

THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE NEWSLETTER Legion

Branch 003, Brandon, MB

FEBRUARY 2024 VOLUME XLIV : 2

Canadian War Museum—War Art Collection—On Line Exhibition
<https://www.warmuseum.ca/exhibitions/online-exhibitions/>

Canada hired 32 official war artists. It also awarded independent commissions, in particular to women artists. The resulting artworks were intended to form a comprehensive documentary record, respectful both of history and art, and accurate in all details. Official instructions required each artist to produce paintings in specific quantities and sizes.

Exhibition Theme - Battle



S h a t t e r e d
l a n d s c a p e , C l e v e
[Alex Colville](#) (b. 1920)

"On 19 February I painted Shattered Landscape," noted Colville in his official monthly report. "This was a broken house surrounded by huge trees which had all their branches torn off by bombs and shells. German shells kept passing over my head at ten-minute intervals, harassing a crossroads a few hundred yards behind me."

Watercolour on paper 57.2 x 38.8 cm
Painted in 1945
Beaverbrook Collection of War Art
Canadian War Museum 19710261-
2116



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.

Brandon Branch #3 President & Executive Committee **Elected for 2024**

(L) Richard McDonald, Raymond Burgess First Vice President; Cindy Stumme Past President; Bob Patryluk Sgt-at-Arms; Brian Campbell; Mike Hawkins; Linda Wakefield 2nd Vice President; Fred Pritchard President

(Front row) Maureen Hawkins Secretary; Terry Shand; Barb Boycey; Linda Baker. Missing Laura Hyrich, Erich Stumme (Appointed)





FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024

LEGION LOUNGE

DOORS OPEN 4:00 PM

\$15.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE PURCHASE

TICKETS ASAP

FROM LAUREEN SO THAT
ORGANIZERS CAN PREPARE
PRIOR TO GAME DAY

Coming Events

Mike & Maureen Hawkins

Are Presenting a

Churchill & Area PowerPoint

On February 17, 2024

**In Legion Lounge following the Saturday
Nite Meat Draw**

**Mission:**

Red Rose Ranch – Veterans Horse Camp Inc. delivers horsemanship training and ranch life experiences to Military, First Responders, and Veterans who strive for improvement; physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Vision:

Our purpose is to share our knowledge of horsemanship with the Military, First Responder, and Veteran community. Our position is to preserve our community heritage, be present in the equine industry, and be community leaders.

~~Through discipline, humility, and self-ownership, our unique attribute is that we can train,~~ communicate, and assist the Military, First Responder, and Veteran community because our staff are Military, First Responders, and Veterans. Through our shared experiences, we can build bonds quickly and ensure the success of our participants.

Red Rose Ranch – Veterans Horse Camp Inc. is its own not-for-profit organization registered under The Corporations Act with a focus on assisting our Military, First Responder, and Veteran Community. We are supported through a team of volunteers and sponsors to make this camp possible.

We created the Red Rose Ranch Veterans Horse Camp Inc. because building a relationship with horses has been the cornerstone of our physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing.

The five day camp is designed to provide the learner with the knowledge, techniques and skills required to understand basic riding, horse care, and stable requirements. The camp will expose the benefits of horsemanship with our Military, First Responder, and Veteran community in the hopes of teaching a new skill with amazing residual effects of stress-reduction, anxiety control, and goal setting. The learner will receive one-on-one assistance and feedback from experienced instructors and facilitators, who are also Military, First Responders and Veterans.

The conditions on the ranch are authentic. Participants sleep in the bunkhouse or barn loft and use outdoor toilets. There is running water, but it is not heated. The food is hearty ranch food, such as chili, potatoes, salads, biscuits, and pies, and there is a lot of it. The intent is to create an environment where participants build bonds with their teammates and learn the raw responsibilities of ranch life through discipline, humility, and self-ownership.

Brandon Branch 003 Legion Executive 2024

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

Executive Committee 2024

2 year – Terry Shand, Barb Boycey, Steve Morrison, Brian Campbell
1 year – R. Michael Hawkins, Maureen Hawkins, Linda Baker, Richard McDonald,
Laura Hyrich

LADIES AUXILIARY 2024 EXECUTIVE

President : Maureen Farrant
1st Vice President : Barb Roberds
2nd Vice President : Linda Leckie
Secretary: Betty Persian
Sgt-at-Arms : Maureen McCormick
Treasurer : Pat Simmons
Membership : Barb Wood
Funeral Teas/Houselady: Maureen Farrant

Royal Canadian Legion Brandon Branch #3

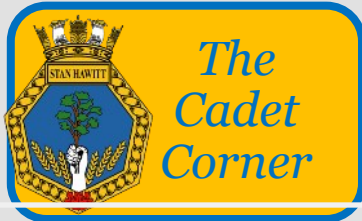
560—13th Street EAST Brandon, MB R7A 7C1

OFFICE: 204-728-5026 &/or office.admin@rcldb Brandon003.com Maureen McCormick

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



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)
Charlette Fontaine**

**Executive/Training Officer - SLt(NL)
Amanda Slashinsky**

**Supply Officer - SLt(NL) Melissa
Slashinsky**

**Instructor - Mr. Pat Mosiuk
Commander Clayton Kozak**



The **Navy League Cadet** program aims to help young Canadians learn life skills including citizenship, teamwork and self-discipline. Our programming is designed to help cadets become more aware of the world around them, become self-sufficient and confident in their own skills. Throughout their training, Navy League Cadets learn what good leadership looks like, how to work together, and how to overcome challenges. Youth leave the program with a genuine interest in their community's well-being and equipped with skills to become active citizens.

1977 – THE LEGION FUNDS NATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD

In keeping with the Legion's commitment to our youth, funds were allocated for National Track and Field camps starting in 1977. Funds are still being allocated, with planning of future camps commencing five years in advance. Since 1977 the Legion has invested millions of dollars to hold national annual track and field camps to provide training and competition at the national level for young track and field athletes. The camps provide these youths opportunities to mix with other athletes, coaches and chaperones from all parts of Canada.

In addition to a national commitment, local Legion Branches, in concert with their Provincial Commands, bid for the right to host this event. Brandon Branch 003 hosted it in 2017 and 2018. Note the signed mural on the west clubroom wall, athletes who attended in 2017, gifted the Branch with this amazing keepsake.

How Do I Love Thee? (Sonnet 43)

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
 I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
 My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
 For the ends of being and ideal grace.
 I love thee to the level of every day's
 Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
 I love thee freely, as men strive for right.
 I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
 I love thee with the passion put to use
 In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
 I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
 With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,
 Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,
 I shall but love thee better after death.



Born in 1806 at Coxhoe Hall, Durham, England, Elizabeth Barrett Browning was a celebrated English poet of the Romantic Movement.

She Walks in Beauty

She walks in beauty, like the night
 Of cloudless climes and starry skies;
 And all that's best of dark and bright
 Meet in her aspect and her eyes;
 Thus mellowed to that tender light
 Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

One shade the more, one ray the less,
 Had half impaired the nameless grace
 Which waves in every raven tress,
 Or softly lightens o'er her face;
 Where thoughts serenely sweet express,
 How pure, how dear their dwelling-place.

And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,
 So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,
 The smiles that win, the tints that glow,
 But tell of days in goodness spent,
 A mind at peace with all below,
 A heart whose love is innocent!

-By Lord Byron
 (1788-1824)

SONNET XVIII

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
 Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
 Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
 And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
 Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
 And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
 And every fair from fair sometime declines,
 By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
 But thy eternal summer shall not fade
 Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
 Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
 When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:
 So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
 So long lives this and this gives life to thee.

William Shakespeare

*Congratulations & Good Luck
to*

*Dave Brennan
Paul Casselman
Jeff Gregoire
Terry Shand*

*Legion members competing in Dart Competition
Portage la Prairie February 3, 2024*

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.

**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



Ladies Corner

Our December meeting had 15 members present. Our December get together started at 6:00 p.m. Supper included celebrations for our 90th Birthday year (2023).

The Early Bird Membership draw was won by Bev Harding. Donations were made to the Legion Christmas party and to Christmas Cheer.

Ladies Auxiliary meetings in 2024 will be at 2:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. (January 2, 2024 meeting is in the lounge, although the Branch is closed.)

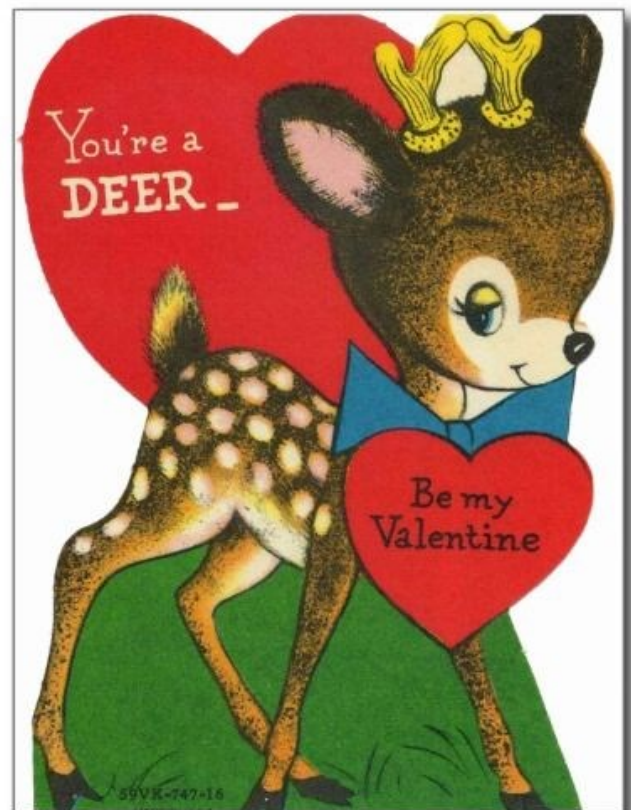
Submitted by Betty Persian

UPDATES

Ladies' Auxiliary **Christmas** Raffle

Once again, we sold all the raffle tickets! Thank you to everyone who purchased them and also to those who helped to assemble them and sell them. Here are the winners:

- 1st prize - \$200 – Pat Simmons
 - 2nd prize - \$100 – Joy O'Connor
 - 3rd prize - \$75 – Pat Simmons
- Watch for our next raffle in May!



National Notable Dates 2024

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



FEBRUARY

- Black history month
- 14 Valentines Day
- Family Day
- 15 National Flag Day (1965)
- 28 Gulf War Ends (1991)
- Lapsed members reminder

**For all your CATERING needs
BIG or small
Please call**



**LC 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



LEGION Branch #3

THANKS !



PRIZE SPONSORS: Giant Car Wash; Giant Tiger; Professional Transport Drivers; Precision Toyota, The Keg; Brandon Wheat Kings; Old Dutch Inc; Subways; Coca-Cola; CAA Store; Keystone Motor Inn; Overland Waste & Recycle Ltd; Jodi Boak, Blaine & Linda Wakefield; Lennie Lamirande, Cranberry's Restaurant; Millco Steel; Progressive Westman; Central Auto Body; Legion Brandon Branch #3; 711 Store; McDougall Auction...

Please note all efforts were made to record & thank all businesses who provided the prizes for this Legion event.

On January 27 at Riverview Curling Club the sixteen curling teams were lead by :

Del Hunter, Ken Winstone, Ric Morrison, Lori Norris, Roland Vane, Darrell Wonnick, Irene Phillips, Nancy Syntak, Ron Lund, Carol Toms, Mark Malyon, Robert Malyon , Dave Drummond, Bruce St. Louis, Norm Hodgson, Derwyn Hammond



All sixty-four curlers were winners, the Irene Philips four-some won the luck-of-the-draw capturing "First Place "



Branch Sports Committee Cast & More!





"Thank You" Chef Erich

Pictured with a few of his crew
Thankyou Everyone!



FEBRUARY Facts &/Or FICTION?

THE FULL SNOW MOON

February's full Moon reaches peak illumination on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Look skyward on that night to catch the best view of this full Moon!

It's known as the Snow Moon due to the typically heavy snowfall that occurs in February. Other traditional Native American names for this Moon include the Eagle Moon (Cree), Raccoon Moon (Dakota), and Hungry Moon (Cherokee).



The *Farmers' Almanac* uses a mathematical and astronomical [formula](#) to make our long-range weather predictions, not folklore. We look at sunspot activity, tidal action of the Moon, positions of the planets, and many other factors to carefully craft a year's worth of weather forecasts. Fans of the Almanac say our weather forecasts are accurate 80-85% of the time.

Visit The Farmers Almanac at:

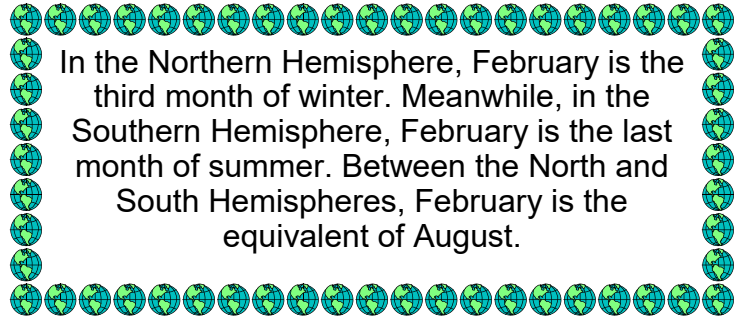
<https://www.almanac.com/>

The western zodiac signs in February are [Aquarius](#) which is until February 19th, and [Pisces](#), which is until [February 20th](#).



- * Did you know that Levi Strauss was the first company to ever make blue jeans? And that Levi Strauss Day is February 26th?
- * 1914 The HMHS Britannic, sister to the RMS Titanic, was launched at Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast.
- * 1619 The Roman Inquisition ordered Galileo not to teach or defend his theory that Earth and other planets revolve around the sun.

The length of February was finalized when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days and 29 days. In 713 B.C., February was officially added to the Roman calendar.



In the Northern Hemisphere, February is the third month of winter. Meanwhile, in the Southern Hemisphere, February is the last month of summer. Between the North and South Hemispheres, February is the equivalent of August.

February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.

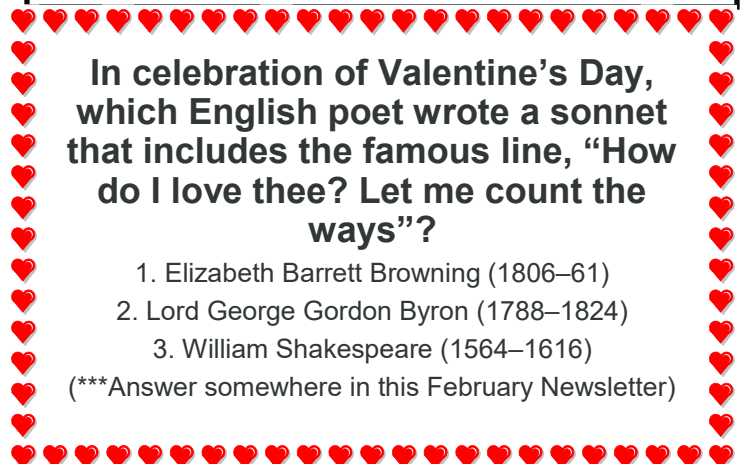
A full moon occurs every 29.5 days, which is known as the lunar calendar.

So as the years go on, it is possible for February to miss a full moon.

This is known as a "black moon" instead of a snow moon, and one occurs around every 19 years, the last of which occurred in [2018](#).

A snow moon can only occur in [February](#), and if there isn't one, then the moon in February is known as a black moon.

When this occurs, both January and March have two moons, and the term snow moon isn't used.




In celebration of Valentine's Day, which English poet wrote a sonnet that includes the famous line, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways"?

1. Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806–61)
2. Lord George Gordon Byron (1788–1824)
3. William Shakespeare (1564–1616)

(***Answer somewhere in this February Newsletter)



February 2024

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm	Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	<u>Legion BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30
11	12	13		15	16	17
	Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	Branch Executive Meeting 7:00	 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	<u>Legion BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30 The Hawkins Churchill PowerPoint
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Lounge Closed Branch Office OPEN 9-4		Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	<u>Legion BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	END of Month Meat Draw & Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30
25	26	27	28	29		
	Lounge Closed Branch Office OPEN 9-4		Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	<u>Legion BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm		

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 2:00 pm