

# THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE NEWSLETTER *Legion*

*Branch 003, Brandon, MB*

## APRIL 2024 VOLUME XLIV : 4

### *Signal Flag Hoist*

*Painted around 1945 by Donald Mackay (1906–1979)*



Halifax, where this ship is docked, was Canada's main east coast port during the war. Ships from all over the world gathered here before sailing across the Atlantic in protected convoys. Over 25,000 shiploads of vehicles, munitions, weapons and food made it over to Britain safely under the protection of Canadian warships and aircraft.

[Online Exhibitions | Exhibitions | Canadian War Museum](https://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/canvas/cwint01e.shtml)

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**Brandon Town Hall with the  
Veterans Ombud**

**Wednesday, 17 April, 2024**

**19:00 - 21:00 CDT**

**Location: Royal Canadian Legion,  
Brandon Branch #003**

**560 13<sup>th</sup> St East, Brandon, MB**

Veterans and serving CAF and RCMP members, survivors, family and friends, are invited to join the Veterans Ombud, Colonel (Ret'd) Nishika Jardine and team members at the town hall.

We look forward to hearing about the issues that impact local Veterans and their families, to ensure the work we do best serves you.

Please join us.

*Veterans  
Ombud  
des vétérans*

**BRANDON TOWN HALL****With the****VETERANS OMBUD****Colonel (Ret'd) Nishika Jardine, Veterans Ombud**

Colonel (Ret'd) Nishika Jardine served almost 37 years as an officer in the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (RCEME). She enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, in 1982 and graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada with a Bachelor of Science in Math and Physics.

She has served and led in Maintenance organizations with the Army in Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Gagetown, the Navy in CFB Esquimalt, and the Air Force at 19 Wing Comox. She commanded the RCEME School in 2008-2010. She was promoted to Colonel in 2014 and served one year as Director Armament Sustainment Program Management before her final posting as Deputy Commandant at Canadian Forces College. She completed her service in May 2019.

She has completed several important professional development courses including both the Army and the Canadian Forces Staff College programs. She also holds a Master's Degree in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College, and most recently earned the Chartered Director designation.

Other notable staff appointments include RCEME Officers Career Manager, Staff Officer to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, Program Officer National Security Studies Program, Deputy Project Manager Medium Support Vehicle System, and the senior staff officer responsible for the strategic sustainment of the Joint Task Force for Operation ATHENA in Afghanistan.

Since leaving the CAF, she has served on the Board of Directors of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston, the Board of Governors of the Air Cadet League Ontario Provincial Committee, the Board of Directors of the Order of St. George, and the Board of Directors for the RCEME Museum and Heritage Foundation.



### 2024 Provincial Command Darts Championship

took place March 8-10, 2024 in West Kildonan Branch #30, - Brandon Branch #3  
Team Doubles of Dave Brennan & Goeff Gregoire came in 4th Place ...Branch  
Team of Paul Casselman, Terry Shand, Goeff Gregoire, Dave Brennan placed 5th  
in the team events. Congratulations & Thank You to all four Branch Members  
who took good aim for the

BULL'S-EYE!

## *Coming Events*

**Legion Branch #003**

**Cribbage**

**Continues into June 2024**

**with**

**Doubles Tournament**

**May 4, 2024 \$15.00 Per Person**

**Branch Games Room**



**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

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@rclbrandon003.com](mailto:office.admin@rclbrandon003.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](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**



**Training Night  
March 13, 2024**





**Inspection Night March 20, 2024**

**Reviewing Party** : Mr. Brian Hawkeye; Mrs. Debbie McArthur, Commander Clayton Kozak; SLT (NL) Charlette Fontaine.



### Awards



Mr. Brian Hawkey presented PO2 Alvarenga with MB Division Bravo Zulu Coin as Cox'n.



Mr. George Haggerty presented AC Adafarasin with Navy League of Canada key chain.



A Special "ThankYou" to the following members from Legion Branch #3 for being a part of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair on Opening Night for Heroes Day March 25, 2024. Sgt-at-Arms Bob Patryluk, Branch President Fred Pritchard, Erich & Cindy Stumme, Steve Morrison, Arno Urban





**Coming Event!**



**Royal Canadian Legion Branch #3  
MIXED 18 HOLE 4-PERSON BEST BALL  
OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Sunday, June 23, 2024  
10am Start  
Glen Lea Golf Course  
Brandon**

**Entry Fee - \$55/person or \$220/team**

**ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:**

- Green Fee for golf
- Post tournament meal – 4pm at Legion Club Room
- Special on-course challenges
- Prizes

(Golf carts are available to rent from Glen Lea directly at \$22.40/person plus GST)

**Entries & payment must be submitted to the Legion no later than  
June 14, 2024.**

**# OF TEAMS IS LIMITED SO ENTER EARLY**

**PAYABLE BY CASH OR CHEQUE AT THE LEGION BAR**

**Or by Credit Card - phone 204-728-5026**

**You do not have to be a Legion member to participate. You can enter as a team  
or individually.**

**Having one lady per team would be preferred but not mandatory.**

**For further information please call or e mail  
Golf Tournament Chairman  
Steve Morrison at 204-573-1945 (smorrison@wcgwave.ca )**



## Ladies Corner

Our March meeting had eight members present. Our informal meeting was held during prep time for a funeral of over 300.

Name tags are available from Regent Cresting for \$14.50.

District meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary was Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Neepawa with three members attending.

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

*Submitted by Betty Persian*

### Christina Rossetti, '[Spring](#)'.

There is no time like Spring,  
When life's alive in everything,  
Before new nestlings sing,  
Before cleft swallows speed their journey back  
Along the trackless track –  
God guides their wing,  
He spreads their table that they nothing lack, –  
Before the daisy grows a common flower  
Before the sun has power  
To scorch the world up in his noontide hour...

**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



**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



**APRIL** • Month of the Military Child • 1 Royal Canadian Air Force founded (1924) – 100th anniversary • 3 Battle of Moreuil Wood (1918) • 4 NATO Accord signed (1949) • 9 Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917) - Legion flags lowered to half mast • 14-20 National Volunteer Week • 25 Anzac Day • 25 Battle of Kapyong (1951)

**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**

Last month, President Fred Pritchards, presented Mel McGregor & Murray Tallant with their 50 year Legion pins; both are Ordinary Members of Brandon Branch 003 and have been for 50 years.

“ThankYou” both



**Spring Cleaning at the Branch Started In the Winter of 2024**

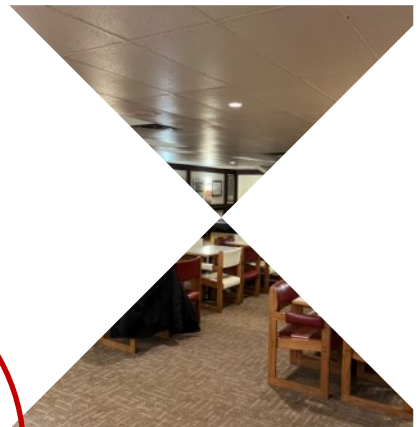
**GOING GOING....  
Almost ????**



**NOW YOU SEE “Them Old 70s Smoke Eaters” Soon..**



**GONE!**



**Big Shout OUT  
Thanks  
to Maintenance Guys  
Mike & Arno  
Backup/cleanup  
Maureen H.**



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).

 **STRONG** *Military Kids* **Wear Teal on April 29th!**



@MilitaryKidsTealUp

#TEALUP



@TealUp4MilitaryKids

# Facts &/Or FICTION?

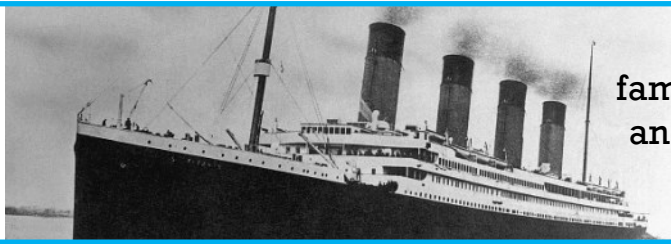
The month of April gets its name from the Greek Goddess **Aphrodite**. Aphrodite is known to be the goddess of love and creation.

People born April 1 to April 19 are Aries, and are represented by the ram. They are natural born leaders with fiery tempers.

People born April 19th to April 30th are Taurus, and are represented by the bull. They are dependable but stubborn.

For all the car enthusiasts out there, [Ford](#) unveiled their first Mustang on [April 17](#), 1964, costing \$2,368.

April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup> each year. There's another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from [April 21<sup>st</sup>](#).



On [April 14](#), 1912, the famous [Titanic](#) ship hit an iceberg and sank on her maiden voyage.

As you can see, there's more to April than just [April Fool's Day](#), although that is definitely one of the most fun days of the month! other wacky and weird days occur in the month of April! ... National Burrito Day on April 1st? There's also Piñata Day on April 18th, and World Penguin Day celebrated on April 25th.

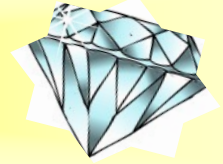
[Earth Day](#) is an annual event held on April 22nd dedicated to the environmental protection of our planet.

Now here is one of our most interesting April facts. The first ever Earth Day was held on April 22nd 1970. More than 20 million people marched for the environment, and to this day it's still the largest single-day protest in American history. Looking after the Earth was important then, and it's even more important now.

Let's do our part to fight for the Earth, deal?



# APRIL 2024



SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm	3 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	4 <u>Legion BINGO</u> Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	5 Meat Draw- 50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	6 Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30 pm
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28	29 Lounge Closed Branch Office OPEN 9-4	30				

<b>Branch Lounge Hours:</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>	<b>1:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b>
	<b>Thursday, Friday &amp; Saturday</b>	<b>1:00 pm to 10:00 pm</b>
<b>Branch Office Hours:</b>	<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am to 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Regular meetings of Ladies Auxiliary 1st Tuesday February to June 2:00 pm</b>		