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National Volunteer Week

Volunteering Is Empathy In Action

Volunteers Bring Heart To Canada's Communities

**LET'S CELEBRATE CANADA'S VOLUNTEERS. THE
EMPATHY, COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY OF
VOLUNTEERS CREATES CONNECTED COMMUNITIES AND
BUILDS A STRONGER CANADA.**

**#NVW2022 #EMPATHYINACTION
#VOLUNTEERSBRINGHEART**

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2022, Volunteering Is Empathy In Action, affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. This profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities.

Empathy is a quality that can help people relate to others and build awareness around different experiences. It connects people in ideas and actions and helps create bonds forged in common goals and aspirations.

Volunteering can help us develop empathy, to see the world through the eyes of others. It can connect people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, expanding our views. It can build our capacity to work collectively and contribute to a vibrant, inclusive society.

From coast to coast to coast in formal and informal settings, volunteers create caring, collaborative, and compassionate communities. During National Volunteer Week 2022, we celebrate the contributions of Canada's millions of volunteers: their actions, their understanding, and their genuine concern for the world around them.

Volunteering, putting empathy into action, can build communities where people feel happier, healthier, and more welcome – creating a stronger, more connected Canada.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

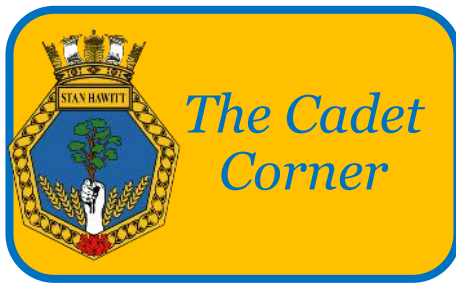
APRIL 24 TO 30, 2022

Please consider the Legion !



**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.**

We Will Remember Them



And now April is here and there is still 'no' news for the Cadet Corner. However, hope is just around the corner that the cadets will soon be able to meet in person. And their 'Corner' will catch up!

Please "Stay Posted"

Reporting from their home in our Branch #3

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April is designated as the Month of the Military Child to recognize the important role youth play in our Military community. The Teal Up for Military Kids campaign was established by [Shilo MFRC](#) Youth Programs heads Shannon Chapman (Youth Programs Coordinator) and Stephanie Laviolette (Youth Programs Facilitator) in April 2021 which honours the resiliency of Canadian Military Children. The colour teal was chosen because the colour includes all branches of the Military (Blue for Air Force, Green for Army and Blue/White for Navy). The Dandelion is included in the logo as it is the official flower for Military Children. It has been said that "Military Children are like dandelions as they can put down roots almost anywhere and are impossible to destroy. Just like dandelions Military children can adapt easily and bloom everywhere the wind carries them. Military children are resilient!".

Everyone is encouraged to wear teal on Thursday April 28th, 2022. Like wearing pink for Anti-Bullying Day wearing teal is a visual representation to recognize all military children's resiliency. Whether you wear your own teal shirt or purchase one we encourage everyone show their support.



Military Family Resource Centre

Information from—<https://www.cafconnection.ca/Shilo/Contact-Us/Military-Family-Resource-Centre.aspx>

Welcome to the Shilo MFRC!

The Shilo MFRC, established in 1990, serves the families of the Canadian military and civilian employees of CFB/ASU Shilo, military families residing in the city of Brandon, Manitoba and the Rural Municipalities of Cornwallis, North Cypress and Oakland-Wawanesa.

The Shilo Military Family Resource Centre is a non-profit charitable organization that operates under the authority of a board of directors. For a complete list of our newly elected board of directors and a copy of our board meeting minutes, visit the Board of Directors section.

Shilo MFRC General Information

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Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Building Tours

Stop in for a tour of the Shilo Community Centre and receive a package of information about the MFRC and Shilo and area to help you connect to the community. You will also receive a tote bag of freebies! We provide information on programs and services available on Base as well as surrounding areas.

Contact Linda at 765-3000 ext 4553 or shilomfrc.lb@outlook.com

Welcome to This World Baby Quilts

The Shilo MFRC would like to welcome new babies to our Shilo community. Please drop by and pick up your "Welcome to This World" baby quilt. Don't forget to bring baby and show them off. These quilts are hand made by MFRC volunteers and will be a keepsake for your baby for years to come.

Monthly E-Newsletter

Sign up for our E-Newsletter through our current newsletter & keep up to date on all the programs and services. Click [here](#) to visit the current newsletter!

Facebook

Check out our page on facebook. "Like" our page and receive our status updates about events, programs and giveaways! [Click](#) here to like us now!

MFRC Policies

The Shilo MFRC's policies are currently under review & will be available upon completion.

National Notable Dates 2022

The following are national days of relevance to The Royal Canadian Legion that raise awareness of an issue, commemorate a group or event, or celebrate something. Also included are national Legion activities.

Dominion Command promotes many of these dates through the Legions social media channels....
[Facebook.com/CanadianLegion](https://www.facebook.com/CanadianLegion) [Twitter.com/RoyalCdnLegion](https://twitter.com/RoyalCdnLegion) [Instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion](https://www.instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion)

APRIL is month of the Military Child

- 1 Royal Canadian Air Force founded (1924)
- 3 Battle of Moreuil Wood (1918)
- 4 NATO Accord signed (1949)
- 9 Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917) - *Legion flags lowered to half mast*
- 21 Queens birthday 1926
- 24-30 National Volunteer Week
- 25 Anzac Day
- 25 Battle of Kapyong (1951)

Battle of Moreuil Wood

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Battle of Moreuil Wood** (30 March 1918) was an engagement of [World War I](#) that took place on the banks of the river [Avre](#) in [France](#), where the [Canadian Cavalry Brigade](#) attacked and forced the German [23rd Saxon Division](#) to withdraw from Moreuil Wood, a commanding position on the river bank. While the Germans ultimately succeeded in recapturing the wood by the battle's end, the delay caused by the [Allies](#) contributed to the halt of the [Spring Offensive](#). During the battle, a [Victoria Cross](#) was awarded to Canadian [Gordon Flowerdew](#) of [Lord Strathcona's Horse](#).



Italian veterinary technicians perform surgery on horse



Charge of Flowerdew's Squadron by [Alfred Munnings](#) portraying the Allied cavalry attack against the

Date	30 March 1918
Location	Southeast of Amiens in Moreuil, France , on the banks of
Result	See Aftermath section
Territorial changes	German victory. German forces gain control of Moreuil Wood and its surrounding area on the

Horses in World War I

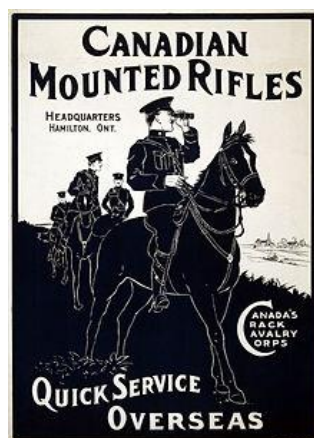
The use of **horses in World War I** marked a transitional period in the evolution of armed conflict. [Cavalry](#) units were initially considered essential offensive elements of a military force, but over the course of the war, the vulnerability of horses to modern machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire reduced their utility on the battlefield. This paralleled the development of [tanks](#), which ultimately replaces cavalry in [shock tactics](#). While the perceived

value of the [horse in war](#) changed dramatically, horses still played a significant role throughout the war.

All of the major combatants in [World War I](#) (1914–1918) began the conflict with cavalry forces. [Imperial Germany](#) stopped using them on the [Western Front](#) soon after the war began, but continued with limited use on the [Eastern Front](#), well into the war. The [Ottoman Empire](#) used cavalry extensively during the war. On the [Allied](#) side, the United Kingdom used mounted infantry and [cavalry charges](#) throughout the war, but the United States used cavalry only briefly. Although not particularly successful on the Western Front, Allied cavalry had some success in the [Middle Eastern theatre](#) due to the open nature of the front, allowing a more traditional war of movement, in addition to the lower concentration of artillery and machine guns. Russia used cavalry forces on the Eastern Front but with limited success.

The military used horses mainly for logistical support; they were better than mechanized vehicles at traveling through deep mud and over rough terrain. Horses were used for reconnaissance and for carrying messengers as well as for pulling [artillery](#), ambulances, and supply wagons. The presence of horses often increased morale among the soldiers at the front, but the animals contributed to disease and poor sanitation in camps, caused by their manure and carcasses. The value of horses and the increasing difficulty of replacing them were such that by 1917, some troops were told that the loss of a horse was of greater tactical concern than the loss of a human soldier. Ultimately, the [blockade of Germany](#) prevented the [Central Powers](#) from importing horses to replace those lost, which contributed to Germany's defeat. By the end of the war, even the well-supplied US Army was short of horses.

Conditions were severe for horses at the front; they were killed by artillery fire, suffered from skin disorders, and were injured by [poison gas](#). Hundreds of thousands of horses died, and many more were treated at veterinary hospitals and sent back to the front. Procuring [fodder](#) was a major issue, and Germany lost many horses to starvation. Several memorials have been erected to commemorate the horses that died. Artists, including [Alfred Munnings](#), extensively documented the work of horses in the war, and horses were featured in war poetry. Novels, plays and documentaries have also featured the horses of World War I.



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Unknown artist; Howell Lithograph Company, Hamilton, Ontario

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• File:Canadian Mounted Rifles poster.jpg
Created: circa 1914 date QS:P,+1914-00-00T00:00:00Z/9,P1480,Q5727902-1918

NATO—Accord signed 4 April 1949

- * What was NATO's purpose in 1949? The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was created in 1949 by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to **provide collective security against the Soviet Union**. NATO was the first peacetime military alliance the United States entered into outside of the Western Hemisphere.
- * Who signed NATO in 1949? In April 1949, **representatives from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, and Portugal** joined the United States in signing the NATO agreement. The signatories agreed, "An armed attack against one or more of them..."
- * Who were the original member nations of NATO? The original members were **Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the United States**
- * Why does NATO still exist? NATO was created to **deter the expansion of the Soviet Union and curb any strong nationalist military movements in Europe**, as the world saw during the Second World War with the Nazi Party. More generally, NATO's mission was "to secure peace in Europe, to promote cooperation among its members and to guard their freedom."
- * What wars has NATO been involved in? NATO's first military intervention in a conflict took place in Bosnia from 1991 to 1995. Since then, NATO has been involved in several other conflicts, including **Kosovo in 1999, Afghanistan in 2001, and Libya in 2011** (Ibid.).
- * Who joined NATO after 1997? The largest membership increase occurred in 2004 when 7 countries joined. Twentieth century additions included Greece and Turkey in 1952, West Germany in 1955, and Spain in 1982. Three former Warsaw Pact countries, **Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Poland** joined in 1999 (invited 1997).
- * Has NATO ever been attacked? 2001–present
The 11 September attacks in the United States, a NATO member, invoked Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty. It remains the only time since NATO's inception that **an attack from an external party or state has been deemed an attack on all NATO members**.
- * Is Canada in NATO? **Canada was a founding member of the Alliance and has remained as a member since its inception**. NATO is a major contributor to international peace and security and is the cornerstone of Canadian security and defence policy.
- * Are NATO and the UN the same? **NATO and the U.N. are two organizations trying to work together despite the fact that they have very different philosophies**: NATO is an organization designed to fight war, if necessary, in order to defend peace; whereas the U.N. is an organization designed to avoid war in order to maintain peace.

F o u n d i n g a n d c h a n g e s i n m e m b e r s h i p

Eighteen countries have joined NATO since its founding in 1949 by 12 countries ([Belgium](#), [Canada](#), [Denmark](#), [France](#), [Iceland](#), [Italy](#), [Luxembourg](#), [the Netherlands](#), [Norway](#), [Portugal](#), [the United Kingdom](#), and [the United States](#)). No countries have left. The largest membership increase occurred in 2004 when 7 countries joined.

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Twenty-first century additions began in 2004 when seven within the Vilnius group ([Bulgaria](#), [Estonia](#), [Latvia](#), [Lithuania](#), [Romania](#), [Slovakia](#), [Slovenia](#)) joined. The remaining three joined subsequently, [Albania](#) and [Croatia](#) in 2009 and [North Macedonia](#) in 2020. [Montenegro](#) joined in 2017.

Ladies' Corner

To date there has not been a report submitted from the Ladies Auxiliary. However for everyone who purchased their p/u delicious "Beef Supper" on March 20th ...know they must have been very busy in the "Kitchen with Erich"

Thank You to every volunteer ! It was wonderful ...



At the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair on Monday March 28, 2022 opening ceremonies recognized Military Personal from CFB Shilo for a march in. And supporting them were representatives from the 26th Field Pipes & Drums, ANAF and Brandon Legion



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Royal Canadian Legion Brandon Branch #3



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Legion Branch Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LegionBrandonBranch/> ...contact
Laureen at Legion Lounge

Legion Branch Website: <https://www.brandonlegion.ca/> (Please note plans for a re-start
/update for our Branch website in 2022

Brandon Legionnaire Branch Newsletter: contact Linda at mrs wakes@mymts.net to submit
articles &/or pictures



Legion Branch #003 is looking for helpers for different positions at our Thursday night Bingo. And we are also looking for a relief bingo caller. Please call the Legion at 204-728- 5026, leave a message with your name and number and someone will return your call.

Thank-you from your Legion Executive

**LEGION
BINGO**

THURSDAY EVENING

Doors open 5:00pm-Early Bird 6:30 pm

Regular 7:00 pm

**BRANCH 003 Legion hosts every
Friday & Saturday Nite
Meat Draws - 50/50 - CHASE The ACE**

Join in the fun & excitement of a
chance to win while supporting your

Legion 

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