

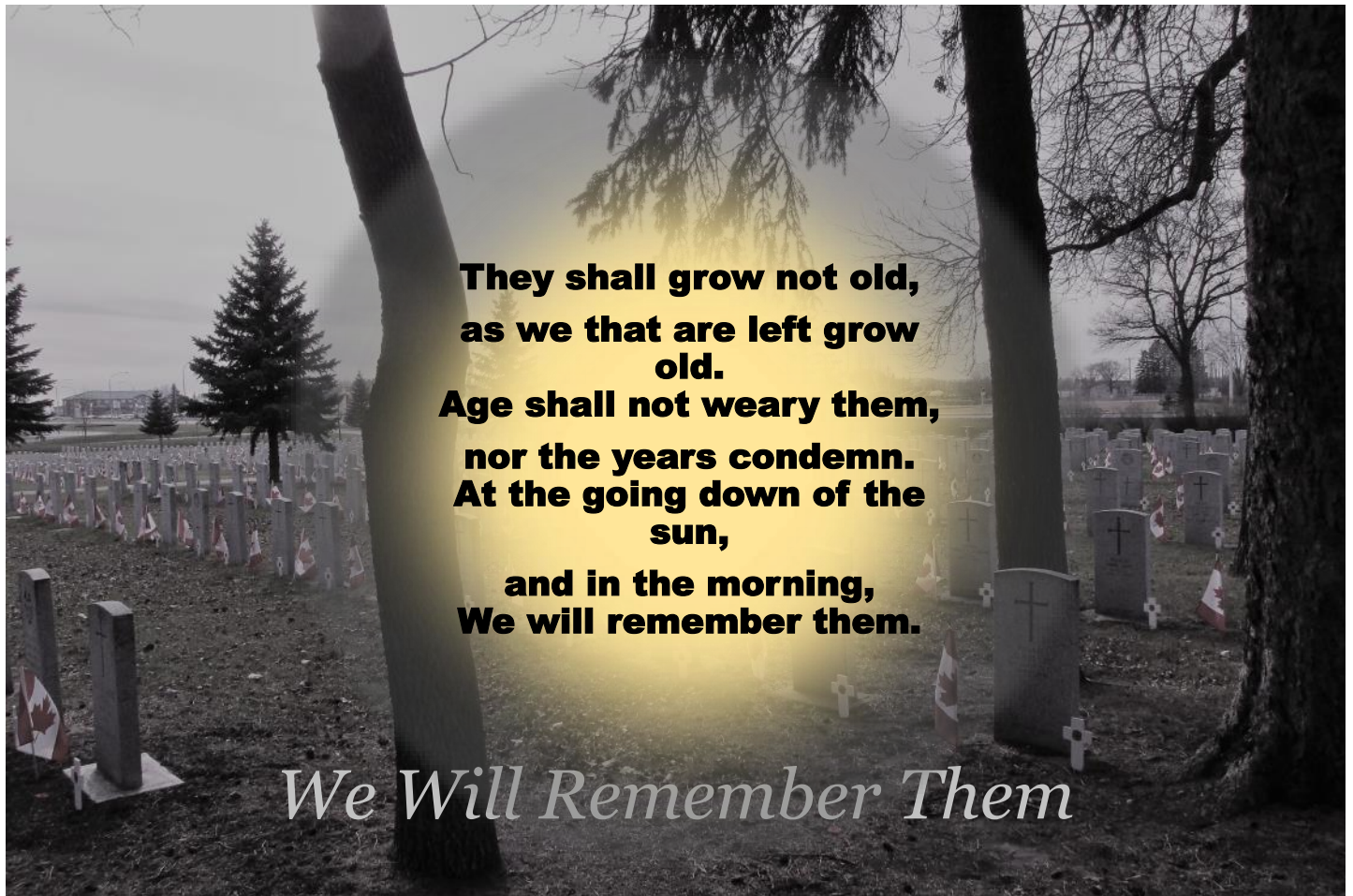
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Branch 003, Brandon, MB

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**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

The following email was sent to the Branch on March 1, 2022

From: Bob Hawkins—bobhawkinsband@yahoo.ca

Sent: March 1, 2022 9:09 AM

Subject: Save My Soul—The Bob Hawkins Band

Hello,

My name is Bob Hawkins and my father, Jim Hawkins was a Lancaster Bomber Navigator in the Canadian Air Force post World War II.

The Bob Hawkins Band has put together a video with an original composition called Save My Soul, in dedication to my dad and all who serve and have served Canada.

We hope you will be encouraged by the video and share it with others at your branch, free of charge as part of our appreciation to all of you .

Thank you for your time. God Bless.

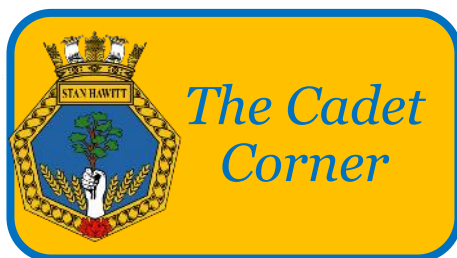
“Lest We Forget”

****Please Note Information was copied from Bob Hawkins email to the Branch you may contact him at: Cell/Phone/Text-705-330-1044**

Emails: bobhawkinsband@yahoo.ca music@bobhawkinsband.com

Personal Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com.hawkins.509/>

Here is the link to the video: [Save My Soul - The Bob Hawkins Band](#)



March is here and there is '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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Legions in their communities

Supporting youth in our communities

Many Canadians don't realize that the Legion is one of the largest supporters of community youth activities in the country. The Legion promotes Remembrance to the younger generation and works with schools and youth organizations to keep the memories of our Fallen Veterans alive. The Legion also supports youth leadership programs and activities such as Cadets, Scouts and Guides, and youth sports, helping build the next generation of leaders. Visit our [Youth education](#) and [Youth leadership](#) pages to find out more.

Bursaries and scholarships

The Royal Canadian Legion is committed to supporting Veterans and their families and offers financial assistance for post-secondary education to those in need.

Poppy Trust Fund bursaries

As part of the Legion's commitment to Veterans and their families, Legion Branches may grant bursaries through the Poppy Trust Fund to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Veterans who need financial assistance to pursue a post-secondary education. These bursaries can make a difference for Veterans' families and offers these children an opportunity to further their educational goals. Bursaries may be granted at any stage of a college or university program. Local Branches and Provincial Commands develop their eligibility requirements, deadlines and application procedures. [Contact the local Legion Branch](#) in your area for further information and assistance.

Legion Ladies' Corner

Tickets are still Available!

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**



International Women's Day 2022



Join us for a light and fun all-day event to celebrate the women in our community!

What to expect for the day:

- light yoga session
- meditation session
- art therapy session
- lunch (provided by Cursed Coffee Co Shilo)
- special guest speaker **Jill Officer, Olympic Gold Medalist in curling**
- awesome door prizes provided by The Brow Loft, Tour Fit Club & more!

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

\$10 per participant (*military families*); or

\$15 per participant (*other*)

El Prado Club (Jr. Ranks, Shilo)

Register & pay by noon on Tuesday, February 22

*must show proof of double vaccination to attend



Pre-register online or call the Shilo MFRC at 204-765-3000 ext.3352

FREE childcare in OCC is available on a first come, first served basis - call 204-765-3000 ext. 3352 to book!



Margaret Bourke-White was a woman of firsts: **the first photographer for Fortune**, the first Western professional photographer permitted into the Soviet Union, Life magazine's first female photographer, and the first female war correspondent credentialed to work in combat zones during World War II.



Sponsored by the MFRC with support from the Defence Women's Advisory Organization & PSP.



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 Twitter.com/RoyalCdnLegion Instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion

March 3. World Hearing Day...8. International Women's Day...2nd Monday Commonwealth Day...15 last Canadian soldiers returned from Afghanistan (2014) ...*Lapsed member reminders**

Information below taken from—<https://nationaltoday.com/commonwealth-day-in-canada/>



COMMONWEALTH DAY IN CANADA March 14, 2022



Commonwealth Day in Canada is celebrated on the second Monday of March. The aim is to renew the vows of international cooperation, Commonwealth solidarity, and to address the global issues of the more than two billion people that constitute the nations of former British colonies. First observed as Empire Day, the day was later renamed Commonwealth Day. Canada, still a constitutional monarchy, celebrates Commonwealth Day with great enthusiasm. The Royal Union Flag is hoisted at federal establishments, and families gather to hear the message of unity and intercontinental solidarity from the Queen.

HISTORY OF COMMONWEALTH DAY IN CANADA

The British expansion into Canada was unlike any of their endeavors at the time. To counter the growing French Empire, the British army laid siege to the Great White North — and continued to fight the French expansion for 200 years. As the Empire faced a staunch reckoning from the south, it solidified its roots in the Canadian provinces. After a resounding victory over the French in 1759, the British Empire was primed to blossom in the country, but America's brewing rebellion was soon noticed by Canadian subjects. The ill-thought, expensive, and burdensome expansion into Canada soon met its final glory, as England granted independence to Canada in 1867.

It is said that the sun never sets on the British Empire, except, it did — 65 times. Out of all the countries emancipated from British rule, 54 have now joined the Commonwealth to express cooperation with the former colonies. The goal of the Commonwealth is to foster international peace and security amongst the members

and their neighboring countries.

Canadian author Clementina Trenholme dedicated a day to celebrate the country's association with the Commonwealth as Empire Day in May 1898. It wasn't until 1958 that the day got its current name. In 1973, with an official recommendation from the Royal Commonwealth Society of Canada, the observation was moved to the second Monday of March.

Tides have turned against the relics of colonization. The Empire, which once represented prosperity and grandeur, now faces a reckoning from within. As 21st-century Canadians come together to observe Commonwealth Day, they want to send a message of reconciliation, rather than celebration.

WHY COMMONWEALTH DAY IN CANADA IS IMPORTANT

A remembrance of shared history

Commonwealth Day in Canada is observed by over two billion people, standing in unison with their shared history. For Canada, the anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday highlights the riches of the British Empire, as the majority of Canadians are descendants of European immigrants

It celebrates diversity

Commonwealth Day in Canada celebrates the uniqueness and diversity of the people of the federation. Interfaith ceremonies and assimilating activities are held by the Royal Commonwealth Society to honor the differences that bring all sovereign nations of the Commonwealth together.

It's an opportunity for growth

While many Commonwealths like Australia and Canada are developed countries, most of the former colonies are severely underdeveloped nations with challenging conditions. The trade principles set by Commonwealth experts provide them with opportunities for export and expansion into the global market.

St. Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on Thursday, March 17, 2022.



View of the Dnieper River in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Ukraine. The Dnieper is one of the major rivers of Europe.

Image: Novoklimov

About Ukraine

The map shows Ukraine, a country at the crossroads between Europe and Asia situated in eastern Europe, north of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. Ukraine's fertile land was known as the breadbasket of the Soviet Union; now, it has become the breadbasket of Europe.

With an [area](#) of 600,000 km², it is the second-largest country in Europe after [European Russia](#), twice the size of [Italy](#) or slightly smaller than the [US state of Texas](#). Ukraine borders [Belarus](#), [Hungary](#), [Moldova](#), [Poland](#), [Romania](#), [Russia](#), and [Slovakia](#).

The landscape of Ukraine consists mainly of plains and plateaus, except the Carpathians in the west. Mount Hoverla (Hora Hoverla) is at 2,061 m (6,760 ft.), the highest peak in the country.

Ukraine's major rivers are the Dniester, the Southern Bug (Pivdennyi Buh), the Desna, the Donets, and the Dnieper (Dnipro), a vital waterway and the longest river in Ukraine with its large water reservoirs, the Kremenchuk Reservoir and the Kakhovka Reservoir.

Ukraine has a [population](#) of 41.3 million people (in 2021); the capital and largest city is [Kiev](#) (Kyiv) with a population of 2.9 million; the city is a major industrial, scientific, educational, and cultural center in Eastern Europe. Spoken [languages](#) are Ukrainian (official), Russian is widely spoken, especially in eastern and southern parts of the country.

NOTE: You are free to use the above map for educational and similar purposes; if you publish it online or in print, you need to credit the Nations Online Project as the source.

<https://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/map/ukraine-political-map.htm>

Geography of Ukraine

Ukraine is the largest country in Europe (including Crimea). About 95% of the country is flat, because it is located on the territory of the **East European Plain**. There are only two regions in the country where there are mountains: in the western part of Ukraine are the **Eastern Carpathians**, part of the Carpathian Mountains, a mountain range that spans Central and Eastern Europe. There is the highest mountain in Ukraine, **Mount Hoverla**, at 2061 meters. In the southern part of the Crimean Peninsula are the **Crimean Mountains**, which stretch along the southeast coast of the **Black Sea** for a length of about 150 km.

Roman-Kosh is the highest elevation of the Crimean Mountains with 1545 m.

Rivers in Ukraine

Ukraine is a country rich in rivers. A large number of streams, rivers and creeks flow through Ukraine in whole or in part. Most rivers flow into the **Black Sea**, a few into the **Baltic Sea**. Among the most important rivers of Ukraine are the **Danube**, the **Dnieper** and the **Dniester**. The Dniester creates a long section of Ukraine's border with Moldova. The Danube, Europe's second-longest river, and its **Chilia branch** form the border between Ukraine and Romania. The Dnieper (Dnipro), the longest river in Ukraine, rises in Russia and flows in a southerly direction for about 2,200 km (1,370 mi) through Ukraine, emptying into the Black Sea at **Kherson**.

Natural resources of Ukraine

The vast country is rich in natural resources in high concentrations, including iron ore, coal, manganese, natural gas, oil, petroleum, salt, sulfur, graphite. Other deposits are titanium ore, magnesium, bauxite, kaolin, nickel, and mercury (cinnabar).

Ukraine's coal mines are among the deepest in Europe.

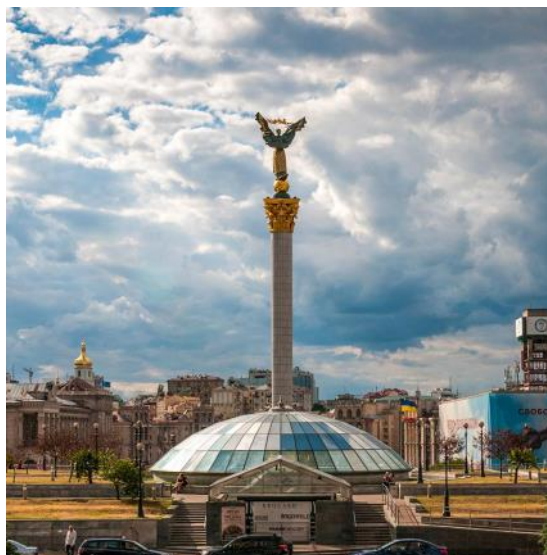
Other natural resources are timber and arable land. Hydropower plants take third place in Ukraine's energy sector, after thermal energy (coal and natural gas) and nuclear energy.

Natural hazards in Ukraine

Ukraine is exposed to the risk of hydrometeorological hazards and natural disasters due to seasonal floods and droughts, which mainly affect agriculture and human health. The threat from flooding in rivers and cities and from forest fires is rated high. [\[WB\]](#)

Environmental issues in Ukraine

Ukraine faces a number of environmental problems, most notably air pollution, water resource quality, and soil degradation. Other issues include solid waste management, biodiversity loss, and human health related to environmental risk factors.



Monument of Independence on Maidan Nezalezhnosti, the central square of Kyiv.

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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
is back!
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

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

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

local

