

# THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE NEWSLETTER Legion

Branch 003, Brandon, MB

## DECEMBER 2023 VOLUME XLIII : 10

### Remembering is something that can happen every day of the year.

For the Legion and for many across the country, Remembrance is a year-long commitment.

Promoting Remembrance is part of The Royal Canadian Legion's mission and has been one of our principal objectives since our inception. The Legion inspires Canadians to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and to honour those who served and continue to serve today. Remembrance is a year-long commitment, and we endeavour to promote it through programs, services, and resources.

**Say "Thank You" to a Veteran**



**Visit the Virtual Wall**



**Learn about the Two Minutes of Silence**



**Find a Cenotaph or Memorial**



**Join the Legion**



Support Our Troops is the official charitable cause of the Canadian Armed Forces and a qualified donee of His Majesty the King in right of Canada. It is administered by [Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services](#).

Major elements within Support Our Troops include its disbursement of loans and grants to members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) community, philanthropic fundraising initiatives, and corporate community engagement and partnerships.

Support Our Troops provides direct financial support and assistance to CAF members, veterans and their respective families in a number of important and often life-changing ways that are not provided by core public funding.

## OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

We are proud of our military. Especially during the holidays, it is important that our soldiers know they are always in our thoughts.

Every year, thanks to the generous contributions of our corporate partners, we deliver holiday packages to our deployed Canadian Armed Forces members worldwide who are away from loved ones during the holiday season.

The Operation Santa Claus care packages contain comforts of home and provide our military with the comfort in knowing that the nation recognizes their dedication and sacrifice. The packages continue to be an integral part in helping lift the spirits of our deployed members during the difficult time away from their family and friends.



***Legion Brandon Branch #3  
President Fred Pritchard & Executive Members  
Cordially invites all our  
Volunteers 2023 & Branch Staff  
To an Appreciation Afternoon  
On December 17, 2023 1-4 pm in our Legion  
Lounge  
Entertainment & Light Lunch  
Please RSVP  
Office Administrator Maureen 204-728-5026 before December 14th***

## **International Volunteer Day (IVD)**

International Volunteer Day (IVD) is a global celebration of volunteers. It takes place every year on December 5 to shine a light on the impact of volunteer efforts everywhere.

Volunteers are leading social change around the world. This special day promotes the work of volunteers at all levels, including local, national and international.

This year, the UN marks IVD by recognizing **the power of collective action: if everyone did.**

**If everyone volunteered**, the world would be a better place. Imagine more than eight billion of us volunteering. Limitless possibilities for sustainable development – food and education for everyone, clean environment and good health, inclusive and peaceful societies, and more.

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Volunteerism is an enormous renewable resource for social, economic and environmental problem-solving throughout the world. As the world faces mounting challenges, **volunteers are often the first to help**. Volunteers are at the fore in crises and emergencies, often in very testing and dire situations.

For more information, please visit the [United Nations Volunteers website](https://www.un.org/vol/)



### **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

#### **DECEMBER**

- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 6 Halifax explosion (1917)
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- 10 Nobel Prize for Peace awarded to peacekeepers (1988)
- 25 Christmas (Legion supports Operation Santa Claus)
- 25 Fall of Hong Kong (1941)
- Membership renewal reminder

### Newly elected Executive Committee 2024

President: Fred Pritchard  
 Past President: Cindy Stumme  
 1st Vice President: Raymond Burgess  
 2nd Vice President: Linda Wakefield  
 Sgt-at-Arms: Bob Patryluk

Linda Baker, Barb Boycey, Brian Campbell, \*Maureen Hawkins, \*Mike Hawkins  
 Laura Hyrich, Richard McDonald, Steve Morrison, 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  
 Lauren at Legion Lounge

**Legion Branch Website:** <https://www.brandonlegion.ca/> contact Maureen Hawkins

**Brandon Legionnaire Branch Newsletter:** contact Linda at [mrs wakes@mymts.net](mailto:mrs wakes@mymts.net) to submit  
 articles &/or pictures



**The Navy League of Canada,  
Manitoba Division, Brandon  
Branch**

**Web: [www.mbnavyleague.ca](http://www.mbnavyleague.ca)**

**NLCC#4 Stan Hawitt**

[stanhawitt@mbnavyleague.ca](mailto:stanhawitt@mbnavyleague.ca)

### **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 Clayton Kozak**

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY Service 2023**

# **“Thank You”**



To RCL Brandon Branch Fred Pritchard, Sgt-at-Arms and organizing crew.

To Shannon Stewart, Callum Morrison , Trumpeter Dylan Pilcher, Piper James McFadden and the 26th Field Regiment Pipe Band.

To guest speaker Col.E.H.J. Roberds,CD. and all wreath supporters & presenters

To the Navy League Stan Hawitt Cadet Corp, pictured to the left, cadets from RCSCC Swiftsure CC; 71 Battery RCH 2520-RCACC; #82 Brandon RCA FCC who were lead into the Keystone area by Legion Padre Chris Arthur, colour parties from Legion Brandon Branch 003, ANAF, RCMP, and an Honour Guard of 50 members from CFB Shilo.

**To everyone who wore a POPPY**

**To all VETERANS, who served, are serving and will serve our Canada.**



## RCL Brandon Branch #3 General Meeting & Election of Officers **UPDATE**

The information below was on Branch website  
[Brandon Legion #003 | Hall Rentals | Brandon, Manitoba](#)  
 An email notice letter was sent to Branch members

GENERAL MEETING  
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER  
 28TH @ 7:30PM  
 LEGION BANQUET HALL

ELECTIONS  
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28  
 @ 7:30PM  
 LEGION BANQUET HALL  
 PLEASE COME AND VOTE  
 IN YOUR  
 NEW  
 EXECUTIVE

### The Royal Canadian Legion

**Brandon Branch No. 003** 560 – 13<sup>th</sup> Street East,  
 Brandon, Manitoba, R7A 7C1 Phone: 204-728-5026

**ATTENTION** to all Branch members!

Please note the **Royal Canadian Legion Brandon Branch 003 General Meeting & Election of Officers & Executive will take place on 22 November 2022 at 7:30pm in the Legion Banquet Hall at 560 – 13<sup>th</sup> Street East.**

You are asked, as a member of Brandon Branch 003, to please attend and bring your current Legion membership card.

Thank you for your faithful support in purchasing a Legion membership but your vote is urgently needed to move forward in forming a Legion Branch Executive for 2024.

The General meeting took place with approximately 25 members in attendance. It was noted that the Branch currently has 413 voting members.

Guest speaker, Jamie George gave a terrific update on how she is using funds received from the Branch Track & Field Trust Fund. She used a portion of them to purchase youth sized hurdles etc and this year encouraged youth to participate in her programs. She is committed to doing so again in 2024, with a few changes in order to involve more young people in the T & F environment.

The election and swearing in of the elected officers– Sgt-at-Arms Bob Patryluk; Past President Cindy Stumme; President Fred Pritchard; 1st Vice President Raymond Burgess; 2nd Vice President Linda Wakefield and Executive committee– Linda Baker, Barb Boycey, Brian Campbell, Maureen Hawkins, Mike Hawkins, Laura Hyrich, Richard McDonald, Steve Morrison, Terry Shand. And Erich Stumme was acknowledged, by the President, as a vital non-voting member of our Executive team with his many years of dedicated service and expertise.

Thank you to the following members who served on the past executive, Suzanne Cartier, Mel Hyrich, and Paul Mount-Sgt-at-Arms. And a special thank you to Charles Carlson for conducting the Branch elections.

The final act by our Branch President Fred Pritchard was to honour everyone who served with him on the 2023 Executive. It was truly an emotional, heartwarming and encouraging experience for all of us.

A note to our President Fred, your positive leadership qualities were evident at the end of the election, when the majority wished to let their name stand and to continue as part of the Branch team in 2024. A sincere “thankyou”..





**"ThankYou"  
Chef Erich  
for your "DELICIOUS Hot Meal Surprise"  
after the General Meeting Tuesday**







## Ladies Corner

Our November meeting had five members present. Thank you to all volunteers who worked at the Craft and Bake Sale in November and Remembrance Day.

Our December 5, 2023 get together starts at 6:00 p.m. Supper will include celebrations for our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday year (2023). The meeting will follow immediately after supper.

***Ladies Auxiliary meetings in 2024 will be at 2:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.***

*Submitted by Betty Persian*

***Congratulations*** to Ladies Auxiliary member Kaye Ash who is 99 years young. And this year, she was recently presented with a Legion blanket during a stay in Brandon hospital.



### Ladies' Auxiliaries

The Ladies' Auxiliary is a non-profit organization operated separate from The Royal Canadian Legion... but together they thrive.

The Ladies' Auxiliary originated during the First World War when women were asked to help wounded Veterans returning home, and to provide supports for their families. When The Royal Canadian Legion was established in 1926, these women were a welcomed addition at Legion Branches as they continued the tradition of volunteering to support needy ex-service personnel, and to enrich the programs and activities of the Branch.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary support the aims and objects of The Royal Canadian Legion and today, they are a vital and integral part of the work of the Legion. Major contributors to the day-to-day life of Legion Branches, Ladies' Auxiliaries provide financial and volunteer support to Legion programs.

The Ladies' Auxiliaries are coordinated at the Branch level. Any woman who is eligible for membership in the Legion may choose to become a member of the Ladies Auxiliary only, or a member of both organizations. For more information on Ladies' Auxiliaries in your area, please [contact your local Legion Branch](#).

## On The Lighter Side

### Why Do I Volunteer Quotes

"Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals." ~[Dave Gynn](#).

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." [African proverb quoted by the Dalai Lama](#).

"Men have always volunteered, they just called themselves coaches, trustees, and firemen!" ~ [Susan J. Ellis, president of Energize](#).

"Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no-pay." ~ [Robert Orben](#), speech and comedy writer.

"There are three kinds of people: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who say, 'what happened?'" ~ [Casey Stengel](#).

## ATTENTION CRIBBAGE PLAYERS

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.



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



# 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





# December 2023

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	2 Cribbage Tournament Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30 pm
3	4 Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	5 Branch Ladies Auxiliary 6:00 pm	6 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	7 <a href="#">Legion BINGO</a> 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 pm
10	11	12 Branch Executive Meeting 7:00	13 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	14 <a href="#">Legion BINGO &amp; Turkey Giveaway</a> Doors open 5 pm Early	15 Turkey & Ham Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	16 Turkey & Ham Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30
18 <b>Legion VOLUNTEER &amp; STAFF Appreciation</b>		19	20 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	21 <a href="#">Legion BINGO</a> 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 pm
24 <i>Merry Christmas Eve!</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 <b>BOXING DAY</b> December 26 Lounge & Office Closed	27 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	28 <a href="#">Legion BINGO</a> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	29 Meat Draw-50/50 Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	30 Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30 & END of Month Meat Draw
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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 Reminder as of 2 January 2024 our meetings will be in Games Room at 2:00 pm