

**THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE
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Declaration of 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.

The flag belongs to all Canadians; it is an emblem we all share.

Although simple in design, Canada's flag well reflects the common values we hold so dear: freedom, peace, respect, justice and tolerance. Canada's flag is a symbol that unites Canadians and expresses throughout the world and always our pride in being Canadian.

The maple leaf flag pays homage to our geography, reflects the grandeur of our history and represents our national identity.

Our flag thus honours Canadians of all origins who through their courage and determination, have helped to build and are continuing to build our great country: a dynamic country that is open to the future.

Therefore, I, Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, declare that February 15 will be celebrated henceforth as National Flag of Canada Day.

Let us be proud of our flag! Let us recognize how privileged we are to live in Canada, this magnificent country that encompasses our history, our hopes, our future.

Jean Chrétien
Prime Minister of Canada
February 15, 1996



Lest We Forget

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

Legion services for Veterans and their families

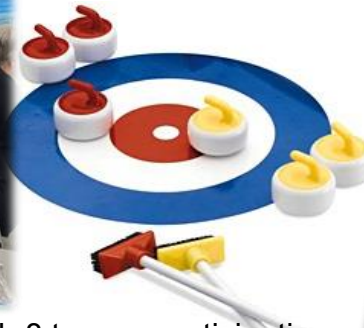
The Legion provides a range of services and supports for Veterans, their families and dependents. In addition to directly assisting Veterans and their families with the disability claims process through Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), the Legion offers a variety of programs, resources and referrals to support Veteran health, transition to civilian life, financial assistance and well-being.

At the local Legion Branch, a Veteran or their family can:

- meet with a volunteer Legion Service Officer to help identify unmet health or support needs and review possible benefits through VAC, as well as other supports available
- get assistance with completing the Legion Claims Form and receive a referral to Legion Command Service Officers for individual assistance
- request benevolent financial assistance through the Poppy Fund
- request visits to Veterans in retirement and long term care facilities
- access Veteran support and care programs as offered through the Branch (Continued on page 7)

The Legion ‘Just For Fun” Bonspiel began **EARLY** on Saturday morning, January 28th! Our Branch President Fred Pritchard welcomed all the curling folk, while looking spiffy in his Legion uniform. Sadly, Linda Wakefield, the promised official photographer, slept at the registration table. All the while, faithful volunteer Lori Snelgrove was busy registering the 14 curling teams, in advance of the 9 am and 11:30 draw.

An early morning full breakfast; and lunch later with awesome potato soup was provided by the Riverview Curling Club canteen staff Jodi, Regan and little helper London. While Riverview Curling Club, ice techs Chris and Dave kept the ice in pro-shape for the day.



The bonspiel was off to a roaring start, with 8 teams participating, Debbie Laminande, proud Legion member advertises the “Just for Fun Bonspiel with a winning smile. While Robert Malyon team leads the way in truly Canadian fashion sporting red plaid and the skipper was wearing a fur head warmer!



Riverview Curling Club
420 Maryland Ave,
Brandon, MB R7A 6Z8

As the Second Draw began at 11:30, so did the off ice activities with Legion Volunteer Blaine Wakefield opening the bar at Riverview Curling Club.

The day quickly sped away, as curlers, visitors, and spectators, came, went, ate and tipped a few until the final draw, then headed home to change for the dinner at the Legion hall at 6:30.

Then there was only two battling it out in the final round!



Mark Malyon Rink



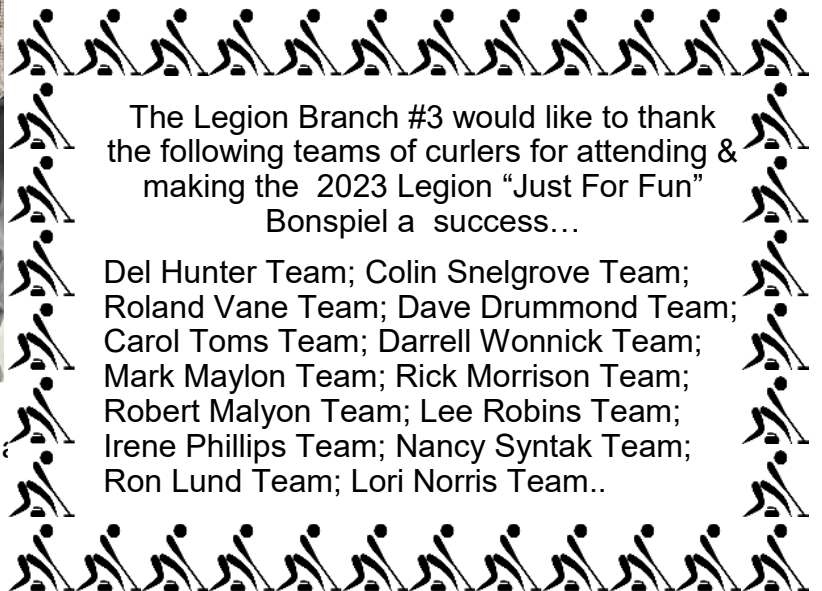
Carol Toms Rink



Winning team was the Rick Morrison Rink, decided by, not from a draw on the ice but by a draw from a hat, indicating that all teams were winners! Legion Volunteers (Front Left) Terry Shand Sports Chair, volunteer Blaine Wakefield. (Right)

The Legion Branch #3 would like to thank the following teams of curlers for attending & making the 2023 Legion "Just For Fun" Bonspiel a success...

Del Hunter Team; Colin Snelgrove Team; Roland Vane Team; Dave Drummond Team; Carol Toms Team; Darrell Wonnick Team; Mark Maylon Team; Rick Morrison Team; Robert Malyon Team; Lee Robins Team; Irene Phillips Team; Nancy Syntak Team; Ron Lund Team; Lori Norris Team..



Then there was "Dinner Time" in our Banquet Hall!



Bar service for the day was done by volunteer Rhonda on the right, and gets a helping hand from Lauren



Linda Baker looked after the 3—50/50 Draws held throughout the day raising \$317.00 . The winners were : Paul Miller, Darrell Wonnick, Ken Winstone.

There are no words to truly express the way our RCL Branch President, Executive and all our Volunteers feel about Erich Stumme. The Branch is very fortunate to have such a hard working, dedicated and professional as our Chef & Chairman of Branch Catering/Ways & Means Committee.

And, as always, a terrific dinner on Saturday evening, and with his special 'Kasekuchen' dessert! Sending a "Gigantic" **THANK YOU** to Erich & his hardworking Volunteers.



**For all your CATERING needs
BIG or small
Please call
RCLegion Brandon Branch 003
ATTN: Erich - Catering
Phone: 204-728-5026**



RCL Brandon Branch 003 would like to thank the following for their donations to the Legion 'Just For Fun' bonspiel 2023

Coca-Cola, Progressive Sanitation, Giant Tiger, Precision Toyota, Old Dutch, Marino's Pizza, Guild Inscce, Subway, Behlen Industries, Kuipers Bakery, Siere-Advising Independent Business Owners, Home Hardware, Keystone Motor Inn, 7-11 on Tenth, CSMA Canadian Construction Assoc. of Manitoba, Lyons Transmission Centre, McDougall Auctioneers Ltd, RCL Brandon Branch 003, Linda & Blaine Wakefield, Jodi's Café, Tim Horton's on 18th, Jiffy Food & Video.

ATTENTION CRIBBAGE PLAYERS!



Our Sports Chair, Terry Shand has a callout to anyone who wishes to join

the fun of a community type Cribbage get together. It is held in the Legion Lounge every Wednesday evening with Registration at 6:30 p.m. Play begins 7:00 p.m.

* It's d-d-dishonourable to peek at someone else's cards." "**Cribbage** is cutthroat. - *Author: Alexis Hall*

* Woe to he who checkmates his opponents at last, only to discover they have been playing **cribbage**. - *Author: Jedediah Berry*

Ladies Corner

**The Brandon Sun
Saturday, February 14,
1963 Page 11 (Brandon Sun
Newspaper Archives**

Plan Thirtieth Birthday Party

Plans were made at a recent meeting for the Brandon Royal Canadian Legion ladies auxiliary 30th birthday party to be held, Feb. 26, in the Legion Hall. Other events planned were the rummage sale, March 16 and the spring tea, May 11. Mrs. J. G. MacQueen, provincial president, will be guest speaker at the d i s t r i c t rally, April 18, at Neepawa. A donation was sent to the March of Dimes by the auxiliary. Thirty-six members attended the meeting



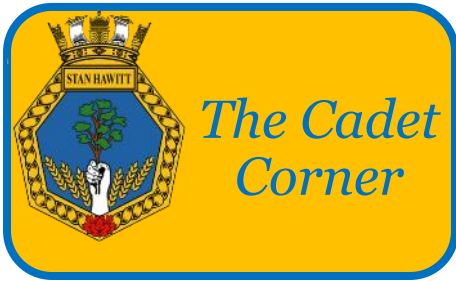
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Provincial Command Service Officers can help a Veteran or their family:

- get assistance with the disability claims process
- request benevolent financial assistance through the Poppy Fund, beyond what a Branch can provide
- obtain referrals to appropriate Legion and provincial Veteran support programs and resources
- obtain referral to a Legion Dominion Command Service Officer for additional assistance and free, professional representation with VAC benefits and appeals

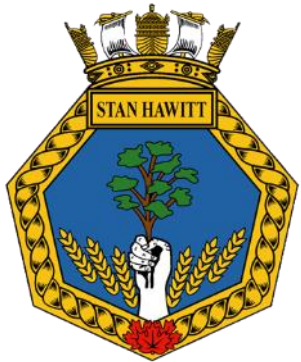
Dominion Command Service Officers can help a Veteran or their family:

- access VAC benefits, from first application with the Veterans Affairs disability claims process, up to and including professional representation in a Request for Reconsideration with the Veterans Review and Appeal Board
 - request benevolent financial assistance through the Poppy Fund, beyond what a Provincial Command can provide
 - obtain referrals to appropriate Legion and national Veteran support programs and resources
 - request assistance for Canadian Veterans abroad, and Allied Veterans living in Canada
- If you or a Veteran you know needs help, please contact a [Legion Command Service Officer](#).***



The Navy League of Canada, Manitoba Division,
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Navy League Cadets

Navy League Cadets is a program for youth 9-12. Boating, sports and music are just some of the fun activities cadets can enjoy in an environment that emphasizes citizenship, teamwork and friendship.

Navy League Cadet Corps Stan Hawitt

Parade Night: Wednesday
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Parade

Location: Royal Canadian Legion
Branch #3
560 13th Street East
Brandon, MB R7A 7C1

National Notable Dates 2023

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. Branches may wish to promote these dates or organize related activities. Dominion Command promotes many of these dates through our social media channels. Selected commemorative dates may be promoted on significant anniversaries.

We encourage Branches and members to share Legion national messaging from our 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

- Family Day (day varies by province)
- 15 National Flag of Canada Day
 - 28 Gulf War ends (1991)
- Lapsed member reminders

Legion Q & A

* Why is it called a legion?

It ultimately comes from the Latin legiōn, meaning “a gathered body of soldiers.” The Roman army, one of the most powerful in history, was divided into military units or groups known as legions. Legions were made of thousands of soldiers who kept order in Rome's huge empire.

* Why is it disrespectful to wear a hat in a Legion?

It was reported that **this was done as a show of respect for our fallen soldiers or the Queen.** While this is an excellent gesture, it is done today, as in the past, as a matter of etiquette to remove their head wear when entering the mess hall or canteen.

* How many Royal Canadian Legions are there?

Legion Branches are the cornerstone of communities across Canada, and provide one of the largest volunteer bases in the country. With **1,350 Branches** from coast to coast-to-coast, our members provide local services and supports to build a stronger Canada.

* What is a legion bar Canada?

Most small towns and villages in Canada have at least one Legion Hall. Often the Legion Hall is a **major community centre, combining the functions of a pub, pool hall, dance hall, bingo hall, banquet hall, and so on.** Legion Halls are numbered, for example "Branch 99 Royal Canadian Legion".

* Can anyone go to a Legion in Canada?

Any Canadian or citizen of an Allied nation 18 years of age or older is welcome to join and help us help Canada's Veterans. Annual membership fees vary by Branch,

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

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/>

Brandon Legionnaire Branch Newsletter: contact Linda at mrs wakes@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



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Friday	Sat
			1 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	2 BINGO Doors open 5 pm	3 Meat Draw- 50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00pm	4 Meat Draw- 50/50 - Chase The Ace 4:30pm
5 Branch Closed	6 Branch Closed	7 Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	8 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	9 BINGO Doors open 5 pm	10 Meat Draw- 50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00pm	11 Meat Draw- 50/50 - Chase The Ace 4:30pm
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26 Branch Closed	27 Branch Closed	28 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM				

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

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