

Branch #123 Waterford

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“We Will Remember Them!”

**News Bulletin and Calendar
March/April 2026**

President's Report

As we begin a new year, we look forward to the many events being planned for our branch.

With Dominion Commands 100th anniversary this year, they have offered up a free membership for all new members. We welcome them and hopefully all will be with the branch for years to come.

We have also started a clean up and upgrade of the building itself. Plans for new lighting in the hall, recovering the sound baffles and some touch up painting where needed. Bar, walls and door trim need some repairs.

As we move forward into 2026 a new Committee has been formed to plan our activities for July 18th 2026 when we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the RC Legion of Canada. This same group will also begin looking at July 14-17, 2028 when our branch turns 100 yrs old. A weekend filled with activities for members and public alike. If any member has some ideas as how to make these two events even more memorable please contact Brad Walker.

President, Gord Barnett

Senior's Report

Spring Party coming soon! Hope you can all make it as there is lots to celebrate in March.

The Spring Fling will be on Thursday, March 19th. The party goes from 2:00PM – 4:00PM .Lots of laughs and lots to learn. So come and enjoy the party. Call Sharon to register at this number 519-443-7567

If you require foot care assistance, Call Sharon. Happy Feet are Healthy Feet!

Senior's Chair, Sharon Anderson

General Meeting


The next General Meeting for Br. 123 members will be on Thursday, April 26th at 6:30PM. Please sign in before the meeting. Come and share in the governance of your Legion.

Finance Report

Report of Finances to February 26th:

Account	December	January	February
General	\$119,172.44	\$109,729.52	\$102,850.54
Nevada	\$7,674.24	\$7,981.34	\$7,811.11
Building	\$3,957.51	\$3,952.86	\$3,947.91
Lottery	\$2,725.95	\$2,407.83	\$2,402.88
GIC Gen Surp	\$51,202.61	\$51,202.61	\$51,490.19
Combined total	\$184,732.25	\$175,274.16	\$168,502.63

Treasurer, Jamie Gunn



Sport's Opportunities

Corn-hole continues in the Front Hall on most Thursdays. Youth Darts meet most Sunday mornings at 10:00AM. These are all Community Events. All welcome. Sign up sheets for Regular, Senior and Super Senior Golf for Ladies and Gents will be posted soon in the Foyer. Every paid member is eligible to enter this event.

Entertainment

This Month's Saturday Matinee went over well but we would have liked to see better support from our own membership.

We have decided that we will continue Music Bingo over the summer months. We have yet to decide on continuing karaoke over the summer months and would like any and all opinions.

Entertainment Chair, Ed Lemery

Senior Spring Fling

The Seniors can come out on Thursday, March 19th from 2:00PM -4:00PM for a frolicking good time. There will be food, fun and a Fashion Show.

Call Sharon to book your place.
519-443-7567



LOTS & LOTS TO CELEBRATE!!

Poppy Report

Balance in the Poppy Fund is \$18,231.51

The Poppy Committee met recently and decided on the following disbursements:

\$3,000. To Leave the streets behind; helping homeless veterans

\$4,500. to Service Dogs helping veterans with PTSD.

\$750 to Simcoe Army Cadets.

\$500 to Sunnybrook Hospital Veterans wing, comfort fund.

\$1000 to Parkwood Hospital Veterans Comfort fund.

We still have some funds to disburse and we would like to send \$1000 each to Juranvinski and Norfolk General Hospitals. I'm not quite sure of the paperwork for hospital donations this year as it has changed slightly. We will also top up the Buddy Coffee program if needed.

The cheques for Service Dogs, Leave the streets behind, Parkwood and Sunnybrook can be presented at the Spring conference in Niagara Falls in April.

Poppy Chair, Pat Freeman

Upcoming Legion Events of Importance

Zone B1 Commander's meeting, March 8th, Hagersville Legion, 10AM.

District B Spring Convention,,RC Legion Branch #479 in Niagara Falls on April 11th and 12th.

Membership Report

We ended 2025 with 458 members. The current membership numbers are 397. We currently have 29 Centenary members and I have sent welcome emails from the branch welcoming them but I am awaiting replies from some.

Membership Chair, Ian Simpson

Branch Events For:

March

1	10:00AM	Youth Darts
2	12:00PM	Sit n' Fit
4	5:30PM	Wednesday Night Dinner (Pork Schnitzel)
5	12:00PM	Sit n' Fit
5	7:00PM	Corn Hole
6	5:00PM	Fish and Chips
6	7:00PM	Music Bingo
8	9:00AM	Brunch
9	12:00PM	Sit n' Fit
12	12:00PM	Sit n' Fit
12	7:00PM	Corn Hole
15	10:00AM	Youth Darts
16	12:00PM	Sit n' Fit
19	12:00PM	Sit n' Fit
19	2:00PM	Seniors' Spring Fling
19	7:00PM	Corn Hole
20	7:00PM	Quiz Night
22	10:00AM	Youth Darts
23	10:00AM	Veteran's Coffee Hour
23	12:00PM	Sit n' Fit
26	12:00PM	Sit n' Fit
26	7:00PM	Corn Hole

Sports Report

In looking forward to hosting Zone darts in the fall of 20216, we would like to purchase 6 dart carpets and 6 lights for the remaining 6 boards in the hall. Each board will cost around \$150 to purchase. I have discussed this with the Ladies Auxiliary will also be using these boards for future events.

We had two Senior Darts 4 person teams attend district senior darts in Dundas this past weekend.

The U13 girls hockey team, The Hericanes, that we sponsor has made it into playoffs this year. They thank us for our sponsorship.

Youth darts has been growing. We are starting to discuss the possibility of moving into the front hall. I contacted the Youth Zone Darts Chair and started discussing the next step for our kids to move into that division for tournaments through out Ontario for next season.
Sports's Chair, Brad Walker

House Report

-Securtek called saying generator reported fault. Generator did not come on for weekly automatic checkup. Mckenzie Electric called and could find no issue except time set wrong.

-Legion called saying no heat in Hall. Vive called and a conductor switch had failed. Heat off maybe 5 hours. While mechanic there I had him check the other unit (ground) and found that ventilating motor failing. I ordered a new one that will be installed soon

-Legion called with no heat on clubroom side. Mechanic left access door open so easy fix

-Securtek called again with Generator reporting fault again. I went over and generator did not do its Wednesday run again. Called McKenzie again. Waiting for repair. Came in, but too cold to complete repairs. Finally complete Feb 10 after use of heater to warm up

-Leaking again in Kitchen over stove. Source to be investigated – weather permitting

– Vive replaced ventilator motor on ground HVAC that was squealing and on its last legs

– hung new student painting in hall and put up new bulletin board in office

– called plumber Jeff Tyrell to fix men’s urinal in hall washroom

House Chair, Mike Jarvis

Honours and Awards

Progress continues with the distribution of the Service Awards left over from our Awards Banquet in Nov. 2025. I had the pleasure to speak in person with a number of these recipients only to learn that some were unaware that there were even awards available.

Two other members were surprised to learn they were recipients of a 5-year pin. One indicated he was a member for over 25 years and the other for 20 years. Investigation has been started and I have found that both members were correct. Looking at our current membership list, I would say that a large percentage of the information listed is not current or is unavailable. I will be meeting with Comrade Ian, (Membership) and we will attempt to discover where the issues lay.

I highly recommend that anyone paying on-line to please keep a hard copy of their receipt to avoid the conflict we now face.

Honours and Awards Chair, Bruce Brown

Branch Events For: April

2	12:00PM	Sit n’ Fit
2	7:00PM	Corn Hole
8	5:30PM	Wednesday Night Dinner (Roast Beef)
9	12:00PM	Sit n’ Fit
9	7:00PM	Corn Hole
10	5:00PM	Fish and Chips
10	7:00PM	Music Bingo
12	9:00AM	Brunch
13	12:00PM	Sit n’ Fit
16	12:00PM	Sit n’ Fit
16	7:00PM	Corn Hole
17	7:00PM	Quiz Night
19	10:00AM	Youth Darts
20	12:00PM	Sit n’ Fit
23	12:00PM	Sit n’ Fit
23	6:30PM	General Meeting
26	10:00AM	Youth Darts
27	10:00AM	Veteran’s Coffee Hour
27	12:00PM	Sit n’ Fit

Youth Education Report

Speech Competition was held at Branch Level on January 31st. There were 17 entries but only 16 presented their speeches. Had 2 first place winners qualify to move on to District Competition to be held February 7th at Hagersville Legion. President Gord and I attended. One of our entries moves on to Zone which is March 21st at the Lynden Legion. Our other entry placed second.

We are very proud of them both. It is amazing to see our returning participants as they matured and gained confidence.

We were pleased that we had a participant from a school that has not participated in recent years. Last year we purchased a trophy to present to school with the most participants. We are working on engraving the trophy to present to the school who had 9 speech presenters.

Hoping to wrap up Poster & Literary soon. Waiting on posters to be returned so they can be returned to students. I purchased a frame to display an entry in hall that was exceptional. This will be displayed in Front Hall of our legion and last year’s returned to student with frame.

Youth Education Chair, Bonnie Kirk