*.

The following week, on November 17th, many of us visited Don again to see him receive the Canada 150 Medal. There were 150 medals presented throughout Haldimand -Norfolk. We were very proud for Don, that he was one of the recipients. It is well earned. Let it be known to all, that Branch 123 does know what a Veteran is, past, present or future! We honour and respect them all.

We now enter into another busy time with Christmas and New Year's fast approaching. There are several catered events for both the L.A. and the Branch. With that, we need several volunteers. If we neglect to call you and you want to volunteer, please call. We need new and younger people to start to take over the reins.

President's Levee

Bring in 2018 in grand style at Br 123!
Join us for a time of comradeship and laughter

On December 24th, we will enjoy some comradeship and snacks, in the Clubroom, before the 6:00 P.M. closing.

New Year's Eve tickets are available at the Bar and we hope that we can bring in the New Year with a good group of comrades and friends.

On behalf of the Executive and our members, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year!

President,
Ruth Anne Masecar

Nevada Report

The license, which began on September 15th, is about ¾ completed. Sales have diminished a little in the last month. It is predicted that this license should be finished in another month and then the Committee will survey the several requests for donations that have already been received.

As usual, we thank all who support this program and in turn, support many Community Groups.

Nevada Chair,
Ruth Anne Masecar

Your Legion at Work

Did you know that, in 2016, Ontario Legions:

- Poppy Fund granted \$800 814.39 to ex service personnel and Dependents
- Plus \$306,000 to Veteran's Programs
- Spent \$1.3 million on medical equipment and research
- Spent \$341,000 supporting Senior outside of Veteran's programs
- In co operation with the L.A. Charitable Foundation, donated \$499 000 to community organizations
- Supported Student Bursaries to the sum of \$232 500
- Through the Poppy Trust, added \$666.300 to the student bursary amount
- Through the Poppy Trust, donated \$5.3 million to other community partners
- Support Scouts, Guides, Army/Air/Sea Cadets and other youth programs with over \$1.6 million in funding
- Donated \$1.6 million to local community projects
- Supported 500 Homeless Vets through the "Leave the Streets Behind" program with \$1.55 million
- Donated over 422 000 volunteer hours through the efforts of 6 650 volunteers
- Branches offered 26,400 free rentals of facilities to community groups

Youth Education


The Poster and Prose contest has been judged. Our adjudicators had a major task assessing 236 posters and poems from the five area schools. The first place winners have been prepared to go on to the next level of judging. Letters to the winners have been delivered. The presentation of the awards will take place on December 21st at 6:00 PM. before the General Meeting
Youth Education Chair, Peggy Taylor

Zone B1 Sports

Posted in the foyer are the sign up sheets for Regular and Senior Darts. The Sr. Darts will be held at Br 123, so it is a great opportunity to participate.

Watch for postings in the foyer of the Club Room and on line at www.waterfordlegion.ca . This year you can click a link on the web page and post your intension to participate on the spot. Couldn't be easier.

Sports Chair, Herb Taylor taylorhe@hotmail.ca



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New Years Eve Party
Dance like no one is watching!
Bring in 2018 at the best darn party
in town. Jiggle and jive to the
sounds of our awesome music.
Hats, noise makers, tasty food,
snacks, and more.
Ride Home- Courtesy of Blue Star Ford.

Poppy Report

Comrades : The Poppy campaign was a success thanks to the many volunteers from the Branch and the LA. We also need to recognize the community for their generous donations.

Without our selfless volunteers, the Campaign would not be possible. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year.

Poppy Chair, Norma Jean Kennedy

Artifacts

The Branch has received a number of donations recently as well as requests to unearth the history surrounding items in people's possession. These items will be first put on display at each of our general meetings and then eventually worked into displays in the artifact cabinets.

Artifacts Chair , William J.S. Arthur

Senior's Report

At the time of writing this report, I am waiting with anticipation for the annual Seniors' Christmas Party. I will be putting all the finishing touches on the party details this week. Volunteers are in place. It's Sunday, December 3RD at 2:00 p.m. There'll be *fun, music, draws and festive finger foods!*

Reservations are required. Call Sharon at 519-443-7567 ASAP
Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!
Any Senior requiring "Foot Care" assistance should contact Sharon at 519-443-7567.

Senior's Chair, Sharon Anderson



Children's Christmas Party
An easy way to babysit the grandchildren or any children you think need tending.
Bring them to the Br 123 Christmas party and turn them loose. They will be well entertained and eventually probably pretty wound up.
Take them home and mission complete.
Sunday, December 17th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Honours and Awards

Year pins are available at the bar.



Super Bowl Party!

Don't be a Charlie Brown. Make the perfect kick and join your friends at the party. Enjoy some great food, great fun and a great game. Sunday, February, 4th

Membership

Do you have your new Legion membership Card? If your dues are paid and you do not, please ask the bar steward for your card. Annual membership fees (\$48.50) are due by Dec. 31st. If you need to renew your membership, it can be done at Br123 during regular hours or mailed to the Legion. Many membership cards are available within days.

Membership Chair, Barb Taylor-Gagne

Veteran's Services

There has been an increase in activity with requests ranging from driveway clearing to procuring eye glasses. The paper work is in motion. Again, connecting clients to support personnel is the main service we are providing.

Hospitalized veterans enjoy visitors and it is during these visits that wishes are often expressed. If during visits you become aware of any needs please pass them along to me. Not everything we do is monumental to us, but sometimes a veteran just needs a cheese burger with relish and mustard to make life a little more bearable. This particular request may not be listed in the benefits book but we do it because it is the right thing to do.

Veterans' Service Officer

William J.S. Arthur



LA Chili Cook Off

Stir your way to the crown of Chili King or Queen of Br 123 Sat. January 20th

Public Relations

If you are in charge of an event, please remember to put pertinent information in the event book at bar.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Public Relations Chair,

Norma Jean Kennedy

Senior's Christmas Party



Calling all Seniors. It's time to gather for a Yuletide Fest that will get the blood flowing and the spirit lifted. Be sure to register to save your spot on Santa's knee.

519-443-7567

Bar Report

The bar at Br123 continues to function well. Day to day activities and extra events operate smoothly with the co-operation between the staff and membership.

There are times when the Bar Staff must be prepared for larger than usual crowds and they do a fantastic job reacting to a difficult situation. Thank you also to our members for their patience. At times, the Staff are asked to work unscheduled shifts due to emergency situations and they willingly step up. Often, they take on extra tasks independently to make our bar a better place. Our sincerest thanks to them for their initiative..

Members, we appreciate your support of the bar and assisting us in making it an environment that is pleasant and inviting for members and guests.

Please contact the Bar Chair if you have any concerns.

May everyone at Br 123 have a merry and bright Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bar Chair, Sharon Anderson