

Branch #123 Waterford 2017-2019

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Treasurer	Anne McSherry
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“They serve till Death! Why not we?”

**News Bulletin and Calendar
December 2018/January 2019**

President's Report

We had a very successful Remembrance Day Service with much Community Support. Also, on that day, Sharon Anderson and myself attended a wreath laying Ceremony at the Rockford Road of Heroes, where we were asked to lay the Rockford Wreath. Later that evening, several of us and other members of the Community, attended the "Bells of Peace" at the Cenotaph, where bells from the Waterford Bible Church and the United Church could be heard. What made it even more special was the illumination of our WW.I Veterans on the Cenotaph. Thank-you to Dian Landry and Anne McSherry who made it all happen. Excellent Job!

On November 17th., we held our Remembrance and Honours and Awards Banquet. There was a full house, with approximately 125 in attendance. Besides the presentation of year pins, certificates of appreciation and Branch Service medals, we were honoured to present Life memberships to Linda and Henry Zalefski, as well as a Meritorious Service Award to Sharon Anderson. Congratulations to all.

We now enter into a very busy time of year with Christmas and New Year's fast approaching. The Branch and L.A. are catering several events during December.

On December 24th, we will enjoy some comradery and snacks before closing. Everyone is welcome!

Tickets are available, at the Bar for New Year's Eve Dance and it is hoped that we can bring in the New Year with a good group of comrades and friends.

Don't forget the President's Levy on January 1st, where we will enjoy music from 2-6 PM , followed by a light lunch.

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

President, Ruth Anne Massecar

President's Levee

Bring in 2019 in grand style at Br 123!
Join us for a time of comradeship and laughter

Membership

Do you have your 2019 membership sticker yet? If you have paid your dues and you do not have new tag, please ask the bar steward. Annual membership fees (\$48.50) are due by December 31st. Renewal of your membership can be done at the Branch during regular hours or mailed to the Legion.

The closing date for the Early Bird draws was November 30th. Two draws, each for a free membership will take place at the General Meeting on December 20th. Best of luck to all who paid their dues early!

Membership Chair, Barb Taylor Gagne

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. Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 2 PM.

Pre-register to save your spot on Santa's knee. 519-443-7567

The Poppy Report

The Poppy Campaign ran on Oct. 26th and Oct. 27th, Nov. 2nd and Nov. 3rd, and concluded on Nov. 9th and Nov. 10th.

Thanks to the many Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members who volunteered for the Poppy canvass, we were able to conclude a successful campaign. Your participation was greatly appreciated. Poppy Chair , Norma Jean Kennedy

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

Meat Draw/Silent Auction, December 15th, at 3:00 pm

Senior's Report

Calling All Seniors! Please come to the Legion on Sunday, December 2nd, for a Christmas Party, from 2:00-4:00p.m.

Entertainment! Festive Finger Foods! Laughter! Good Cheer!

Reservations Required Call Sharon at 519-443-7567

Merry Christmas to all Seniors!

Senior's Chair, Sharon Anderson



New Years Eve Party
Dance like no one is watching!
Bring in 2019 at the best darn party in town. Jiggle and jive to the sounds of "Built for Speed".
Hats, tasty food, and more.
Ride Home- Courtesy of Blue Star Ford.

Bar Report

Members, Thank you: for supporting our bar and assisting us in making our bar environment pleasant and inviting for ourselves and our guests, for respecting our Bar Staff and treating them in a cordial manner, for allowing them to do their job in the way in which they have been asked.

Please contact the Bar Chair if you have any bar concerns and/or suggestions.

A couple of Bar Motions have been approved at recent General Meetings:

1. On Monday Dart Nights, when dart teams are playing at Br.123, the bar will stay open until 11:00p.m. Otherwise, when not a dart night, closing will be at 10:00p.m. as usual.
2. When Statutory Holidays fall on a Mondays, Br.123's Sunday closing will be extended until 10:00 p.m. (Family Day, Victoria Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day) Closing time will be as usual on all other Sundays, 8:00p.m. (Grey Cup Sunday Party and Super Bowl Sunday Party closings are adjusted accordingly.)

Bar Chair, Sharon Anderson

Children's Christmas Party



Come one, Come all!

Please tell all the kids you see about the Kids' Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16th, from 2:00-4:00p.m. Plans are underway and purchases will be made. Let's make Christmas a more special time for our kids.

Nevada Report

The current license began on September 15th and is progressing at a very good pace. We should be ready to start a new license by the time this Bulletin is published or shortly thereafter.

As usual, a special thank-you goes out to all of the members who support this program.

Nevada Chair, Ruth Anne Massecar

Youth Report

This years crop of posters for Remembrance was bountiful. With about 200 entries, the assessing panel had their work cut out for them. Through diligent adjudication and discussion, the winning pieces of art and inspiration were selected. The talented students will be presented at the December General Meeting. Spoiler alert, here is the best from the selection at the Secondary School level.



The image in the sketch is that of Nurse Lieutenant Alice Trusdale of Waterford, who died September 12th 1919, age 28 and is at rest in Greenwood Cemetery.

Poppy Trust Fund Financial Report

Thanks to the many volunteers and the community for your support to make our Poppy Campaign a success. Without the community donations the campaign would not be possible. Our Veterans and their spouses need the full support of our community.

Balance as of Oct. 1/2017	\$ 3,546.15
Donations from 2017 campaign	<u>\$11,046.09</u>
Total	\$14,592.24

Money paid out from campaign:

Promotional material	\$ 139.51
Stamps	\$ 73.98
Financial statement in Simcoe Reformer	\$ 202.72
Gas for mileage	\$ 30.00
Veterans Dinners {16}	\$ 192.00
Christmas baskets and Gift certificates for Veterans	\$ 201.47
Youth Education {refunded \$160}	\$ 595.00

Donations Made by Branch:

District B Hospital Fund	\$ 500.00
Ont. Command Charitable Fund	\$ 500.00
Norview Lodge	\$ 1,000.00
Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Ctr	\$ 1,000.00
Norfolk General Nursing Home	\$ 1,000.00
Stedman House Hospice	\$ 1,000.00
Simcoe Army Cadets	\$ 1,000.00
Leave The Streets Behind: (assist Veterans living on the street)}	\$ 1,000.00
Ontario Command Poppy Fund	\$ 500.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 8934.68</u>

Bank Balance as of Sept. 30/2018 \$ 5,657.56

Poppy Chair Br. 123
Norma Jean Kennedy

Honours and Awards

The following is a list of the members who were awarded pins at the annual Honours and Awards Banquet. The pins not already picked up, are available at the bar.

Service	Associate	Affiliate
10 yr	Bee Kirkwood Elizabeth Kirkwood Gemma Simpson Herb Taylor	Owen Littlewood
15 yr	David Charter Bill Danyluk Linda Goodlet Pat Rundle Ian Simpson Jim Turkewicz	Irene Earles Daryl Giles Linn Giles Bruce Hazelwood Doug Miller
20 yr	Dolly Lunn Charles Mackie Bill Melnik Val Searles Stephen Thompson Shawn Turvey	Rob Barber Reade Barber Harry Drysdale RG McCarey Mark Poss Reymond Purcer Ronna Shved Howie Yin
25 yr	Randy Hobbs Richard Koczur Frank Weaver Sr	
30 yr	Steve Bagshaw Rob Fletcher Ellis Gareth Linda Maracle Nick Mitro	
35 yr	Bryan Kennedy Mark Kitchen Carol Logan Fred Mayo Scott McCulligh	
40 yr	Donna Ramsey	
45 yr	Brian Babineau Keith MacDonald John Pursley Gary Reid Ron Smith	

Special mention to: Keith Earles (55 yr. Life), Brian Kenney (20yr. Ordinary), Allan Beaul (25yr. Ordinary), Harry Torreville (30yr. Ordinary)

Honours and Awards Chair, Jon Toms