

THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOMES

Author Don Levers

Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

for presentation of his book

Our Fathers' Footsteps

Stories of World War II "What If" Moments

Featuring a

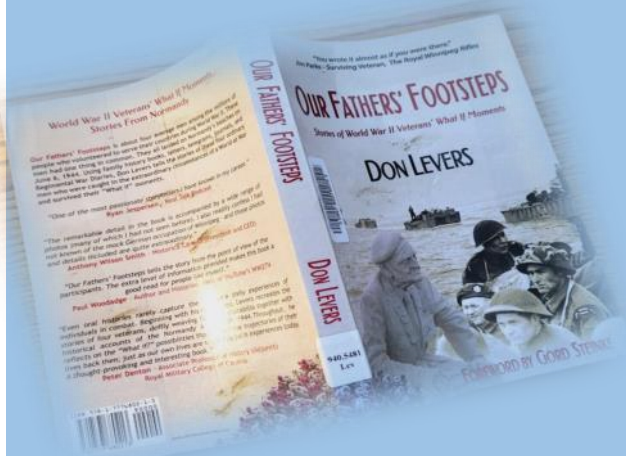
"What If"

chapter on

John (Jack) Hedley

HAMILTON

**"A" Company 7th Platoon,
The Royal Winnipeg Rifles**



NOTE if you plan on attending this evening, please sign up by phone with our Branch office staff at 204728-5026; office.admin@rclbrandon003.com

or in person at the Lounge bar before Saturday May 13, 2023.

Thank you, in advance, for providing the information required to ensure there is adequate seating available.



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

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)

- 1 st Sunday Battle of the Atlantic (1945)
- 1-7 National Youth Week
- 3 John McCrae wrote 'In Flanders Fields' poem
- 3-9 CMHA Mental Health Week
- 5 Liberation of Netherlands (1945)
- 8 VE Day (1945) • 9 Mother's Day
- 15 International Day of Families
- 21 National War Memorial unveiled (1939)
- 24 Victoria Day
- 25 Ypres (1915)
- 28 Tomb of Unknown Soldier (2000)
- 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers
- 31 End of South African (Boer) War (1902)

Don Levers author of ***Our Fathers Footsteps: Stories of World War II Veterans 'What If' Moments***

Don Levers has written four books. His first was a children's book about the famed Okanagan Lake Monster. Ogoopogo in 1985. It has sold over 30,000 since it was first published. In 2022 the sequel was finally released.

In 2017 Don published *Loot for the Taking*. This was inspired by the real events of the Vancouver Safety Deposit robbery in 1977.

In [June 2019](#), Don fulfilled a lifelong dream of going to Normandy, France, to see where his father had landed on Juno Beach on D-Day 1944.

Our Fathers' Footsteps results from conversations, interviews and research Don conducted during and after his trip to France. He hopes the stories in *Our Fathers' Footsteps* will inspire other families to take a walk in their Father's Footsteps. To help them realize how lucky they are to be alive [today](#).

Since publishing *Our Fathers' Footsteps*, Don has done numerous book signings, and made presentations to the Royal Canadian Military Institute, and appeared with authors Ted Barris and David O'Keefe when they presented their talks in Edmonton in [November 2022](#). Don has also been a guest on several talk show programs and podcasts. You can find out more about Don at donleversbooks.com

To My Mother

[Christina Rossetti](#) - 1830-1894

To-day's your natal day;
Sweet flowers I bring:
Mother, accept, I pray
My offering.

And may you happy live,
And long us bless;
Receiving as you give
Great happiness.

MAY

Coming Event!



Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 3

 **Ways and Means** 

May 13th, 2023 at 6:00pm

Per la Festa della Mamma

Lasagne al forno

e Torta di fragole

For Mother's Day

Lasagna with mixed Salad and Strawberry Cake

Tickets \$ 16.00 at the bar.

Ticket sale ends May 10th, 2023



The Battle of Atlantic

1939-1945



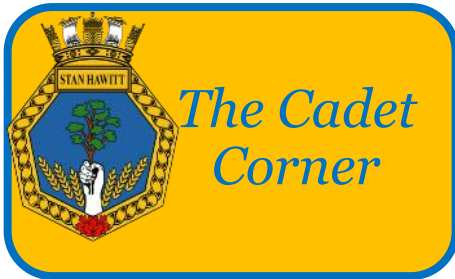
**National Commemorate Service for
The Battle of Atlantic (Brandon)
Brandon Armoury
1116 Victoria Avenue
07 May 2023 @ 1100 hrs**

**Hosted by The Navy League of Canada,
Brandon Branch**

**To commemorate those that served and those that paid the ultimate price in
the Royal Canadian Navy & Merchant Navy during the Battle of Atlantic.**

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

#60 RCSCC Swiftsure, #82 RCACS, #4 NLCC Stan Hawitt



The Navy League of Canada, Manitoba Division,
Brandon Branch Web: www.mbnavyleague.ca
NLCC#4 Stan Hawitt
stanhawitt@mbnavyleague.ca

Navy League Volunteers Wednesday
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

On April 12, 2023 Stan Hawitt Navy League Cadets participated in an “Anti Bullying “ themed class by wearing pink



Our 2023 Pink Shirt Day design was inspired by moments of kindness, empathy and understanding that can mean so much to children impacted by bullying. For bullied kids, it can be hard to know where to turn. But a helping and supportive hand can make a world of difference! Remember that whether it's sending a check-in text, calling out bullying behaviour when you see it, or simply offering your support, there are so many ways we can all help and connect with people being bullied. Let's Lift Each Other Up this Pink Shirt Day, and all year round!

NOTE: Time Sensative Notice

26th FIELD REGIMENT, ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY-
 XII MANITOBA DRAGOONS MUSEUM &
 FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM (FOMI)
42nd ANNUAL VIMY & BEYOND FUNDRAISER

“SHIP TO SHORE”
 A Lifeline to our Troops

SATURDAY, 6th MAY 2023
 Brandon Armoury 11th Street Door

5:30 pm for 6:30 pm DINNER
 NO RESERVED SEATING
 Chinese Food with Cash Bar

Neelin Choir, Callum Morrison, Pipes & Drums, Ukrainian Choir
 Auctions, 50/50 Draw

\$25 per person

RSVP by Tuesday 2nd May 2023 to:
 Jacquie 204-724-7530
 Email: 26fomi@gmail.com

Remit Cheques to FOMI, 1116 Victoria Ave., Brandon, MB. R7A 1B2
 or e-transfer to: 1116fldmuseum@gmail.com
 Please remit payment by Tuesday 2 May 2023

Virtual Vimy via ZOOM
 REGISTER 26fdregmuseum@wcgwave.ca

MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN

**ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY
 TO THE MUSEUM**




Ladies Corner

Our April meeting had eight members present. The raffle books will soon be sold out! Books are available Friday and Saturday at the meat draw or from any member of the Ladies Auxiliary. The Raffle Draw will be made during the Meat Draw on Saturday, May 13, 2023. We donated \$150 to Kids Sport.

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



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.



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



“May” is likely named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin maiores, “elders”.

MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Friday	Sat
	1 Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	2 Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	3 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	4 Legion BINGO Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	5 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	6 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 4:30
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28	29 Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	30	31 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00			

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