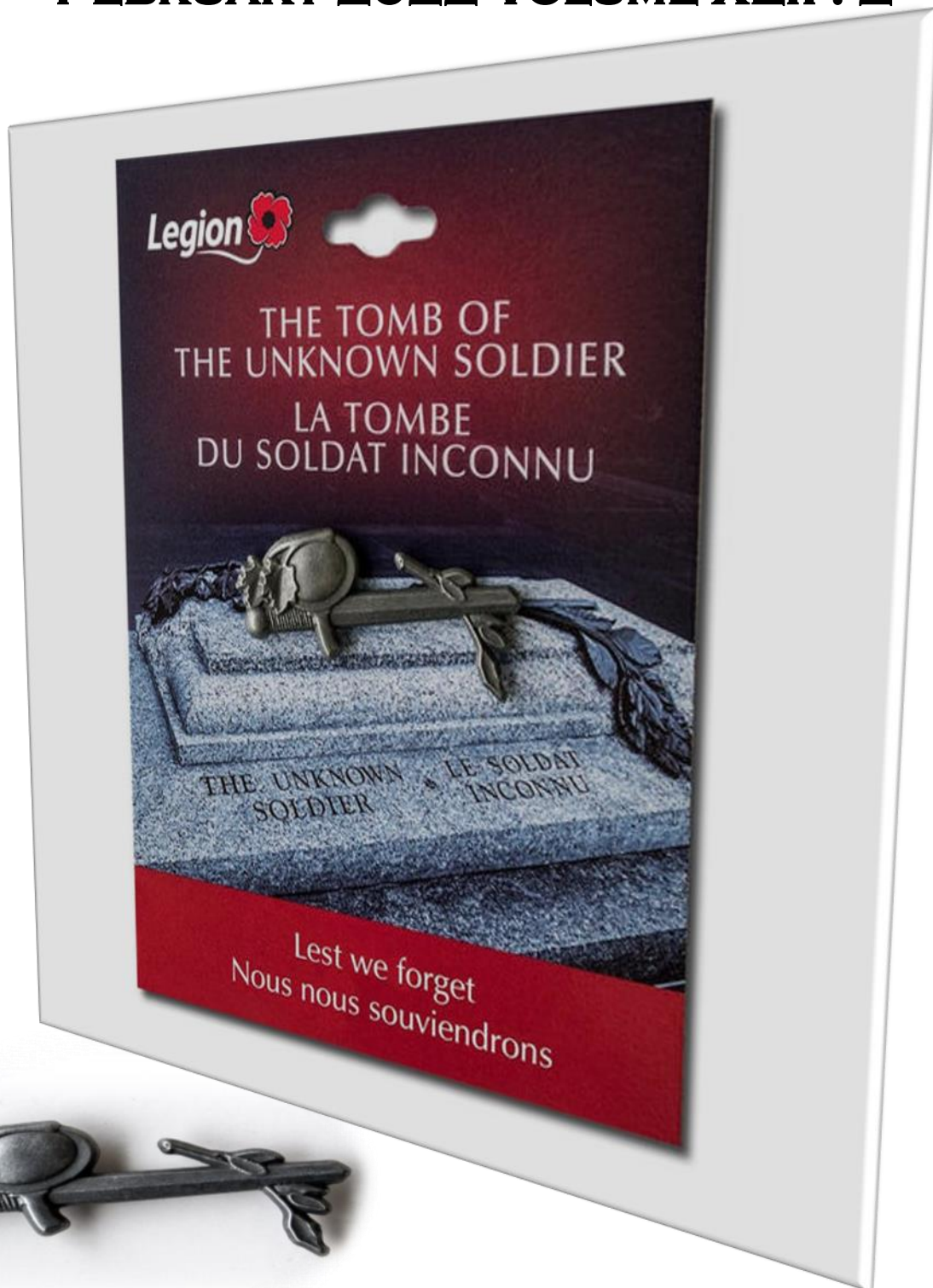


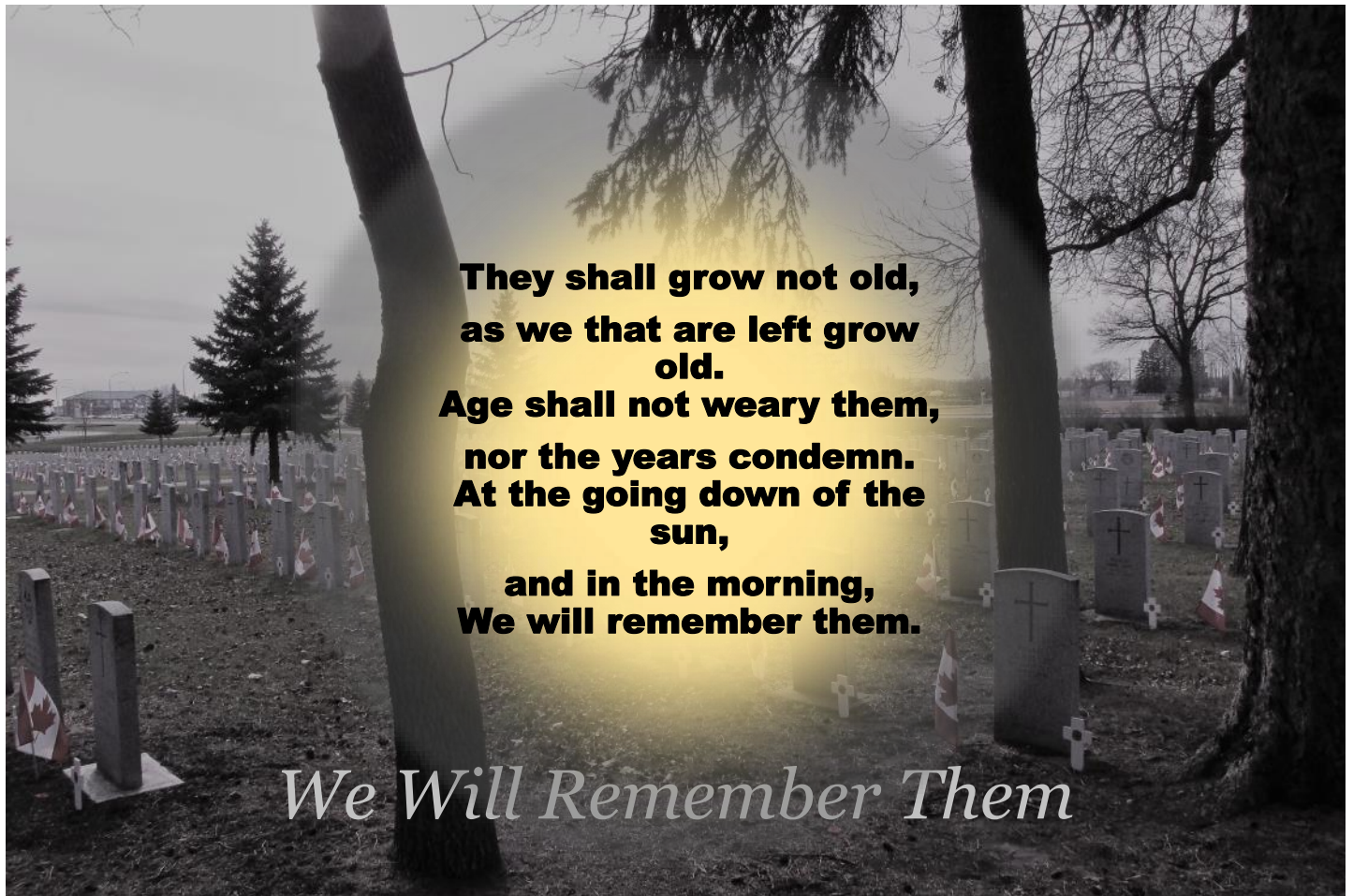
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LAPEL PIN TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

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As 2015 marked fifteen years since the Unknown Soldier was laid to rest in the Tomb at the front of Canada's National War Memorial, The Royal Canadian Legion has commissioned this Tomb of the Unknown Soldier commemorative pin to show the Legion's support in commemorating this historical centenary period of Canadian history. The pin is a scaled down version of the bronze work atop of the tomb, depicting a medieval sword, a First World War helmet, and branches of maple and laurel leaves.

Note: If you are interested in purchasing for around \$7.00; please place your order with Branch Manager Colleen at ... office.admin@rclbrandon003.com or Laureen in the Legion Lounge after 1:00pm Tuesday to Saturday by calling 204-728-5026.

Ladies' Corner

Ladies' Auxiliary Spring Supper

Featuring roast beef – dessert included

Sunday, March 20, 2022

All tickets \$17.50

DRIVE-THRU

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Pick up at Banquet Hall Doors

For tickets: Call Pat – 727-4591 or your favourite L.A. member
or purchase at Legion Lounge

Please Note- Due to the significant increase in the cost of groceries, we have had to increase the price of each ticket. We hope you will understand and continue to support the Ladies' Auxiliary's Fund raising efforts.

Happy 
Valentine's Day!

Legion news

January 30, 2022

Legion issues statement of condemnation

Protestors disrespect site of National War Memorial

OTTAWA, ON, 29 January 2022 – “The Royal Canadian Legion strongly condemns the shocking actions of protestors who encroached upon the National War Memorial in Ottawa on Saturday. They jumped on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and parked vehicles on the surrounding grounds. This sacred memorial site commemorates those who fought and fell for the very freedoms that allow people in Canada the right to protest peacefully. We are dismayed and saddened by this overt lack of respect.”

*Bruce Julian, Dominion President
The Royal Canadian Legion*

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On May 23rd, 2000, a Canadian Forces aircraft flew to France to bring the Unknown Soldier back to Canada. On board was a delegation consisting of a Canadian Forces contingent including a 45-person guard, a bearer party, and a chaplain. The Veterans



Affairs contingent contained veterans and civilians, including two representatives of Canadian youth.

In the meantime, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (which duties include the care of graves of members of the forces of the British Commonwealth who died in the First and Second World Wars) selected an unidentified soldier from a cemetery in the vicinity of Vimy Ridge, the site of a famous Canadian battle of the First World War.

On May 25th, at a ceremony at the Canadian Memorial on Vimy Ridge, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission turned over the remains to Canada. At that

point the Canadian Forces took over responsibility for the safekeeping and transport of the soldier's remains. Immediately after the ceremony, the Canadian delegation returned to Ottawa with a casket containing the soldier's remains on board the aircraft.

On the evening of May 25th, the casket carrying the remains of the Unknown Soldier was transported to Parliament Buildings, where it was placed in the Hall of Honour in the Centre Block. The remains lay in state there for three days, until the morning of May 28th, so that Canadians could view the casket and pay their respects.

In the afternoon of May 28th, the Unknown Soldier was transported from Parliament Hill to the National War Memorial on a horse-drawn gun carriage provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The funeral cortege included Their Excellencies, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada and John Ralston Saul, the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, veterans, Canadian Forces personnel and members of the RCMP. In a ceremony which aired on national television, the Unknown Soldier was laid to rest in a specially-designed sarcophagus directly in front of the War Memorial.

From that point on, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier became a focal point of commemoration for all memorial events at the [National War Memorial](#). It is a memorial in Canada for Canadians. The Tomb is a fitting way to honour the sacrifices on which our freedoms were built.

Designing and Constructing

As custodian of the National War Memorial, [Public Works and Government Services Canada](#) was responsible for designing and constructing a tomb where the unknown Canadian soldier brought home from the cemetery at Vimy in France was laid to rest.

Located on the upper plaza of the National War Memorial, in Ottawa, in front of the existing monument, the Tomb consists of a granite sarcophagus enclosing a casket containing the remains of the unknown soldier. A bronze relief sculpture is secured to the top with stainless steel pins. The four corner pieces of the sarcophagus also have bronze relief work.

The Sarcophagus

The three-tiered sarcophagus is 12 feet long, 8 feet wide and 3 feet high. Dark Caledonia granite, quarried in Rivière à Pierre, Québec, was selected to complement the paler-coloured stone used in the National War Memorial. While it is patterned after the stone altar of the Vimy Memorial, the severe Ottawa climate, as well as the bronze and stone makeup of the National War Memorial, led to the decision to produce the relief work in bronze.

The Bronze Relief Sculpture

The sculpture, cast in Roberts Creek, British Columbia, includes the key elements of the stone carving on the Vimy altar; a medieval sword, a helmet of the type worn in the First World War, with branches of maple and laurel leaves. The laurel leaves symbolize both victory and death. Four bronze corner pieces containing symbolic mementos of mourning enhance the sculpture.

The Four Bronze Corner Pieces

Three of the corner pieces are decorated with large replicas of the Memorial Cross. First instituted in 1919, the Cross is presented to the family of those who gave their lives while serving Canada in war or on peacekeeping missions. The three Crosses are slightly different; each has the Royal Cypher of one of the successive monarchs since its inception (George V, George VI, and Elizabeth II). On the fourth corner piece there is a replica of a poppy, representing those who may fall in future conflicts. The curved shape of the corner pieces will echo the curve of the top of the War Memorial.



The Artist

The sculpture was created by Mary-Ann Liu, a well-known Canadian artist from Mission, British Columbia, who works with a variety of materials. A sculptor and designer for 15 years, her work has been exhibited as far away as Japan.

Selecting the Design

The design selected for the bronze relief was the unanimous choice of the selection committee. It was one of six submissions received from internationally renowned Canadian artists from across the country who were invited to submit their designs. The selection committee comprised representatives from Public Works and Government Services Canada, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Department of National Defence, the National Capital Commission, the Royal Canadian Legion, a former Dominion Sculptor, a sculpture restoration specialist and a design consultant.

Lighting

A light mounted on the roof of a nearby building illuminates the Tomb, and new lighting was installed to enhance the National War Memorial itself.

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)

February *Black history month *14 Valentines Day *15 National Flag of Canada Day *21 Louis Riel Day (MB) *28 Gulf War ends (1991) - 30th anniversary ***Lapsed member reminders



National Flag of Canada Day February 15

At the stroke of noon on February 15, 1965, *Canada's* red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time on Parliament Hill.

National Flag of Canada Day was started on February 15 in 1996.

The National Flag of Canada, whether it be a cloth, paper or made of some other fabric or material, should never:

- Be used as a tablecloth or seat cover;
- Be used as a masking for boxes, covering a speaker's podium, draping a platform, as a barrier on a stage or platform, or in general for any decoration;

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 /update for our Branch website in 2022

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 articles &/or pictures



**LEGION BINGO
CANCELLED FOR
FEBRUARY 3, 2022
PLEASE WATCH LEGION
FACEBOOK EACH WEEK
FOR UPDATED
INFORMATION**

**BRANCH 003 Legion hosts every
Friday & Saturday Nite**

Meat Draws - 50/50 - CHASE The ACE

Please bring proof of 2 Vaccinations,
photo id & your mask!

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





The month of February is without a Cadet Corner due to the fact that the Cadets are now at home and online.

Their Corner will catch up once they start meeting in person at their home in our Branch #3. .

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National Youth Track and Field Championships

For over 50 years, we have supported young Canadians through training and competition in track and field. The Legion Nationals are the country's premier and only nationwide competition for U16 and U18 athletes. Be a part of it!

**See you in Sherbrooke, Quebec
August 5-7, 2022!**

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- Be used to cover a statue, monument or plaque for an unveiling ceremony;
 - Have anything pinned to or sewn onto it;
 - Be signed or marked in any way (A border could be attached to its outside edge, which can be marked while leaving the Flag itself untouched.);
 - Be used as wearing apparel;
 - Be flown in a discoloured or tattered condition;
 - Be burned in effigy;
- Touch the ground;