

## Branch #123 Waterford 2019-2021

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### Executive Committee

Seniors	Sharon Anderson
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Bar Chair	Mike Bishop

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**“They serve till Death! Why not we?”**

**News Bulletin and Calendar  
June/July 2019**

## President's Report

So the time has come for me to take up the position of President at Waterford Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 123.

First, let me congratulate the outgoing President and executive on doing a tremendous job during their term of office, leaving the branch in an excellent position. A number of these fine people have been elected onto the new executive.

To be given this opportunity is both an honour and a privilege. The legion has been a big part of my life for the past 15 years. I joined Branch 123 when I first moved to the area in 2003. I have served on the Executive off and on since 2004 and have held a number of positions.

I encourage all members to become involved in the working of this great organization; your assistance would be gratefully received and appreciated. If you wish to help in any way please contact a member of the executive or myself.

I would also encourage attendance at the bi monthly general meeting, held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm starting in June. This is where you have the opportunity to voice suggestions, complaints (not too many I hope) and enjoy comradery with others.

I am looking forward to working with the membership and executive to ensure the obligations of the Royal Canadian Legion continue to be our focus; to support for our veterans, our youth and our community.

President, Ian Simpson

Lleng Frenhinol Canadaidd yn gryf  
(Royal Canadian Legion strong in Welsh)

## Can You Help?

If you have Christmas items which you don't use anymore and are still in good condition, please leave them at the bar labelled "Sharon". They will be included in our "Christmas In July" Christmas Shop. Santa will remember your generosity. Thanks

Co-ordinator, Sharon Anderson,

## Last Sunday Brunch of the Season



Come for the best Brunch in the known universe on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The last time until September to share a meal and spend quality time with friends and family.

## Membership

This year we tried the new system offered by Command. There were a few incidents and difficulties to iron out but we did manage to get things straightened out. If you do register online, please let me know at the Branch that you have done so. There is a delay and additional processing time before your renewal sticker is available.

Renewals can always be done at the Branch but for those planning to renew online for 2020, after September 1st , the website is Legion.ca

Membership Chair, Barb Taylor Gagne

## Sport's Report

This draws a line under the Legion Sport's programme for this year. Our greatest athletes hurl pointed projectiles at small targets that seem to get smaller as the day goes on.

Watch in the fall in the foyer of the Club Room for your chance to show your prowess in snooker, cribbage, euchre, darts, golf, washer toss or golf.

## 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! Thank you for respecting our Bar Staff and treating them in a cordial manner and allowing them to do their jobs as instructed. Please review the posted Clubhouse Rules occasionally. Let's enjoy the lazy,hazy, crazy days of summer at the branch.

Bar Chair, Sharon Anderson,

## Veterans' Memorial Dedication

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, a Veterans' Memorial Dedication will commence at 2 P.M. It will take place on the trail area between the Blue Line Bridge Walkway and the Quilt Shop. This Memorial is dedicated to all those brave men and women from the Townsend and surrounding area who did not return from active duty. The memorial will give a name and a face to those who gave their lives for their Country.

This is a joint effort by the Norfolk Remembers Committee, the Waterford Heritage and Cultural Museum and R.C.L. Branch #123 and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Everyone is invited.. This dedication will be followed by a reception at the Legion.

## Senior's Report

If you missed the Seniors' March Spring Fling, don't worry, there'll be another Seniors' Party in September. Mark September 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. The crowning of "Miss Norfolk" Legion Style, was a really big event at the Spring Fling! The fashions were unlike anything one could have imagined. To our Legion volunteers, who assist in making this event happen, Thank you all!! In case you haven't heard, the contestant representing our own town of Waterford was crowned "Miss Norfolk". President Ruth Anne was granted the title. The decision was made after much contemplation by the judges. All the contestants went over and above our expectations. Thank you to our Fashion Models! If you require foot care assistance, please call me at 519-443-7567. Happy Feet are Healthy Feet!  
Seniors Chair, Sharon Anderson

## Nevada Report

The present license began on April 2nd. and is a little over half completed. The following are the donations as decided on by the Committee:

\$50	South Coast Special needs
\$50	Waterford Minor Hockey
\$50	C.A.S.
\$200	Seniors' Foot Clinic
\$400	Flags for Veterans' Plot
\$1685	W.D.H.S. Band and Choir trip
\$30	W.P.S. Public Speaking Award
\$1000	Dragon Boat Races- Cancer Society
\$225	W.D.H.S. Graduation Awards
\$250	Waterford 'Y" Group for year end trip

Nevada continues to provide funds for our Seniors, Youth, Veterans and other Charitable Groups in our Community. Those who donate are to be commended for their continued support for this program which supports so many very important causes.

Nevada Chair, Ruth Anne Masecar

## Waterford Wisdom

A tourist stopped a local in Waterford and asked; "What is the quickest way to the Ponds?"  
The local thought for awhile. "Are you walking or driving?" he asked the tourist.  
"I'm driving."  
"That is the quickest way!"

## CHRISTMAS in JULY!

*We have decided to celebrate Christmas early!*  
On Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., you can enjoy a Turkey Dinner with all of the fixin's for \$15. Serving dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tickets in Advance at the Bar.  
Christmas Shop! Draws! Festive Fun!



## Dragon Boat 123 Sails Again!

Prepare to sign up for a day on the waters of Waterford. A great workout for an excellent cause.  
(Sorry Tommy, you can't Screech each person aboard!)



### What the Cluck is Going on at the Legion?

It's a Father's Day Chicken  
B.B.Q.

Bring DAD and the whole family  
to the Legion on  
Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> for a great  
meal and some awesome  
fellowship.  
Serving from 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
in the Pavilion.



### Legion Members Helping Veterans

Operation VetBuild is a Legion initiative run by the Legion's Operational Stress Injury Special Section. This is a peer to peer program that helps improve mental health through hobby and in this case, model building. The program receives model kit donations and puts them in the hands of Vets.

### 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

### Perch Fry for the Fish Fancier

Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM  
in the Pavilion.

Tickets available at the bar for  
just \$25. Delicious Lake Erie  
Perch, celery bread, salads and  
more. Almost forgot to mention  
entertainment by "Harp Break  
Hotel" in the Club Room to follow!

Call Branch for Details  
519-443-5123



### Liberation 75, the Liberation of Holland

The Royal Canadian Legion celebrated the launch of the 2019 Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa, alongside partners including the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the National Capital Commission and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. The national festival features a special initiative this year that will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands in 2020. As part of the initiative, people will be encouraged to help plant 1.1 million "Liberation 75" bulbs this year, to remember the 1.1 million Canadians who served during the Second World War.

"The Royal Canadian Legion is honoured to partner with the Canadian Tulip Festival in such an important way in the coming year," said Vice Admiral (Ret'd) and Royal Canadian Legion Grand President Larry Murray.

As a reflection of the festival's support for veterans in Canada, The Royal Canadian Legion will receive a percentage from every bag of bulbs sold, to help with its mission of serving veterans and their families, promoting remembrance, and serving our communities.

"The beauty, peace and tranquility of this unique annual festival really embodies the essence of the close friendship – almost family relationship - that exists between the Netherlands and Canada," said Murray. "This very special relationship was born nearly 75 years ago in war and freedom, and has endured ever since."

The Legion itself has an additional special relationship with the Netherlands and the Dutch royal family. Prince Floris, the son of Princess Marguerite, is the godson of The Royal Canadian Legion.

At the end of the Second World War, Canada received an initial gift of 100,000 tulip bulbs from the Netherlands, and smaller gifts have been received yearly since. At the launch event, the Netherlands announced its intention to supply 100,000 bulbs for 2019, in honour of Liberation 75 activities. The National Capital Commission announced it would do the same.

The Royal Canadian Legion salutes the Veterans who fought to liberate the Netherlands nearly 75 years ago.