

THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022 VOLUME XLII : 10



Branch 003, Brandon, MB

POPPY Trust Funds Go to Work in our Community!

Samaritan House Ministries \$1,977.00

Bursaries at \$1,000.00ea \$2,000.00

Prairie Mountain Health—Acute Care
\$6,954.52

Brandon Fire & Emergency Services
\$2,270.00

St. John Ambulance \$4,500.00

Brandon Seniors for Seniors Inc.
\$7,875.00

Military Family Resource Centre-Child
\$1,500.00

#82 Brandon RCA-FCC \$500.00

#71 Battery RCA 2520 RCACC \$500.00

League Cadet Corp-Stan Hawitt \$500.00

RCSCC Swiftsure \$500.00





The Poppy Trust Fund

[What is the Legion's Poppy Trust Fund?](#)

The Poppy Trust Fund is composed of the funds donated across the country during the National Poppy Campaign from the last Friday in October to November 11. Funds donated locally are distributed locally. Funds contributed at a national level are distributed nationally.

[Where does Poppy Trust Fund money go?](#)

There are [strict guidelines](#) governing how Poppy Trust Funds can be used. Millions of dollars are distributed yearly to help our Veterans, their families and communities with a [range of emergency help, services, and equipment](#).

[How much money is donated to the Poppy Trust Fund each November?](#)

Every year, close to 20 million dollars is donated and distributed through the National Poppy Campaign. Money raised locally is distributed locally.

[Can an organization that supports Veterans access Poppy Funds?](#)

Through generous donations to the Royal Canadian Legion [Poppy Trust Fund](#), the Legion is able to provide funding to eligible organizations undertaking Veteran support initiatives, as outlined in the Poppy Manual.

Eligible organizations that provide support for Veterans and/or their families may apply for funding through the Legion. See more: <https://legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy-campaign/funding-for-organizations>

Christmas truce

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Christmas truce** ([German](#): *Weihnachtsfrieden*; [French](#): *Trêve de Noël*; [Dutch](#): *Kerstbestand*) was a series of widespread unofficial ceasefires along the [Western Front](#) of the [First World War](#) around Christmas 1914.

The truce occurred five months after hostilities had begun. Lulls occurred in the fighting as armies ran out of men and munitions and commanders reconsidered their strategies following the stalemate of the [Race to the Sea](#) and the indecisive result of the [First Battle of Ypres](#). In the week leading up to the 25 December, [French](#), [German](#) and [British](#) soldiers crossed trenches to exchange seasonal greetings and talk. In some areas, men from both sides ventured into [no man's land](#) on [Christmas Eve](#) and [Christmas Day](#) to mingle and exchange food and souvenirs. There were joint burial ceremonies and prisoner swaps, while several meetings ended in carol-singing. Men played games of football with one another, creating one of the most memorable images of the truce.^[1] Hostilities continued in some sectors, while in others the sides settled on little more than arrangements to recover bodies.

The following year, a few units arranged ceasefires but the truces were not nearly as widespread as in 1914; this was, in part, due to strongly worded orders from commanders, prohibiting truces. Soldiers were no longer amenable to truce by 1916; the war had become increasingly bitter after the human losses suffered during the battles of 1915.

The truces were not unique to the Christmas period and reflected a mood of "[live and let live](#)", where infantry close together would stop fighting and fraternise, engaging in conversation or bartering for cigarettes. In some sectors, there were occasional ceasefires to allow soldiers to go between the lines and recover wounded or dead comrades; in others, there was a tacit agreement not to shoot while men rested, exercised or worked in view of the enemy. The Christmas truces were particularly significant due to the number of men involved and the level of their participation—even in quiet sectors, dozens of men openly congregating in daylight was remarkable—and are often seen as a symbolic moment of peace and humanity amidst one of the most violent conflicts of human history.

Background

During the first eight weeks of [World War I](#), French and British troops stopped the German attack through [Belgium](#) into France outside Paris at the [First Battle of the Marne](#) in early September 1914. The Germans fell back to the [Aisne valley](#), where they dug in. In the [First Battle of the Aisne](#), the Franco–British attacks were repulsed and both sides began digging [trenches](#) to economise on manpower and use the surplus to outflank, to the north, their opponents. In the [Race to the Sea](#), the two sides made reciprocal outflanking manoeuvres and after several weeks, during which the British forces were withdrawn from the Aisne and sent north to [Flanders](#), both sides ran out of room. By November, armies had built continuous lines of trenches running from the [North Sea](#) to the Swiss frontier.^[2]

Before Christmas 1914, there were several peace initiatives. The [Open Christmas Letter](#) was a public message for [peace](#) addressed "To the Women of Germany and [Austria](#)", signed by a group of 101 British women [suffragettes](#) at the end of 1914.^{[3][4]} [Pope Benedict XV](#), on 7 December 1914, had begged for an official truce between the warring governments.^[5] He asked "that the guns may fall silent at least upon the night the angels sang", which was refused by both sides.^{[6][7]}

Youth Remembrance Contests

Fostering Remembrance is a part of everything we do. Through The Royal Canadian Legion's longstanding annual Poster and Literary Contests, Canadian school children honour Canada's Veterans through creative art and writing, and help perpetuate Remembrance.

Brandon School Division students entering in this contest are required to have their entry delivered to Brandon Branch 003 by November 25, 2022, in order to be judged for a further level.



Comrades Betty Demers (Left) & Barb Roberds attended King George School Remembrance Day Service on November 10, 2022, shown beside an excellent display of class made Poppy wreaths.

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)

DECEMBER 2022

- December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- December 3 International Volunteer Day
- December 6 Halifax Explosion (1917)
- December 6 National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women
- December 10 Nobel Prize for Peace awarded to peacekeepers (1988)
- December 25 (Legion supports Operation Santa Claus)
- December 25 Fall of Hong Kong (1941)
- Membership renewal reminders

*All 2022
Staff & Volunteers
are Invited to our Branch 003
CHRISTMAS PARTY*

December 18, 2022 in Legion Lounge

2pm to 5pm

Please **RSVP** to Legion Lounge staff **204-728-5026**
after 1pm Tuesday—Saturday

Before / by December 14, 2022

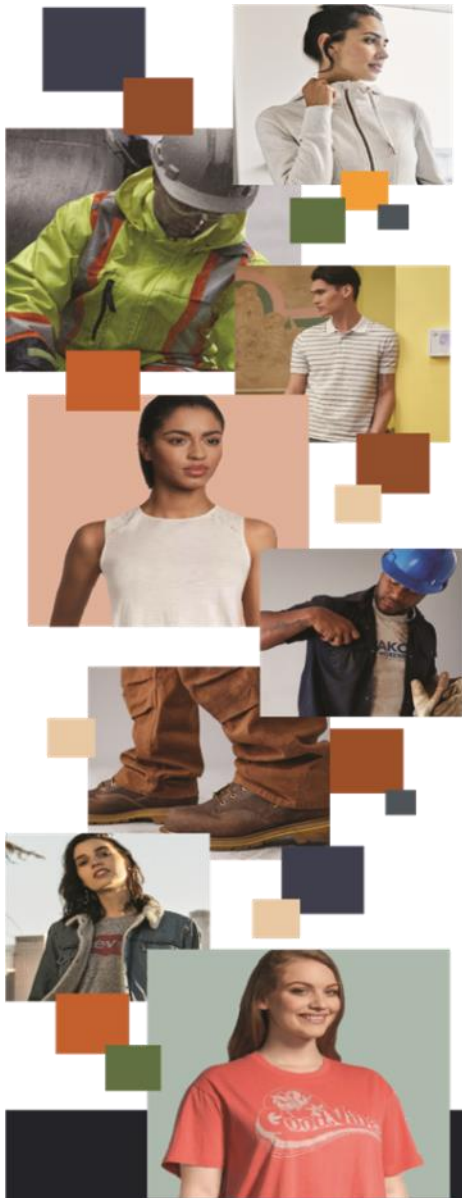
*Thankyou to all the devoted volunteers and hard-working staff for helping to
make 2022 a banner year for Legion Branch #3!*

*Sincerely,
President Fred Pritchard & Executive*



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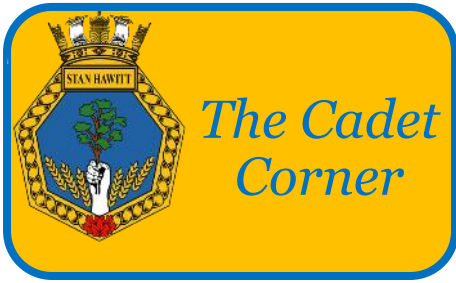


Dec. 4 – Dec. 10
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We started back training in person in September and we are currently parading with 45 cadets! We have a very large Corps this year and are so proud of their commitment and dedication they have shown so far.



Remembrance Day November 11, 2022 at the
Keystone Centre Brandon



Navy League Cadet Corp Stan Hawitt attending Poppy Cadet Tag
Day, Saturday October 29, 2022

Poppy VOLUNTEERS 2022
View of a few
THANKYOU to MANY !



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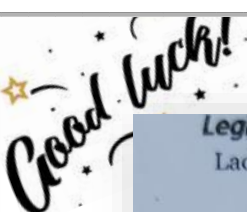


Ladies Corner

Our November meeting had 14 members present. We had a funeral service for Louise Pratt. A crew completed the cleanup of the cupboards in the back room, allowing us more room for storage of items still in use. Final volunteers for the Yard Sale and Poppy Sales were signed up. A donation was made to the Branch volunteer (December 18) appreciation day. The December 6 meeting will be a catered meal as we are not allowed to have pot lucks at the moment. Barb Roberds and Marg Melnyk will organize the supper. The December meeting will follow supper.

Submitted by Betty Persian
11/25/2022

NOTE: Please note error was made regarding the presentation of LA Life Members in November 2022 issue of the Brandon Legionnaire page 9. The caption on the picture should have read ...Ladies Auxiliary President Maureen Farrant presents...



“

May this season find you among those you love, sharing in the twin glories of generosity and gratitude.”

OPRAH WINFREY



woman's day

The Royal Canadian Legion
Ladies' Auxiliary—Brandon Branch # 3
Christmas Raffle

- 1. Cash Prize.....\$ 200.00
- 2. Cash Prize.....\$ 100.00
- 3. Cash Prize.....\$ 75.00

Draw to be made on Saturday, December 17th, 2022 at 5:00 pm

10 Tickets for \$ 5.00

2500 tickets printed

License No: LGCA 4433 RF-37152

Ticket No:



Brandon Branch 003 Legion Executive 2023

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

Newly Elected Executive Committee 2023

Linda Baker, Suzanne Cartier, Maureen Hawkins, Mike Hawkins,
 Laura Hyrich, Mel Hyrich, Bob Mawson, Richard McDonald, Terry Shand

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: Barb Roberds
 Treasurer: Pat Simmons
 Membership: Barb Wood
 Poppy Committee: Shirley Kernaghan, Barb Roberds
 Liaison: Laura Hyrich
 Funeral Teas/Houselady: Maureen Farrant

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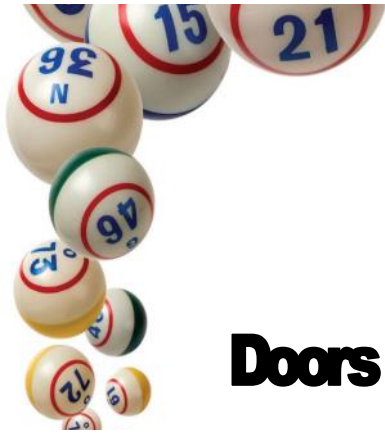
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Legion Branch Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LegionBrandonBranch/> ...contact
 Laureen at Legion Lounge

Legion Branch Website: <https://www.brandonlegion.ca/>

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



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



Brandon Branch #3

DECEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Friday	Sat
				1 <u>BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm	2 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chace The Ace 5:00pm	3 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chace The Ace 4:30pm
4 Branch Closed	5 Branch Closed	6 Ladies Auxiliary Dinner Mtg 6pm	7 Cribbage 7:00 pm	8 <u>BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm	9 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chace The Ace 5:00pm	10 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chace The Ace 4:30pm
11 Branch Closed	12 Branch Closed	13 <u>Branch Executive 7:00 pm</u>	14 Cribbage 7:00 pm	15 <u>BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm	16 Turkey & Ham PLUS 50/50 - Chace The Ace 5pm	17 Turkey & Ham PLUS 50/50 - Chace The Ace 4:30
18 Branch Closed	19 Branch Closed	20	21 Cribbage 7:00 pm	22 <u>Turkey Bonus & BINGO Nite</u> Doors open 5 pm	23 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chace The Ace 5:00 pm	24
25 	26 	27	28 No Cribbage Until January 4/23	29 NO BINGO Tonight	30 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chace The Ace 5:00pm	31 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chace The Ace 4:30pm

Branch Lounge Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Ladies Auxiliary Brandon - January 2, 2023 meeting to be held at 2:00 pm in the Branch Games Room

Regular meetings of Ladies Auxiliary 1st Tuesday February to June & September to December at 7:00 pm in the Legion Banquet Hall