

# THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE NEWSLETTER



Branch 003, Brandon, MB

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### *Houses of Ypres*


Painted in 1917 by A.Y. Jackson (1882–1974)



"What to paint was a problem for the war artist. . . . The old heroics, the death and glory stuff, were gone for ever; The impressionist technique I had adopted in painting was now ineffective, for visual impressions were not enough."— A. Y. Jackson, Canadian First World War artist

ONLINE EXHIBITION— CANVAS OF WAR MASTERPIECES FROM THE CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

<https://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/canvas/cwint01e.shtml>



## 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.

## The Legion advocates for the care, benefits and wellbeing of all Veterans and their families

Nationally, the Legion is actively advocating for a list of measures that, if adopted by Canada's government, will have a positive impact on our Veterans and their families. In addition to national advocacy efforts, the Legion works at the provincial and local levels to advocate for Veterans and their families. Canada's Veterans served to protect the very rights and freedoms we enjoy today; we owe them our commitment to ensure they receive the benefits they need and deserve. The Royal Canadian Legion firmly believes this country has a solemn obligation owed to our military members.

Our Key advocacy points are: \* Veterans Well-being Act \* Lifelong financial security \* Access to benefits \* Transition to civilian life \* Mental health \* Military & RCMP families \* Research & Treatment \* Homeless Veterans \* Long-term care \* Seniors \* Culture & conduct \* Death benefits \* Defence & security

Learn more from : <https://www.legion.ca/advocating-for-veterans/advocating-for-change>

*Poppy Trust Funds  
At  
Work  
In our Community*



Branch Executive Linda Baker, Linda Wakefield, LA Sgt-at-Arms Maureen McCormick, Maureen Hawkins, Branch Sgt-at-Arms Bob Patryluk presents Executive Director Rob Lavin of Brandon Seniors For Seniors Inc with a Poppy Trust Fund cheque for \$6000.00 to assist Veterans & their spouses with Dinner is Served program in 2024.



RCL Branch Past President Cindy Stumme presents Brandon Fire & Emergency Service, Deputy Fire Chief Marc Lefebvre with a Poppy Trust Fund cheque.



RCL Brandon Branch Poppy Co Chair Linda Wakefield presents Manager Vickie Ketch, and Administrative Assistant, Sharon Robinson from Rideau Park PCH with a Poppy Trust Fund cheque in the amount of \$2,843.42 in December 2023.

RCL Brandon Branch #3 Sgt-at-Arms Bob Patryluk presents Poppy Trust Funds of \$1,000.00 to (L) Daniel Fontaine, #82 Brandon RCA-FCC; Tyler Pretty, RCSCC Swiftsure Cadet Corp: Melissa Slashinsky Navy League Cadet Corp Stan Hewitt; and a cheque was forwarded to 71 Battery RCH 2520-RCA Cadet Corp. in December 2023.



# Coming Events

**2024 Provincial Command Darts Championship is taking place March 8 to 10, 2024 in the West Kildonan Legion Branch #30**



**Congratulations & Good Luck !**



**To our Legion Brandon Branch #3 Team!**  
(L) Paul Casselman, Terry Shand, Geoff Gregoire, Dave Brennan

**Doubles Team compete on Saturday March 9/2024**  
Dave Brennan & Geoff Gregoire

**Brandon Branch Team of Paul, Terry, Goeff & Dave competes on Sunday March 10, 2024**



**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**

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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



**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**

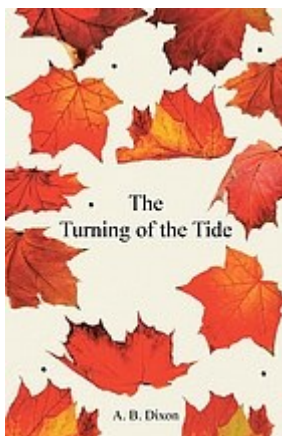
**Commander Clayton Kozak**



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.

**Recreational Night of Swimming 7 February 2024**





## Author : A. B. Dixon Turning of the Tide

Print Book, English, 2021

Publisher: Tellwell Talent, [Victoria, British Columbia], 2021

Summary: Serious French Canadian Mr. Richardieux and spiteful though lively British Lady Aubrey Kingston appear an unlikely match in Ottawa on the eve of the First World War. Their aristocratic relationship will be tried as Canada is torn apart by its two families in the young dominion's struggle to attain nationhood on the plains of its forefathers

Note from the Editor: I received a telephone call from the Canadian author A.B. Dixon regarding her book titled, *Turning of the Tide*. I plan on purchasing, reading and giving the book a review in the April issue of this newsletter...L



## The Easter Flower

**Far from this foreign Easter damp and chilly  
My soul steals to a pear-shaped plot of  
ground,  
Where gleamed the lilac-tinted Easter lily  
Soft-scented in the air for yards around;**

**Alone, without a hint of guardian leaf!  
Just like a fragile bell of silver rime,  
It burst the tomb for freedom sweet and brief  
In the young pregnant year at Eastertime;**

**And many thought it was a sacred sign,  
And some called it the resurrection flower;  
And I, a pagan, worshiped at its shrine,  
Yielding my heart unto its perfumed power.**

Written by **Festus Claudius McKay** (1889-1948), better known as  
**Claude McKay**



*Our February Friday  
Chase - The - Ace  
Winner*

*Dennis Lenton  
is being congratulated by Volunteers  
Linda Mawson  
&  
Colleen St. Louis*

## 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 February meeting had 11 members present.

Raffle ticket books will be processed this month and be available in March.

A request for Scholarships was received and a cheque will be forwarded to Vincent Massey. We also are donating \$5,000 to the Branch.

District meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary is Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

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

*Submitted by Betty Persian*

RCL Branch President, Fred Pritchard accepts a \$5,000.00 cheque from Brandon Ladies Auxiliary President Maureen Farrant.

"ThankYou" to the LA for this generous support of the Branch.



The official flower of Manitoba is the Prairie Crocus, which was adopted in 1906

**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



**MARCH**

- 3 World Hearing Day
- 8 International Women's Day
- 2nd Monday - Commonwealth Day (RCEL support)
- 12 Canada's military mission in Afghanistan Afghanistan ends (2014)
- Lapsed member reminder

**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**

# Royal Canadian Legion Branch #3

## WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

St. Patrick's Day

March 16th 2024 at 6:00pm

IRISH STEW

with Biscuits

Dessert: Chocolate Guinness Cake

\$12.00

Tickets available at the Lounge until March 13th

The Irish Road Trip by Author [Keith O'Hara](https://www.theirishroadtrip.com/) <https://www.theirishroadtrip.com/>

- \* *"Three lads from Roscommon were getting paid to take part in a survey about tea drinking. One of the questions was 'How do you stir sugar into your tea?' 'I stir it in with my left hand', replied the first lad. 'I stir it in with my right', replied the second. 'I stir it in with a spoon', replied the third."*
- \* *"What do you call a huge Irish spider? A Paddy-long-legs."*
- \* *Two lads were on opposite sides of the river Lee in Cork. 'How do I get to the other side of the river?', shouted one lad to the other. 'Sure you're on the other side', replied the second.*
- \* *"Right, what do you call a bulletproof Irishman? Rick-O-Shea..."*
- \* *"How come you can never borrow a few quid from a leprechaun? Because they're always a little short..."*
- \* *"Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher in the national school in Westport? He resigned because he couldn't control his pupils."*



Unlike most children, military families are on the move, with children having to leave schools, activities and friends behind. Loved ones can be absent long periods of time for deployments, training and exercises. Despite all challenges, military children continue to flourish and succeed. This resilience deserves a moment of recognition to honour all children of the military community.

## What is Teal Up?

Teal Up was born in 2021 to help bring awareness to Month of the Military Child and give Canadian Military Children a day in celebration. Wear your teal shirt to show support and watch social media for Teal Up events near you!

## Why Teal?

The colour teal was chosen because it includes all branches of the Canadian Military (Blue for Air Force, Green for Army and Blue/White for Navy).



Wear Teal on  
**April 29th!**



@MilitaryKidsTealUp

#TEALUP



@TealUp4MilitaryKids

# Facts &/Or FICTION?

- ◆ Cold days in Manitoba are pretty brutal—The coldest temperature ever recorded in Manitoba was  $-47.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-54^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). This was recorded in Winnipeg on December 24, 1879.
- ◆ Manitoba isn't always cold- The warmest temperature ever recorded in Manitoba was  $44.4^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $112^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). This temperature was actually recorded on back-to-back dates on July 11 and 12, 1936.



The park can be found at the exact longitudinal (east-west) center of Canada. Sitting at  $96^{\circ} 48' 35''$  W, this spot is situated in the town of Tache, Manitoba, which is just 30 minutes from Winnipeg.



The gray jay has been determined by the National Geographic of Canada to be the national bird of Canada.

National symbols are important to a country since they represent certain aspects and values which are considered a national significance for a nation. The national symbols may or may not appear on the national flag, coat of arms, or emblem. A country may use animals, trees, or objects as their national symbols. Choosing a national symbol is a process that may involve legislation, competitions, and referendum. In Canada, the opinions thousands of Canadians and experts were considered before a final bird was picked by the National Geographic of Canada. The process that began in 2015 saw the country settling on the gray jay as the national bird.

- ◆ Hike the sand dunes in Spruce Woods Provincial Park—Did you know that Manitoba was home to 30-meter-high sand dunes? Head to Brandon, Manitoba where you can hike the sand dunes in the Spirit Sands and Devil's Punch Bowl trail.
- ◆ For the last 20 consecutive years, Winnipeg has been voted the **Slurpee Capital of the World**. A Slurpee is a frozen, sugary slushie drink that Manitobans apparently enjoy all year long – winters included!
- ◆ The Curling Capital of the World—Manitoba is home to more curling rinks and clubs than Ontario and Quebec combined. No wonder it is often referred to as the "Curling Capital of the World"!
- ◆ **Many of Canada's Olympians were born in Manitoba**—Some of Manitoba's most famous Olympians include Susan Auch (speed skater), Clara Hughes (cyclist and speed skater), Cindy Klassen (speed skater), and Jennifer Jones (curling).
- ◆ **A Winnipeg hockey player was the first to earn a million-dollar contract**—Bobby Hull of the Winnipeg Jets was hockey's first player to earn a million-dollar contract.
- ◆ **Manitoba's Little Limestone Lake** is an example of a marl lake—Little Limestone Lake is one of the world's largest examples of a marl lake, meaning it changes colour with fluctuations in temperature.

Winnie the Pooh is named after Manitoba's Capital—Many people don't realize that Disney's loveable little bear, **Winnie the Pooh**, was actually named after Winnipeg! During the first World War, Harry Colebourn, a Lieutenant from Winnipeg, became attached to a baby black bear. He ended up purchasing the bear and nicknamed him "Winnie."



# March 2024

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm</b>	2 <b>Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30 pm</b>
3	4 Lounge Closed Branch Office Open 9-4	5 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm	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 <b>Meat Draw-50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm</b>	9 <b>Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30 pm</b>
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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 2:00 pm