THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE



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Letter from the President

With the new year under way, and the pandemic numbers continuing to rise, I would like to acknowledge that RCL Brandon Branch 003 has endured through the past two years and could not have done so without the ongoing support of our community, most importantly, you as a membership. The Branch is standing as strong as ever and will continue to provide the services you have come to expect.

Born and raised in Ottawa, I have spent some time watching my father represent the Monarchy as a member of the Governor General's Foot Guard on Parliament Hill and at the residence of the Governor General. Although I have never enlisted, I have spent a few years as an army cadet. I am a son and grandson of family who have served, and it is an absolute honor to represent Brandon Branch 003 as your newly elected president. I have been a member since 2018 and have served the last two years as your Sargent at Arms. Periodically you may see me behind the microphone at our Friday and Saturday night Meat Draws. More often, than not, rambling about upcoming events.

As our mission is to serve Veterans, our community and country, I am looking forward to doing so with our newly elected officers and executive. Most of all, with our great group of volunteers.

We look forward to a better year. Stay safe, keep well.

Thank you,
Fred Pritchard
President
RCL Brandon Branch 003





Note from the editor

Most of the archival material used in the Legionnaire Newsletter, previously and into the future was, is and will be from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 3 Archival Collection preserved by Comrade Jack Hamilton. All of the newspaper clipping and pictures were and will be taken from the **Brandon Sun**.; a special 'thank you' for their fine coverage of Legion events over the years and into the future.

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Ladies' AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



The raffle took place on December 18 with the following winners:

Rachel McCorrister-\$200.00

Debbie Burgess-\$100.00

Joni DeBacker-\$75.00

The raffle committee would like to thank Erich Stumme for printing the tickets and all the ladies who helped assemble the books. A special thanks to those who went above and beyond and sold extra books of tickets—thanks to your efforts, we were able to sell every single ticket!

Watch for our Spring Raffle



Members of the Brandon Legion Ladies Auxiliary accepting a Poppy donations from a 50/50 draw held in November by the residents of Rotary Villa in Brandon.



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 our social media channels....

Facebook.com/CanadianLegion Twitter.com/RoyalCdnLegion Instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion

JANUARY *1 New Years Day *27 Holocaust Remembrance Day *28 Bell Let's Talk (mental health * Membership renewal reminders



Brandon Branch 003 Legion Executive 2022

President: Fred Pritchard
Past President: Cindy Stumme
1st Vice President: Raymond Burgess
2nd Vice President: Linda Wakefield
Sgt-at-Arms: Richard McDonald

Executive Committee

Maureen Hawkins, Laura Hyrich, Bob Mawson, Paul Mount, Terry Shand, Erich Stumme, Murray Tallant

LADIES AUXILIARY 2020 EXECUTIVE

President: Maureen Farrant
Past President: Linda Leckie
1st Vice President: Laura Hyrich
2nd Vice President: Barb Roberds

Secretary: Betty Persian Sgt-at-Arms: Suzanne Cartier Treasurer: Pat Simmons Membership: Barb Wood

Poppy Committee: Shirley Kernaghan, Barb Roberds

Liaison: Laura Hyrich

Funeral Teas/Houselady: Maureen Farrant

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

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





On December 8th, the Corp had a Branch inspection in addition to certificates of appreciation and service awards presented. Being a first for me, being a part of the Branch inspection, I couldn't help but be moved by the opportunity that is presented to our Cadets. Being from a smaller community myself, the ability to participate in my youth would have meant an hour of driving extra for my parents, in addition to having to pay to participate as well. Our Corp runs on the generosity of others, whether it be their time, their experience, or their donations. In doing so, we ensure that all children have that opportunity to participate in Cadets while learning new skills and making new friendships. One shinning example that comes to mind on these opportunities, is our very own Commander Kozak, who received his 20 year award at the Branch inspection as well from Division representative, Mr. Haggerty.





December 13th saw another trip to the Legion, even if just the front doors as we live streamed our 50/50 draw. With Covid protocols and given the quick nature of the draw itself, we opted for a more outdoorsy approach. A congratulations goes out to Charlette Fontaine on winning our draw just in time for Christmas!





December 22nd saw the Corp make the trip to Turtle Crossing for a good old fashioned Sleigh Ride! With hot dogs for roasting, marshmallows for toasting, and caroling out in the snow (from the warmth of the covered wagon), the entire experience was like something from a Christmas carol. The entire Corp had a great time filled with holiday cheer. My apologies on the lack of photos, as horses don't make for the smoothest of rides when it comes to keeping the camera steady. (Three pictures below are powered by Bing)







Santa himself had some help from the Royal Canadian Legion as a more than generous donation was presented to the Corp this month as well. Your generosity and our gratitude know no bounds as the Legion has given us a home in these unprecedented times. On behalf of the entire Branch and Corp, we thank you for your kindness, especially in 2021.



Wishing you all the best in the coming year! Sincerely Steven

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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 Legion



News archive

https://www.legion.ca/news Legion supports awarding Victoria Cross to Afghanistan Veteran

Dec 1, 2021

Private Jess Larochelle deserving of commendation



OTTAWA, ON, 1 December 2021 - The Royal Canadian Legion is supporting efforts to award a Canadian soldier the Canadian Victoria Cross. It is the country's highest honour for bravery, valour, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty when in the presence of an enemy.

Private Jess Larochelle served in Afghanistan and performed selfless acts to save others during an attack by enemy forces in 2006. Media reports describe a badly wounded and bleeding soldier who returned to his post to prevent further casualties as enemy fighters gained ground. While severely injured he fired multiple M72 rockets, resulting in the enemy's retreat and saving the rest of his section. Two members had already died.

"There is no doubt that Private Larochelle went above and beyond in excruciating circumstances to save his Comrades and serve our nation," says Bruce Julian, Dominion President. "We ask that our military leaders review Private Larochelle's actions with a view to honouring him with this award."

The Legion joins a chorus of others requesting Pte. Larochelle be recognized for his extraordinary service with the Canadian Victoria Cross. He was previously awarded the Star of Military Valour, which is the second highest award for bravery.

The Victoria Cross was established in 1856 and has been awarded to over 80 Canadians. The Canadian Victoria Cross was established on 1 January 1993 and has not been awarded to any soldiers to date.

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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Will Hold Annual Meeting on January 16

The annual meeting of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L, Brandon branch No 3. will be held on Thu rsday. January 16th, it was decided at the regular meeting of thebranchheldinthe Legion hall Thursday night. After the meeting was formally opened by President Giddings the chair was vacated in favor of his successor. Pre sident-elect Brig-Gen. J. Kirkcaldy. In addition to some routine business the members were told of some of the accomplishments of the Auxiliary War Services committee which SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY had undertaken much for men in the services. To give still further assistance to the committee a n u m b e r of members volunteered for duty at the Saturday night dances at the armoury for benefit of the forces. The new president outlined some of the plans for the future but stressed the fact that all will be expected to take a sh a r e in the work of the legion, m o re members will be sought, and extensive activities will be undertaken. Tribute was paid to the excellent showing made during the regime of President Giddings. While no reports were handed in. yet the treasurer of the

house committee.

other business disposed of

Past President F. Nelson, and the branch treasurer J. Bradley, assured the meeting that in spite of heavy demands on the funds during the year, the reports would show a satisfactory total

W.G. Shuker was appointed auditor. The meeting gave approval to the fixing of the branch dues at \$4.60 per annum, the amount to include the yearly subscription to the Legionary.

In reviewing some of the accomplishments of the past year, mention was made of the formation of cadet units and the action of the Brandon school board in connection with this matter was heartily endorsed.

A cablegram from members of the 71st Battery now in England acknowledging the message sent by the branch November 11th, was received with pleasure. Many other greetings were received from former members now resident in various parts of the Dominion or on active service. A special meeting of the whole new executive will be held in the Legion hall next Thursday January 9th at 8p.m. when all committees will be set up and other business disposed of.

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of major importance, as the forces