

THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE NEWSLETTER

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Branch 003, Brandon, MB

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The following information was taken from Irene Hogeland's Facebook page- *'Proud Veteran of World War II. Mother of 3 daughters, grandmother of 5, and great-grandmother of 8!*

[.https://www.facebook.com/irene.hogeland](https://www.facebook.com/irene.hogeland)

The above picture was shared on—





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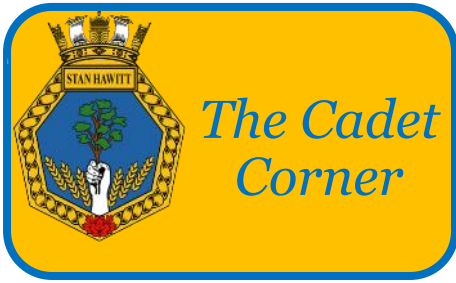
On Friday, March 31, 2023, daughter [Donna](#) and I spent a most enjoyable afternoon at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in the Keystone Centre! Our family has regularly gone to the annual Winter Fair since it was originally held in the old Wheat City Arena many years ago!

We started out at the Trade Show in the Manitoba Room and UCT Pavillion, which had a wide assortment of commercial and agricultural displays, exhibits, and entertainment!

The Canadian Army had an extremely large truck and a big gun as part of its exhibit. Some friendly soldiers from the CAF Reserve Unit of the 26 Field Regiment - Royal Canadian Artillery were on hand to provide information! Donna told them that I had also served in the Army (Canadian Women's Army Corps) and that I am a 97-year-old Veteran of World War II. They were quite amazed to meet me, and thanked me for my service! In turn, I thanked them for their service! We even had our picture taken together!



(Continued on  Irene Hogeland's Facebook page...)



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These are our regular **Wednesday** Night volunteers

Commanding Officer - SLt(NL)Amanda Slashinsky

Executive Officer - SLt(NL) Charlette Fontaine

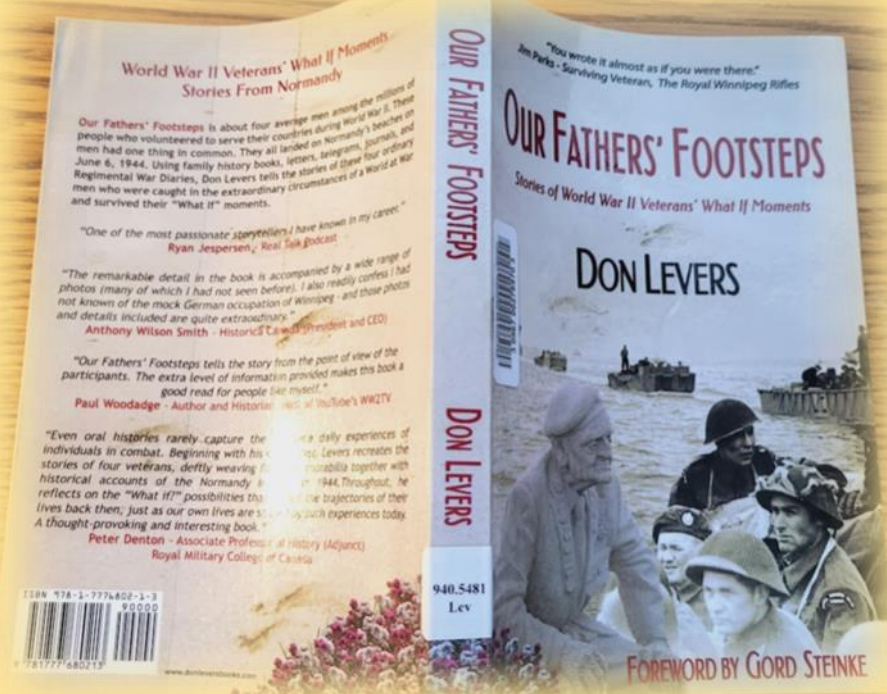
Admin/Supply Officer - SLt(NL) Melissa Slashinsky

Manitoba Division Commander - CDR(NL) Clayton Kozak

STEP INTO SPRING
Spring Trade & Craft Show
 presented by
The Navy League of Canada
 Brandon Branch
 proudly supporting
 #4 NLCC STAN HAWITT & 60 RCSCC SWIFTSURE
 at Brandon Armoury
 1116 Victoria Ave - Brandon
APRIL 29, 2023
 - 10 A M to 3 P M -
 over **30** vendors
 Silver Collection * Refreshments * Door Prizes
 EMAIL US FOR INQUIRIES
FUNDRAISING.BRANDON@MBNAVYLEAGUE.CA




RCL Brandon Branch 003 will be welcoming author Don Levers on Tuesday May 16, 2023



**World War II Veterans' What If Moments...
Stories From Normandy**

Our Fathers' Footsteps is about four average men among the millions of people who volunteered to serve their countries during World War II. These men had one thing in common. They all landed on Normandy's beaches on June 6, 1944. Using family history books, letters, telegrams, journals, and Regimental War Diaries, Don Levers tells the stories of these four ordinary men who were caught in the extraordinary circumstances of a World at War and survived their "What If" moments.

*"One of the most passionate storytellers I have known in my career."
Ryan Jespersen, Real Talk Podcast*

*"The remarkable detail in the book is accompanied by a wide range of photos (many of which I had not seen before). I also readily confess I had not known of the mock German occupation of Winnipeg - and those photos and details included are quite extraordinary."
Anthony Wilson Smith - Historics.ca author, president and CEO*

*"Our Fathers' Footsteps tells the story from the point of view of the participants. The extra level of information provided makes this book a good read for people like myself."
Paul Woodadge - Author and Historian, host of YouTube's WW2TV*

*"Even oral histories rarely capture the true daily experiences of individuals in combat. Beginning with his own stories, Levers recreates the stories of four veterans, deftly weaving family stories and possibilities together with historical accounts of the Normandy invasion in 1944. Throughout, he reflects on the "What If?" possibilities that shaped the trajectories of their lives back then; just as our own lives are shaped by such experiences today. A thought-provoking and interesting book."
Peter Denton - Associate Professor of History (Adjunct)
Royal Military College of Canada*

ISBN 978-1-7774802-3-3
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www.donleversbooks.com

An evening with Don is being planned details to be announced


John (Jack) Hedley Hamilton
"A" COMPANY 7TH PLATOON,
THE ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFLES
Inspired by stories from Anne Hamilton and her father's journals.



Winners of the "Best Irish Dressed"

**Debbie Burgess
Anne Wright
Joy &/or Brenda**

Friday March
17

'Irish' Nite
Meat Draw



Thank You

Chef Erich, W & M team
Spring Tallant, Donna Fourre

For the delicious Irish Stew,
Biscuit & the wonderful
Guinness Chocolate cake!

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.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK & PLAY



NLCC Stan Hawitt officers having fun & watching over their cadets at February 'All Nite Fundraiser'



The Navy League cadets climbing the snow mountain just north of their Legion home.



Members sharing a friendly game after an early afternoon 'Legion Meat Draw'.



Cindy & Linda got caught by Doodles The Clown at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair Monday Morning Breakfast



DOODLES (aka Shane Faberman) has been performing at the RMWF for 30 years





HERO'S DAY

THEME OF THE DAY:

www.royalmanitobawinterfair.com



RCL Brandon Branch President, Fred Pritchard, Cindy Stumme, Linda Wakefield and Ercih Stumme participated alongside Brandon ANAF Unit #10 in the Monday opening night of the 2023, Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. The day was designated as Hero's Day honouring all military serving personnel, Veterans, cadets corps, military and Veterans support groups.





Thankyou to Executive members
Richard McDonald & Terry
Shand for Volunteering at the
Legion booth



A sincere thank you to everyone who dropped by our Legion booth. In speaking on behalf of all our Legion volunteers it was truly heartwarming to be on the receiving end of how the Legion is held in such high regard by people in Brandon, and communities all over Manitoba and beyond our provincial borders. Our booth at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair was an excellent example of the importance of community involvement.

Ladies Corner

Our March meeting had seven members present. We catered one funeral during the month of February. The raffle books will be assembled during March. Books are available Friday and Saturday at the meat draw or from any member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Submitted by Betty Persian

For all your CATERING needs

BIG or small

Please call

RC Legion Brandon Branch 003

ATTN: Erich - Catering

Phone: 204-728-5026



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)

April

Month of the Military Child

- 1 Royal Canadian Air Force founded (1924)
 - 3 Battle of Moreuil Wood (1918)
 - 4 NATO Accord signed (1949)
- 9 Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917) - Legion flags lowered to half mast
 - 16-22 National Volunteer Week
 - 25 Anzac Day
 - 25 Battle of Kapyong (1951)

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

Executive Committee 2023

Linda Baker, Suzanne Cartier, Maureen Hawkins, Mike Hawkins
 Laura Hyrich, Mel Hyrich, , Richard McDonald Bob Patryluk, 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



APRIL 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Friday	Sat
					31 HAMS & Turkeys 50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	1 HAMS & Turkeys 50/50 - Chase The Ace 4:30 pm
2 Branch Closed	3 Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	4 Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	5 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	6 BINGO Doors open 5 pm	7 	8 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 4:30 pm Westman Jams Lounge 6:00pm
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23 Branch Closed	24 Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	25 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	26 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	27 BINGO Doors open 5 pm	28 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	29 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 4:30 End of the Month Meat Draw
30 Branch Closed						

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

Branch Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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