

**THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE  
NEWSLETTER**  
*Legion* 

*Branch 003, Brandon, MB*

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# 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*



**A Big 'ThankYou' to Bob Patryluk & Terry Shand for painting and fixing the Veterans Cemetery Gates last month. And also to Maureen & Mike Hawkins who provided extra help and the tools to do the job. Thanks to everyone for their help in getting this important job done.**

**On the front page is a picture of the finished gates. Please see the article following taken from an archived copy of the June 1962 Legionnaire.**



**Legionnaire.**





This article was taken from Legionnaire Newsletter May 1961 when the RCL Legion Clubhouse was located at 24-8th Street

CEMETERY GATES IN SIGHT AT LAST

For many years past the question of suitable ornamental gates and fencing for the Veterans Plot at the Brandon City Cemetery has been discussed by the Branch. Committees have been struck and plans drawn and studied. This has been going on for so long that even some of the older members are vague as to when the first suggestion was made and the first committee set up.

However, times change, as do all other things, and the make up of our Branch and Executive, and also the Cemetery Committee.

A few years ago Comrade Mike Cherenski was our Cemetery Chairman, very little money was available for Mike and his Committee to spend on improvements. However, he and his Committee were determined to make some improvements and consequently the Cross of Sacrifice was flood lighted. Driving from the City from the south, as the writer does on an average of twice a week, this makes a very pleasing picture and is a credit to the Branch and an improvement to our city.

It is said that the mills of the Gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine. Well, the same applies to the erection of the gates at the Cemetery. It has been a long slow process and the wheel keeps turning. This year it turned up a young Veteran of the South African War as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, it also turned up a little money to be used at the Cemetery and now Comrade Jack Cooper, Veteran of the South African War has started to make plans to erect the gates and a portion of fencing.

Practically all of your Executive turned out one night in the rain to choose the site for the proposed gates, plans have been prepared and your Executive has approved the expenditure. Now its up to you. The Executive's decision must be approved at our next General Meeting or we get no gates. While the necessary approval is being obtained, you can still help, drop a few coppers, dimes or dollars in the Cemetery box in the Club Room. The more dollars we can get, the more fencing we can have on either side of the gates. Let us not have this committee's plans scuttled as so many have been in the past.

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DECORATION DAY

JUNE 4th Fall in at Two o'clock, West of the Exhibition Grounds on 18th St., Service will commence at Three (3) sharp. All Legionnaires note: THIS IS YOUR PARADE of the year.

As this will be the first time since Manitoba North West perhaps some of you would

- 1, The Convention Session, commencing at the City Cemetery Grounds, 2:00 PM, Sunday, Monday evening, a giant Bar-B-Q and per person.
- 4, Tuesday evening, Brandon Curling Club, Edward Hotel.
- 5, Registration will have all the private they do not have a fee is \$ 6.00, the Ticket.
- 7, Tickets to all NO TICKETS will be
- 8, Your Delegate J. Hamilton, P. W. Bayne, J. Mat accredited Delegates
- 9, Many people will continue to will be needed serve will be v with the Secretary Fred Somerville
- 10, Many V.I.P. Social Government this time. We behooves all n V.I.P.'s and oth and Brandon B

Much criticism the 1961 Convention as members of t criticized how

**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 2023 EXECUTIVE**

President : Maureen Farrant  
Past President: Linda Leckie  
1st Vice President:  
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:  
Funeral Teas/Houselady: Maureen Farrant

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articles &/or pictures





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**Navy League Volunteers Wednesday**  
**Commanding Officer - SLt(NL) Charlette Fontaine**  
**Executive/Training Officer - SLt(NL) Amanda Slashinsky**  
**Supply Officer - SLt(NL) Melissa Slashinsky**  
**Instructor - Mr. Pat Mosiuk**  
**Commander - Commander Clayton Kozak**



Cadets 2022-2023

**Beginning  
A  
new cadet  
year  
2023-2024**





**WIN A TRIP**  
Win a trip for two to Ottawa to represent Canada's youth at next year's National Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th.

**NATIONAL YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTESTS**

CREATED BY **EMMA CERVINKA**  
LONDON, ON

**COMPLETE GUIDELINES FOR LITERARY, POSTER AND VIDEO CONTESTS**

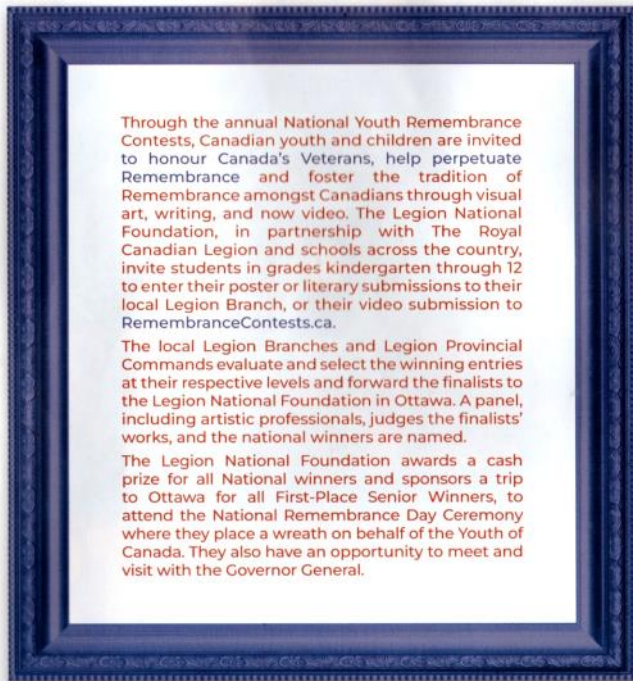
## National Youth Remembrance Contests

Through the annual National Youth Remembrance Contests, the Legion National Foundation, in partnership with The Royal Canadian Legion and schools across the country, invite Canadian youth and children to honour Canada's Veterans and foster the tradition of Remembrance through visual art, writing, and video.

The contests include multiple levels of competition. Poster and literary works compete first at the Legion Branch local level, with winning entries moving forward until they reach the provincial level. Video entries compete first at the Legion Command provincial level. Provincial finalists of all contests then move forward for final judging by the Legion National Foundation to determine the national winners.

All winners at the national level are awarded a cash prize for their work. First Place Senior Winners are eligible for our most prestigious award – a trip to Ottawa and an opportunity to represent the youth of Canada at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony.

# NATIONAL YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTESTS



**CONTACT** For questions regarding the National Youth Remembrance Contests please contact [contests@legion.ca](mailto:contests@legion.ca)

## VIDEO CONTEST GUIDE

Participants are challenged to exercise their creative storytelling skills to create a short video on the theme of Remembrance.

Videos must be submitted through the [RemembranceContests.ca](http://RemembranceContests.ca) website. Winning entries at the Provincial level are then forwarded to the Legion National Foundation in Ottawa to be judged at the national level.

### RULES

- 1** This contest is open to all students in the Canadian school system.
- 2** Students who have been out of the educational system for more than two consecutive years are ineligible to compete in the video contest at any level.
- 3** Participants 17 years of age or younger must confirm parental permission during the online submission process.
- 4** All video entries must be submitted online at: [RemembranceContests.ca](http://RemembranceContests.ca)
  - a** To submit your finished video, it must be uploaded to YouTube. Participants are required to provide the public, sharable link to their finished video during the online submission process.
  - b** Videos made by a group should be uploaded and credited to a single group member responsible for submitting. All correspondence and prizing will be addressed only to the submitting group member. Additional credits can be included when completing the submission form.
- 5** All eligible video submissions must be a minimum of 30 seconds and a maximum of 2 minutes in length.
- 6** Videos may be either English, French or bilingual.
- 7** All submissions must be the participant's original work. Submissions that appear to be rendered by AI will not be accepted.
- 8** Externally sourced video footage, images, sound, or music in the video must be properly licensed and/or royalty-free.
- 9** The copying or reproducing of previously published works in whole or in part, without either the written permission from the author/source, or without identifying the author/source in the work, will result in the work being automatically disqualified.
- 10** The work should reflect Remembrance with a Canadian theme. If symbols are used, Canadian symbols shall be pre-eminent. Such national symbols are war memorials, Canadian and provincial flags, coats of arms, & representative flowers, birds, or animals, as well as all forms of Canadian historical and current military dress.



# 2022 POPPY TRUST FUND Goes to WORK in Brandon!



Brandon Branch # 3 Poppy team (L-R) Linda Baker, Maureen McCormick, Maureen Hawkins, Linda Wakefield, Sgt-at-Arms Bob Patryluk presents Jodi Webster St John Ambulance with a Poppy cheque for \$4,229.28 to assist with device upgrades.



On the the final day of Legion Week September 22, Brandon Branch #3 Poppy Team of (L-R) Linda Baker, Linda Wakefield, Maureen McCormick, Maureen Hawkins, Bob Patryluk presents Rob Lavin, Director of Seniors For Seniors with a Poppy cheque for \$6,000.00 to assist Veterans &/or spouses with their 'Dinner is Being Served' program.



## Ladies Corner

Our September meeting had six members present. Our fund-raising event in September was well attended and very informative (pre-planning funeral). The Branch is hosting a Fall Supper in October – tickets are available at the Legion Office.

We will be hosting a Fall Craft and Bake Sale in November. Please book and pre-pay tables through the Legion Office.

*Submitted by Betty Persian*

### Thanksgiving Day 2023 in Canada

[Thanksgiving Day 2023 in Canada \(timeanddate.com\)](https://www.timeanddate.com)

The native peoples of the Americas held ceremonies and festivals to celebrate the completion and bounty of the harvest long before European explorers and settlers arrived in what is now Canada. Today, some in the Indigenous People's communities are calling for Canadians to raise their awareness of the toll that European settlement had on native tribes as they hold their Thanksgiving celebrations.

Early European thanksgivings were held to give thanks for some special fortune. An early example is the ceremony the explorer Martin Frobisher held in 1578 after he had survived the long journey in his quest to find a northern passage from Europe to Asia.

Many thanksgivings were held following noteworthy events during the 18th century. Refugees fleeing the civil war in the United States brought the custom of an annual thanksgiving festival to Canada. From 1879, Thanksgiving Day was held every year but the date varied and there was a special theme each year. The theme was the "Blessings of an abundant harvest" for many years. However, Queen Victoria's golden and diamond jubilees and King Edward VII's coronation formed the theme in later years.

From the end of the First World War until 1930, both Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day were celebrated on the Monday closest to November 11, the anniversary of the official end of hostilities in World War I. In 1931, Armistice Day was renamed Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving Day was moved to a Monday in October. Since 1957, Thanksgiving Day has always been held on the second Monday in October.

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BIG or small  
Please call  
RC Legion Brandon Branch 003  
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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)

### **OCTOBER**

Legion Early Bird campaign / Renewals

- 1 st week of the month National Family Week
  - 1-7 Mental Illness Awareness Week
- 10 World Mental Health Day • 9 Thanksgiving
  - 14 Van Doos anniversary (1914)
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
  - 24 Anniversary of United Nations (1946)
- Last Friday in October start of Poppy Campaign



## **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

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Branch # 003

# FALL SUPPER

**Classic Roast Beef**

**October 22, 2023 at**

**Tickets: \$20.00**

Tickets are available at the  
Lounge of the Royal Canadian  
Legion 204 728-5026



## ATTENTION CRIBBAGE PLAYERS

### 6 SEPTEMBER 2023

Branch Sports Chair, Terry Shand has a callout to anyone who wishes to join the fun of a Cribbage get together, every **Wednesday evening** in the Legion Lounge

Registration at 6:30 p.m.

Play begins 7:00 p.m.



## LOOKING FORWARD

Poppy Campaign begins on Friday 27 October to 11 November 2023 **VOLUNTEERS** needed!

Annual Volunteer /Staff Christmas Party...

President Fred has a "BIG" reveal coming up in 2024 with the release of "*Branch 3 Volunteer Bucks*"!

Upcoming stories in this Legionnaire newsletter telling of Branch #3 rich archival history.



# 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





# OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	2 Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	3 Branch Ladies Auxiliary 7:00pm	4 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	5 <a href="#">Legion BINGO</a> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	6 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	7 Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30	
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29 Lounge Closed Branch Office OPEN 9-4	30 Lounge Closed Branch Office OPEN 9-4	31 	Poppy Campaign Begins on Friday October 27, 2023 to Saturday November 11, 2023 Poppy Cadet Tag Day Saturday October 28, 2023 Remembrance Day Saturday November 11, 2023				

**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