

Branch #123 Waterford 2017-2019

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Padre	Rev. A. Burr
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“They serve till Death! Why not we?”

**News Bulletin and Calendar
February/March 2018**

President's Report

The busy month of December is over and some of us have had a little breathing room during the month of January.

We look forward to 2018 with hope and positive optimism for another successful year. With that being said, we will be closely monitoring all aspects of our finances (both revenue and expenditures). The new minimum wage, which came into law on January 1st, is going to have a major impact on us and we will have to look at all options pertaining to Legion operations.

As this term progresses, we are hoping for new volunteers to step forward and help carry the load. Remember that when you volunteer for an event, there is comradery involved, which makes the task more enjoyable.

We also have to start our succession planning for a new Executive in 2019. Without a Senior Executive in place, there will be no Legion. Remember, if you are to stand for an Executive position, you must have attended 50% of the meetings within the last year. Since the elections will be at the end of April, 2019, there are seven General Meetings left, of which you must have attended three, unless you count the Annual Meeting, the night of the Elections.

We welcome our new Padre, Rev. Allan Burr to our Executive and we have faith in his guidance. We wish Rev. Hahn and his wife Sandra the very best in their retirement. Although I know Rev. Hahn will always be a part of this Legion.

As the new year begins, as always, our Veterans, seniors and youth in our community continue to be our priority. When I say Veterans, it is past, present and future Veterans!

President,
Ruth Anne Masseur

Right to Privacy

Branch 123 is proud of our Members and shows it on the Membership Board in the Clubroom foyer.

As an individual it is your choice to have your name posted. Should you wish to have your name removed, please contact the Legion at 519-443-5123 and leave a message for Membership.

Nevada Report

The Nevada Committee met on January 10th and the following recommendations were made re: donations from this license:

\$50	South Coast Special Needs Group
\$50	Waterford Minor Hockey
\$50	Fresh Air Fund (C.A.S.)
\$24	Wednesday Suppers (Veterans-Legion Shut-ins)
\$200	Seniors' Foot Clinic
\$250	Lions Skate-a-thon for Area Schools
\$200	Special Olympics (Simcoe)
\$1105	Waterford St. Bernard's School Trip
\$1000	Stedman Hospice
\$200	Waterford Public School Nutrition Program
\$250	Army Cadets, 2853- Simcoe
\$400	Public Speaking Contest
\$400	Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Grand Erie

As always, we thank all who participate in our Nevada sales. You can see that your donations are helping many in our community.

Nevada Chair, Ruth Anne Masseur

SENIORS' SPRING FLING!

It's time to *celebrate* at the Annual Seniors' Spring Fling.



Come out and join in as we fete Br 123 on its
90th Anniversary.
"CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF BRANCH 123"
It's a "Come As You Like Party", with entertainment,
a fashion show, food and fun!
THURSDAY, MARCH 29th
200-4:00 p.m.

It' Time!

Yes it's time for all our wonderful and loyal Br 123 members to check you wallets and purses. Do you have your new membership card? When you have paid your 2018 dues, you will receive a new permanent card. If you are paid up, it will be at the bar waiting for pick-up. If you are not, it's time. Your Membership is important to you, your Branch and your Community.

February is, "Show Your Card" month at Branch 123.

Be Proud to show your card when asked.

Zone B1 Sports

Congratulations to our Darts teams. Our Regular Darts team has qualified to move on to Zone as did our Senior team. Waterford hosted the Senior Tournament in late January and qualified 3 singles, 2 doubles and a 4 man team. We are very proud of the participants, Tom, Mike, Ian and Scott for representing us so well. Good luck to all who are moving on to the Zone.

Next big event that members should consider is the Zone Golf tournament to be held on June 9th in Dunnville at Freedom Oaks. 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 intention to participate on the spot. Couldn't be easier.

Sports Chair,

Herb Taylor taylorhe@hotmail.ca



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, prizes and a great game.
Sunday, February, 4th

Artifacts

The latest items we have received are a bugle and a ring bayonet. We have, as of yet, no history to go with these items. One item has been relocated to accommodate a request by a member. The individual pointed out that a World War I item was in a cabinet focussing on World War II. I mention this primarily because it is proof people do study these displays. Also, because it gives satisfaction and joy to the individual who has participated in the movement of the artifact.

Our current focus is on locating pictures of veterans whose service and sacrifice will be acknowledged on a plaque erected in the community.

Artifacts Chair,

William J.S. Arthur

Senior's Report

Have you noticed that days are getting longer? That means spring is coming! That means the annual Seniors' Spring Fling is also coming soon. It's Thursday, March 29th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

This time it's a celebration! We will be celebrating Br.123's **90th Anniversary!** All Seniors are invited to the party. Plans are already underway with party entertainment already confirmed.

It's a "COME AS YOU LIKE" Party. So please come in your Sunday best or your Thursday worst. Come however you'll feel most comfortable. You'll be sure to have a wonderful time!

Any Senior requiring "Foot Care" assistance should contact Sharon at 519-443-7567.

Senior's Chair,

Sharon Anderson

Honours and Awards

Year pins are still available at the bar.

Honours and Awards Chair,

John Toms

Membership

Our total membership is 413. Of that number, 321 have paid their 2018 dues, and 92 are unpaid. Dues for 2018 are payable by the end of January to maintain membership in good standing. February will be "Show Your Card" month. Be proud of your membership and show it when asked. If you have yet to pay your 2018 dues, you may be asked to sign in. Membership cards that have been processed are available in the clubroom.

Membership Chair,
Barb Taylor-Gagne

Veteran's Services

No new requests for assistance have come forward this month. A training session will be held in March and it should provide value. Two of the goals there will be to further streamline services being offered and to share "best practices" that are being used already but not necessarily by all Branches.

Veterans' Service Officer,
William J.S. Arthur

Public Relations

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

Public Relations Chair,
Norma Jean Kennedy

Br 123 Public Speaking

The best speakers from our local schools will be giving it their all to be the best at our annual competition. Winners at this event go forward to share their gifts and shine a light on the amazing skills of our local youth.
Sunday, February, 25th at 12:00 pm.

Bar Report

There have been many changes made to Ontario's Employment and Labour Laws. This has been big news, related through the many media sources. The increase in minimum wage and expanded personal emergency leave are two of the many changes. With Canada's economy continually changing, the new legislation is meant to create more opportunity and security for employees. These changes also result in financial challenges for the workplace and employers.

The month of January has been spent analysing costs and revenue associated with our Bar, as well as in other areas in our Branch. If changes must occur, you will be given fair notice of what these changes are and how they will impact our members. Winter months traditionally evidence slower financial times with fewer visitors and thus lower income. This winter has been no different. However, the regular events in both the Front Hall and in the Club Room have helped to provide us with survival income.

Members, we thank you again for supporting our Bar and assisting us in making our Bar environment pleasant and inviting for ourselves and our guests.

Please contact myself with any bar concerns.

Bar Chair, Sharon Anderson

St. Patrick Needs You!

Have a yen for green beer, doing an Irish Jig like no one is watching and eating corned beef and cabbage!

You are in luck. Come out to Br 123 on Saturday, March 17th and enjoy the good times and listen to the entertainment provided by
"Spinster Jones"

Note: No pipe smoking or corned beef and cabbage will be allowed

