

# THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE



Branch 003, Brandon, MB

## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021 VOLUME XLI : 1



A Traditional Christmas Day Dinner  
was enjoyed by Residents of

**Sokol Manor  
& Sokol Supportive Housing**

On December 25, 2020

Virtually organized by  
2020 Poppy Committee

- \*Raymond Burgess
- \*Colleen Gammack
- \*Laura & Mel Hyrich
- \*Marg Melnyk
- \*Richard McDonald
- \*Pat Simmons
- \*William Spring
- \*Cindy Stumme
- \*Murray Tallant
- \*Linda Wakefield

Created by Branch #3 Chef **Erich**  
Assisted by **Cindy**  
Helpers —**Colleen, Blaine & Linda**





*They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun,  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

***Lest We Forget***

## Funding model

The Royal Canadian Legion is a not-for-profit, membership-based organization. We provide for Veterans and their families in need, promote Remembrance, and provide essential services within our communities. Funding to fulfill our mission is provided through a number of sources, including:

### Membership dues

Membership dues are determined at the Branch level and help support Branch operations. Dues are typically between \$40-\$60 per member per year. A portion of member dues support national and provincial operations such as administration, member programs and benefits, marketing and facilities.

### Publically accessible grants

The Legion is not affiliated with any political party or organization and we do not accept financial assistance from any government party for our operations. However, Branches are able to pursue grants through federal, provincial or municipal government programs for initiatives outside of normal operations. These grants are available to all not-for-profits, and Legions only use the funds as defined in the grant guidelines.

### Fee-for-service contracts

Branches often supplement income by renting out their facilities and providing food and entertainment services in their community.

### Fundraising

A large part of funding for Legion Branches is through fundraising. Branch members volunteer their time to organize fundraising activities such as BBQs, dinners, bingo nights and meat draws to raise additional monies for operations and programming.

### Legion merchandise

The Legion produces quality branded merchandise and apparel which Legion Branches sell at a profit. In addition, proceeds from purchases made directly through the Member Store and [The Poppy Store](#) support Legion programs and are shared with Commands in proportion to the sales made to Branches and members within each Command.

### Poppy Trust Fund

Donations to the Legion Poppy Trust Fund are never used for Legion operations. Donations to the Poppy Trust Fund are placed in trust to be used to help Veterans and their dependents in need, and to honour their sacrifices. For more information on the Poppy Trust Fund, please [click here](#).

The Legion's [statements of revenue and expenses](#) are published annually and accessible to the public.



**Presidents New Year's Message**

Happy New Year 2021! Such welcome words!

We can officially stop talking about 2020 now. When it started, we had no idea of the journey that lay ahead, which is something that you can always say, but for 2020 it turned out to be truer than ever. Before we close the book on 2020, however, there are some folks I want to thank.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and helped confront the extraordinarily difficult circumstances that 2020 brought us. All medical, military, essential and front-line workers, your willingness and ability to meet, head-on, both the challenges and the opportunities give us courage, confidence and hope for the future. Thank you for fighting back against fatigue and frustration. You showed up, and you made a difference. Only you know how hard it has been and it has been hard in different ways for each of you.

Thank you to the Management/ Executive and Committee members and those who love this organization for your support. This was the year in which we learned in unique ways how much we need and depend on one another.

Thank you to those of you who have taken seriously and followed the directions set forth by Public Health. Your sacrifices have ensured that we will come out of this pandemic strong and whole. As the vaccines start to make inroads against the pandemic, it is more important than ever that we hold the course.

Thank you to the community who support us during difficult times.

I am happy to see the calendar go from 2020 to 2021, and I am grateful for those who join me in greeting the new year with hope and optimism.

With the roll out of the vaccines we are now going from being on the defensive to being on the offensive in our fight against this pandemic and I for one am going to take it as a sign of hope for the new year — the one we are wholeheartedly welcoming together!

Happy New Year 2021!

Cindy Stumme  
President

**Your Royal Canadian Legion is committed to making a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families, providing essential services in our communities, and remembering the men and women who sacrificed for our country.**

**BRANDON BRANCH #003 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION**

**2020 Executive**

**PRESIDENT,** C. Stumme

**1st VICE PRESIDENT,** C. Gammack

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT,** D. Wilson

**SGT-AT-ARMS,** F. Pritchard.

**Deputy Sgt-At-Arms,** R. McDonald

**SERVICE OFFICER,** M. Tallant

**CATERING,** E. Stumme

One Year Term: L. Biel, R. Burgess,

Two Year Term : T. Shand, R. Garcia, L. Wakefield, A. Addison

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**Brandon Legionnaire Branch #003 Editor - Linda Wakefield please submit articles or pictures to [mrswakes@mymts.net](mailto:mrswakes@mymts.net)**

# **Distribution of Poppy Funds From 2019 Campaign**



**Sue Dunn is presented with a Poppy Fund cheque from Brandon Branch #003 Poppy Committee members Laura & Mel Hyrich for Fairview PCH in amount of \$2,773.32 on **November 6, 2020****



**Brandon Fire Department Deputy Chief Jason Potter and Cory Parrot accept a Legion Poppy cheque for \$3,174.99 from Colleen Gammack RCLegion Brandon Branch #003 1st VP on Friday November 6th, 2020**

## Please Note:

The two photos on this page were submitted to the Legion national magazine via Manitoba Command Correspondent William Treffy on November 19, 2020 (see page 82 January/February 2021 ). In this issue of the *Legion: Canada's Military History*, it appears once again that Manitoba has no picture coverage of any of the wonderful work that Legion Branches do in our beautiful province.

I shall continue to submit two photos, using the required technical specs for photo submissions as requested by the *Legion: Canada's Military History* publication.

I feel it is just as important for Legion members living in Manitoba as members living anywhere in Canada to be able to proudly showcase to the rest of the Legion branches across our great country ... just how much our Legion members support and work hard for our Veterans and our communities!

L. Wakefield—Editor of the Brandon Legionnaire

# Remembrance Day November 11, 2020



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Brandon Branch 003 President Cindy Stumme presents a Poppy Fund cheque to Sue Dunn of Prairie Mountain Health—Dinsdale Personal Care Home in the amount of \$6,110.30. The presentation was made on November 6, 2020 in the Branch Clubrooms.



**Poppy Committee & Branch 003 Ladies Auxiliary members Marg Melnyk (L) and Pat Simmons (R) present a Poppy Fund cheque to Scott Kirk representing Prairie Mountain Health-Acute Care in the amount of \$7,586.94, on November 6, 2020.**





**Sue Dunn accepts a Poppy Fund cheque for PMH-Rideau Park Personal Care Home in the amount of \$3,450.00 from Brandon Branch #003 Service Officer Murray Tallant, on November 6, 2020.**



**Poppy Co-chairwoman Linda Wakefield presents Debbie Leslie with a 2020 Poppy Fund cheque for Hillcrest Personal Care Home in the amount of \$5,260.64 on November 6, 2020.**



**2020 Poppy Committee members William Spring (L), and Richard McDonald ( R) presents Megan Mosiuk of St John Ambulance with a \$2,440.00 cheque from the Poppy Funds on November 6, 2020.**



*Wishing Health & Happiness in  
2021  
While Waiting ...*

**...for our Lounge to open  
up !**



**To Visit With our  
Veterans  
Members  
Friends & Family**



**For Catered  
Events to start up  
again**

- **Thursday Night BINGO**
- **Friday & Saturday Meat Draw**
- **Chase The ACE!**
- **Fifty / 50**
- \* **Yard Sales ,Teas & such!**

## Waiting for the Legion Fun 'Splel' & hoping in '22!



## And the Banquet to follow!



**We are experiencing our  
generations version of a  
World at War with Covid-19 Virus  
'Follow the rules' — 'Stay Safe'  
So on November 11 we can join together  
And share a Remembrance Day Service**

