

Branch #123 Waterford 2017-2019

Executive

President/Nevada/Sick and Visiting	Ruth Anne Masecar
Past President/Seniors/Bar	Sharon Anderson
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3 rd Vice President/Veteran's Services/Artifacts	Bill Arthur
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Deputy Sgt.-at-Arms	Henry Zalefski
Secretary/Membership/Bylaws/ LA Liaison	Barb Taylor-Gagné

Executive Committee

Treasurer	Anne McSherry
Sports/Bulletin House	Herb Taylor Garry Turner
Youth Education/T&F	Peggy Taylor
T.O.D/Co Membership	Louise Turner
Pavillion and Grounds	Wayne Lyons
Hall Rentals	Barb Runions
Web Master	Matthew Taylor
Padre	Rev. A. Burr
Entertainment	Chad Sandison

Ladies' Auxiliary Executive

President	Mary Hipson
1st Vice President	Sharon Whitehead
2nd Vice President	Lynda LaPlante
Secretary	Abby Gerber
Treasurer	Elaine Woloshyn
Sgt.-at-Arms	Ann Kerr
Sick/Visiting Convenor	Evelyn Babineau
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“They serve till Death! Why not we?”

**News Bulletin and Calendar
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President's Report

The current Executive is now entering its last year of this term. They continue to work hard to make this a successful and viable Branch. But it takes more than the Executive---it takes members. We appreciate any and all support given, whether it be time or by attending an event.

Just a reminder that during the next 11 months, you must attend at least 3 General Meetings in order to be eligible to run for the Executive. The elections take place the 4th Thursday in April, 2019. Please take the time to attend and be a part of the decision making. This Legion belongs to all of us and therefore, the more individuals we have making decisions—the better!

Beside our regular and catered events, we are now well into the planning of our **90th Anniversary on July 28th**. The day will start off at **12:30 PM, at the Veterans' Plot** with the **planting of a Vimy Tree**. This tree was donated to us by the "Norfolk Remembers Committee" and will serve as a link to those who have served, are serving or may serve. *We Will Remember Them!* This will be a seedling from some original acorns brought back by a returning Veteran who fought at Vimy Ridge. There is no better place to plant this than beside and overlooking those who served in all wars.

After the tree planting, we will **return to the Branch** to continue on **with our 90th celebrations, which will take place in the Veterans' Pavilion**. A special thank-you is extended to the Ladies Auxiliary for supplying the goodies and also to the Committee members who have given of their time to plan this special day.

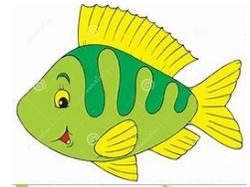
Another project on the go is the Veterans' Memorial Plaque. This project was also proposed by the Norfolk Remembers Committee. The goal is to put a name and a face to all who served in W.W.I and II and who did not return. It is a way of publicly honouring those brave men and women, who did so much for their Country. There have already been plaques erected in Pt Dover and Delhi. We are hoping to be able to fund this project ourselves. The suggested location is down by the trail so that it will get more exposure to the General Public.

Thank-you to all, President, Ruth Anne Masecar

Perch Fry

He won't be smiling, but you probably will. Get ready to enjoy Lake Erie Perch.

Coming to a plate near you.
Served Saturday, June 2nd from
5:30-6:30 in the Pavilion.
Entertainment in Club Room by
"Emptee Hours" from 7-10PM..



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 license, which began on March 13th is very close to completion. The donations were previously listed in the last Bulletin. The Committee will meet, as soon as this license is completed to discuss future donations. We have one of the most active Nevada programs in the County and we are very proud of the donations we have been able to make. To all of you who purchase Nevada, "Thank-you". You are making a difference.

Nevada Chair, Ruth Anne Masecar

August Br 123 Golf Tournament

Put it into your calendar now!

August 25th at the Greens

Zone B1 Sports

Remember to enjoy some outdoor activity at the Legions by borrowing some horse shoes or washer toss and play in our roomy backyard.

Sports Chair, Herb Taylor taylorhe@xplornet.ca

Senior's Report

Hope everyone who attended the "Spring Fling Celebration" had a wonderful time! I know the Volunteers did!

Please remember to celebrate more with us at Br.123's 90th Anniversary on July 28th at the Veteran's Plot in Greenwood Cemetery. There will be a Vimy Oak planted at 12:30 PM and then back at the Legion, in the Pavilion, there will be a grand celebration at 2:00 p.m. After all, it was you Seniors who contributed to the establishment of this wonderful Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion! Thank-you and enjoy the summer season!

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

Senior's Chair, Sharon Anderson

FATHER'S DAY CHICKEN B.B.Q.

No more ties, socks or golf tees!
Give Dad what he really wants.



Great food, a cool beverage and the kids picking up the tab!
Sunday, June 17th
Come "Celebrate Dads"
Tickets at the bar for only \$14
Serving from 5:30 p.m.
Draws for Dad's Only.

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

Last Brunch of the Season!

Delicious omelettes, pancakes,
fresh homemade goodies!

Next brunch is on Sunday, June 10th



Bar Report

The Pavilion is open for business for another season. The summer is shaping up to be a busy one, both inside and out! Hope you can join in the fun as much as possible.

Bar Staff are being trained in the Food Handlers' Course, as mandated. Re-certification for First Aid and CPR is also happening, as required.

Enjoy your summer and relax at the branch whenever you can. It's usually a "fun" place to be!

Members, 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

Dragon Boat 123 Sails Again!

Come out July 21st and support our team. Have a wonderful day at the water with family to cheer on our crew for a great cause. (Sorry Tommy, you can't jig for bass during the race!)



Honouring Veterans is our duty

In today's fast-paced world, it can be easy to take our way of life for granted, and forget what so many men and women sacrificed for our freedoms. Remembrance initiatives remind us to take time to honour those who have dedicated their lives to serve our nation.

The Remembrance Day Ceremony has played a major role in Remembrance since 1931. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen. Together, we observe a moment of silence to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of their country, and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve.

A Proud History

In 1948, Branch 123 took up residence at their new location at 91 St. James. The building, which housed the Legion, was purchased by Branch 123 from a Mrs. MacDonald, thus it was often referred to as, "Ol' MacDonald House".

The Club Rooms were known as Waterford and Townsend Memorial Hall. Many improvements were made to the building to provide a Club Room and a Hall. It was the hard work and the dedication of the many members who contributed countless volunteer hours during the, "Work Days for Members" that turned the house into the Legion Home.

Comrade A.G. Mayers was the first President at St. James Street, from 1948-1949. In 1950, Comrade George Mayers and Frank Atkinson donated a propeller and block which is still proudly displayed and used in the Memorial Hall today.



Bernice Bell
1949, 1950



A momentous meeting occurred on July 10th, 1950, when a motion was made that a toilet be installed in the hall immediately. The motion was carried and permanent porcelain became a welcomed fixture to this day!

(Pictured are the Legion and Auxiliary Presidents in 1949)

Serving those who served

Founded by Veterans and for Veterans, the Legion is devoted to supporting the men and women who served our country and put their lives on the line for our freedom and way of life.

- Assistance with Veterans Affairs Canada
- Adjusting to civilian life
- Financial assistance
- Mental health and PTSD
- Homeless Veterans

CHRISTMAS in JULY!

We have decided to celebrate early

Sunday, July 8th, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Turkey Dinner & All the Fixin's for \$14

Tickets in Advance at the Bar

Serving dinner at 5:30 p.m.

"Everything Christmas"

Christmas Shop! Draws! Festive Fun!



CAN YOU HELP?

If you have Christmas items which you don't use anymore and they're still in good condition, please leave them at the Bar, labelled "Sharon." We will use them in our Christmas Shop at "Christmas In July."

Santa will remember you. Thanks.

The Legion Story

The Royal Canadian Legion has a long history of proudly supporting Veterans. When the First World War came to an end, numerous Veterans groups and regimental associations representing former service members were created. Despite their shared goals, efforts were fragmented and unsuccessful.

An appeal for unity led to the formation of the Dominion Veterans Alliance and, in Winnipeg in 1925, the Legion was founded as "The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League." It was incorporated by a special Act of Parliament and the Charter was issued in July 1926. On December 19, 1960, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II gave her consent to use the prefix 'Royal', and the organization became known as 'The Royal Canadian Legion.'

The Legion serves our communities and our country

Legion Branches are the cornerstone of communities across Canada. With more than 1,400 Branches from coast to coast to coast, our members provide local services and supports to build a stronger Canada by helping local Veterans, supporting seniors and youth, and raising funds.