

THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE NEWSLETTER

Legion 

Branch 003, Brandon, MB

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National Legion Week 2023

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This year's first annual national observance runs from Sunday, Sept. 17 to Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023.



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 Our mission

Our mission is to serve Veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country.

The Legion serves all Veterans

The Royal Canadian Legion was founded by Veterans and for Veterans. We advocate for the care and benefits for all who served Canada, regardless of when or where they served. The Legion also provides representation and assistance to Veterans, including currently serving Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and their families, and access to our services is available to them at no cost, whether or not they are Legion members. [The Legion helps thousands of Veterans each year](#) and makes significant positive changes in their lives.

The Legion exists so that Canada never forgets

The Legion understands the importance of honouring past sacrifices and acknowledging the courage of those who served and still serve today. Through [Remembrance Day ceremonies](#), the [Poppy campaign](#), [commemorative activities](#), [youth education programs](#) and more, the Legion helps Canadians to honour and remember. *(Continued page 4)*

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The Legion serves our communities and our country

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. Whether helping local Veterans, supporting seniors, providing youth sports programs, raising funds, volunteering to help those in need, or simply offering a place to gather for fun and celebration, Legionnaires [provide essential services in their communities](#).

National Legion Week September 17–23, 2023



BACKGROUND

The Dominion Executive Committee approved the establishment of the first National Legion Week. Already marked by some Provincial Commands and their Branches since the 1980s, the annual observance will now become a coast-to-coast celebration!

OBJECTIVE

National Legion Week is designed to educate visitors on the good work their local Branch does in their community. It reinforces the important role Branches play in our shared mission to serve and support our Veterans, as well as contribute to the well-being of so many communities. It serves as a vehicle to drive new traffic to Branches, attract new members and sign up new volunteers. This year, it can also include a salute to RCMP Veterans who celebrated the 150th anniversary (May 23) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

DATES

The commemoration will continue to be held each September, with start and end dates that vary slightly from year to year. It kicks off on the third Sunday of the month in honour of Battle of Britain Day and wraps up on the following Saturday.

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The Navy League of Canada, Manitoba Division, Brandon Branch

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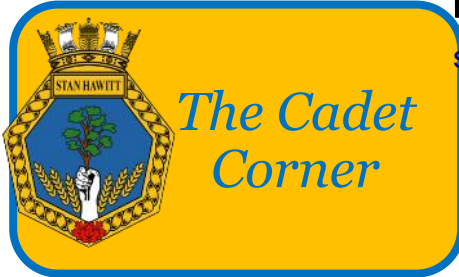
Navy League Volunteers Wednesday

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



Navy League Cadet Corp #4 Stan Hawitt Registration Night

Wednesday September 13, 2023

7pm – 8:30pm

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #3

560 13th Street East

Open to Youth Ages 9 – 12 years

Registration is Free

Uniforms are provided



Medical Card and Birth Certificates
are required

Contact us for more information
stanhawitt@mbnavyleague.ca

Or

431-541-2079



16 cadets participated in a Tri-Corps Sailing Day at Fort Whyte Sailing Centre.

Sailing Day



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.

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 Twitter.com/RoyalCdnLegion Instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion

SEPTEMBER

Legion Early Bird campaign / Renewals

2 nd Sunday Firefighters' National Memorial Day

- 2 Second World War ends (1945)
- 3 Merchant Navy Veterans Day
- 8 Battle of Medak Pocket (1993) 30th anniversary
 - 8 - 29 Canada Army Run
 - 10 World Suicide Prevention Day
 - 11 Attacks on September 11 (2001)
 - 17 Operation Medusa (2006)
 - 21 International Day of Peace

3 rd Friday Military Family Appreciation Day

- 3 rd Sunday Battle of Britain (1940)
- Last Sunday Police and Peace Officers Memoria



The Japanese Instrument of Surrender

2 September 1945

Colonel Lawrence Vincent Moore Cosgrave, DSO & Bar (August 28, 1890 – July 28, 1971) was a [Canadian](#) soldier and diplomat. He was the Canadian signatory to the [Japanese Instrument of Surrender](#) at the end of [World War II](#).

During [World War II](#) Cosgrave was the Canadian Military Attache to Australia, for the [South West Pacific Area](#). On September 2, 1945 he was the Canadian representative at the official surrender of Japan, and signed the [Japanese Instrument of Surrender](#) on behalf of Canada aboard the battleship [USS Missouri](#) in Tokyo Bay. When his turn to sign came, Cosgrave inadvertently placed his signature one line too low on the Japanese copy of the documents, signing on the line for the French Republic. This was attributed to his being blind in one eye, through an injury sustained in the First World War.^{[8][9]}

The problem was easily corrected, by US General [Richard Sutherland](#) who crossed out "French Republic" and wrote in "Dominion of Canada" under Cosgrave's signature, then made similar corrections for the rest of the document.^{[10][11]} Air Vice-Marshal [Leonard Monk Isitt](#), the Dominion of [New Zealand](#) representative, left without a blank to sign, had to have his name and country written in at the bottom margin of the document. The Japanese delegates accepted the corrected copy.^[12] Cosgrave did not repeat this error on the Allied copy.^[13]

Ladies Corner

Please Join Us

at a Pre-Planning Seminar

You've Written a Will...



But are all your ducks in a row?

Join us for this Educational Seminar
With Planning Workbook Provided
RSVP now as space is limited



Joy Bowman
Pre-Planning Specialist
Nationally Certified Executor Advisor



Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



Legion Ladies Auxiliary
560 13th Street East., Brandon, MB



Please reserve your spot by calling:
Pat Simmons at 204-727-4591



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

Ladies Corner

You've Written a Will... BUT




ARE ALL YOUR DUCKS IN A ROW?

FREE

Join us for this Educational Seminar
with a Planning Workbook Provided
RSVP now as space is limited

WE WILL HELP YOU NAVIGATE...

- The importance of a will
- Stresses executors face and tips to minimize them
- The value of funeral pre-planning
- Tools to help organize estate paperwork
- Probate issues and solutions and more...




Location: Legion Ladies Auxiliary,
560 13th Street, East., Brandon, MB


Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.

Pre-Registration is required.
To reserve your seat please call ~~XXXXXX~~
Pat Simmons at 204-727-4591

JOY BOWMAN
PRE-PLANNING SPECIALIST
CERTIFIED EXECUTOR ASSISTANT



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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

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/> contact Maureen Hawkins

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



When will summer end and the cooler days of fall begin? The autumnal equinox—also called the September equinox—arrives on Saturday, September 23. Not only do temperatures fall, but also plant life slows down and so do we. Read about the signs of fall and the ways we will mark the equinox.

When Is the Autumnal Equinox?

The fall equinox arrives on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 02:50 A.M. EDT in the Northern Hemisphere. The equinox occurs at the same moment worldwide.

What Is the Autumnal Equinox?

The **autumnal equinox** is an astronomical event that marks the start of autumn (or “fall”). In the Northern Hemisphere, the autumnal equinox occurs in September; in the Southern Hemisphere, it occurs in March.

What Is an Equinox?

During an **equinox**, the Sun crosses what we call the “celestial equator”—an imaginary extension of Earth’s equator line into space. The equinox occurs precisely when the Sun’s center passes through this line.

For those in the Northern Hemisphere, when the Sun crosses the equator going from north to south, this marks the autumnal equinox; when it crosses from south to north, this marks the vernal equinox. In the Southern Hemisphere, it’s the reverse.

[Autumnal Equinox 2023: First Day of Fall | Facts, Folklore & More | The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)



September 2023

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	2 Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30
3	4 <i>HAPPY Labour Day</i>	5 Branch Ladies Auxiliary 7:00pm	6 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	7 <u>Legion BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	8 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	9 Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30
10	11 Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	12 Branch Executive Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	14 <u>Legion BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	15 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	16 Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30
17	18 Lounge Closed All Your Ducks in a Row Seminar 7pm Banquet Hall	19	20 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	21 <u>Legion BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	22 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	23 Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30
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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