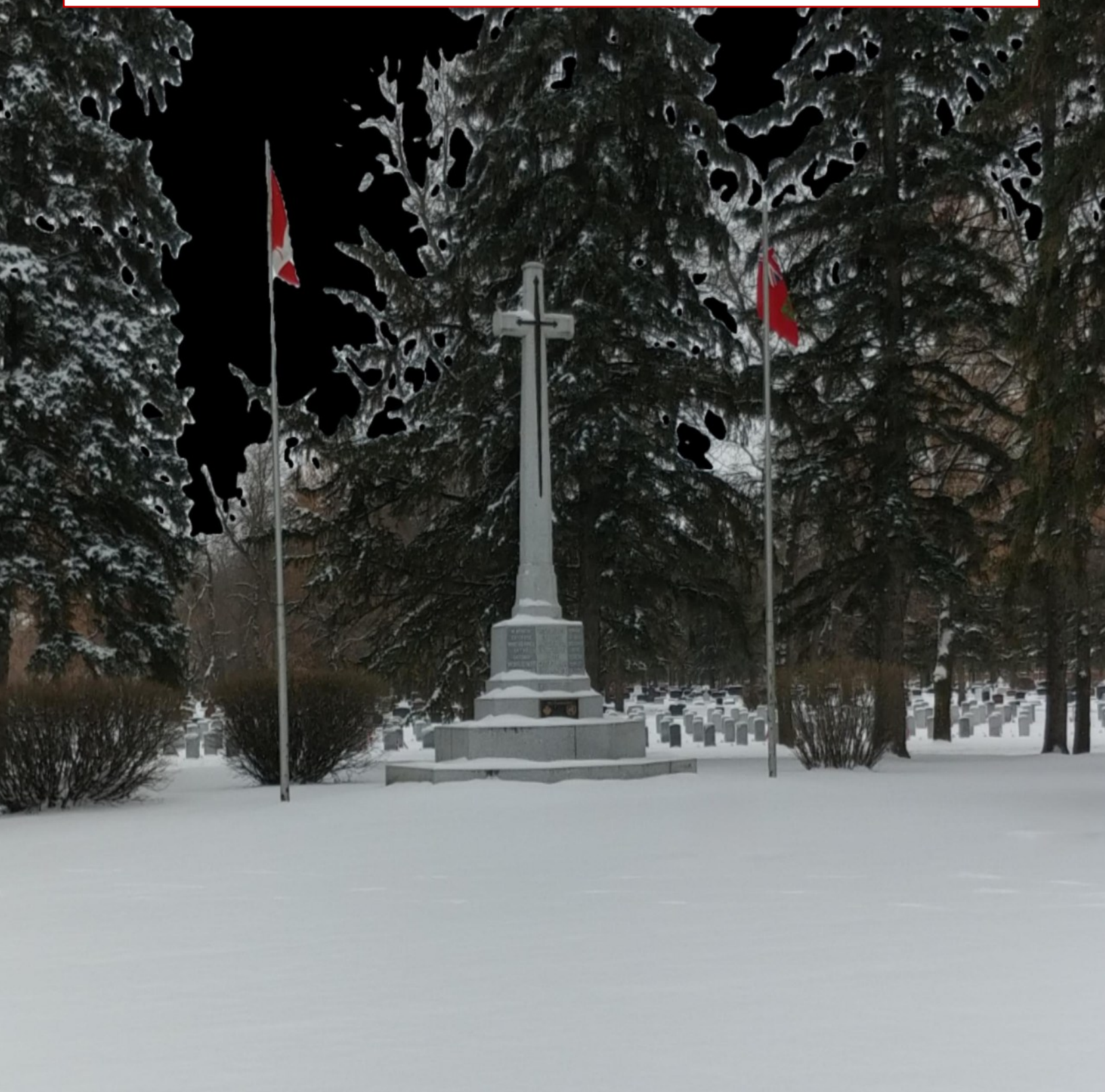


THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE NEWSLETTER



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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.

Legion 

MEAT DRAW - 50/50 & CHASE THE ACE

**VOLUNTEERS
DESPERATELY NEEDED
FOR 2 ½ HOURS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
EVENINGS**

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME & PHONE
NUMBER AT THE BAR & WE WILL CONTACT
YOU

OR

CALL STEVE MORRISON AT 204-573-1945

Brandon Branch 003 Legion Executive 2025

President: Fred Pritchard
Past President: Cindy Stumme
1st Vice President: Raymond Burgess
2nd Vice President: Steve Morrison
Sgt-at-Arms

Executive Committee 2025

2 year – Richard McDonald, Debbie Burgess, Linda Wakefield
1 year – Barb Boycey,

Ladies Auxiliary 2025 Executive

President: Maureen Farrant
1st Vice-President: Barb Roberds
2nd Vice President : Melissa Bryden
Treasurer: Pat Simmons
Secretary: Betty Persian
Sgt-at-Arms: Barb Roberds
Membership: Barb Wood
Publicity: Melissa Bryden
Sick & Visiting: Linda Biel



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OFFICE: 204-728-5026 &/or 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/>

Brandon Legionnaire Branch Newsletter: contact Linda at mrs wakes@mymts.net to submit articles &/or pictures



Ladies Corner

Our January meeting had six members present. A donated quilt will be raffled off on April 19th (Easter Quilt Raffle). Quilt tickets will be 3 for \$5.00. Plans were made for yearly activities for 2025 fund raising. We look forward to another successful year for the Ladies Auxiliary.

Submitted by Betty Persian



CHRONIC PAIN PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 17, 2025

1-4pm

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
(560-13TH STREET EAST, BRANDON, MB)**

***OPEN TO MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES**

Join us for a free workshop on managing and coping with chronic pain.

*Please note that this course does not replace medical treatment, discuss with your medical professional any concerns to your health, wellbeing, and possible treatment options.

**To register or for more information,
contact Brandi Sheppard (Reconditioning Manager)
brandi.sheppard@forces.gc.ca**

Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 3

Brandon, MB, 560 13th Street East

Phone: 204 728 5026



A Culinary Journey Through Germany

**A Four-Course Dinner
And Slide Show**



\$20.00

February 14th, 2025 at 7:00

120 tickets are available



**The Navy League of Canada, Manitoba Division,
Brandon Branch Web: www.mbnavyleague.ca**

NLCC#4 Stan Hawitt

stanhawitt@mbnavyleague.ca

Navy League meets Wednesday 6-8:30 pm

At RCLegion Brandon Branch #003 560—13th St East

**Commanding Officer - SLt(NL) Amanda Slashinsky
Executive Officer / Supply—SLt(NL) Melissa Slashinsky
Instructor - LtCdr (NL) Clayton Kozak
Instructor—Mr. Johnathon Gerry
Instructor—Flight Sargent Jackson Sylvester**



OC Ugwuoke (Messenger) is pictured asking permission from SLt(NL) Melissa Slashinsky (Executive Officer) to carry on with Colors (see page 7)



Cadets on Parade—January 22, 2025

The information below was taken from—[The Navy League of Canada | NEWS](#)

2024 National Sea Cadet of the Year

Linnea Erickson, CPO2, 17, from the “335 RCSCC Calgary” corps is the proud 2024 recipient of the National Sea Cadet of the Year Award

You we're recently granted an award; share with us how you feel about having your hard work recognized at the National level.

I feel incredibly honoured to have received this award, I believe that this award is a testament to my hard work but also a testament to how much I love the program, without my love for the program I definitely would not be where I am today.

What do you consider your biggest achievement as a Navy League cadet?

I would say that my biggest achievement within the program has been learning how to present myself and my values in a way that has been recognized and honoured by the officers I have worked with during my time in the program, to the point where they have acknowledged this with awards and medals that.

(Continued - [The Navy League of Canada | NEWS](#))

The **82 Brandon Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron** is a youth organization based in Brandon, Manitoba. They offer a variety of activities including citizenship, leadership, aviation studies, and physical fitness training. [The squadron meets on Friday evenings from September to June, and is open to youth aged 12-18¹².](#)

[The **71st Battery 2520 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps \(RCACC\)** in Brandon, Manitoba, is part of the national youth program sponsored by the Canadian Forces and the civilian Army Cadet League of Canada¹².](#) This program aims to develop leadership, citizenship, and physical fitness among youth.

The **Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) Swiftsure #60** in Brandon, Manitoba, is a vibrant and active group. [The cadets participate in numerous community events, such as the Brandon Winter Fair and Remembrance Day services². They also engage in various training programs and activities, including seamanship and leadership development².](#)

Legion 'Just For Fun' Bonspiel Winners



Karis Malyon Team



Steve Morrison
Branch Sports Chair



**Blaine Wakefield presents
Carol Toms Team Draw
Winners 2025**



Susan Peterson Team



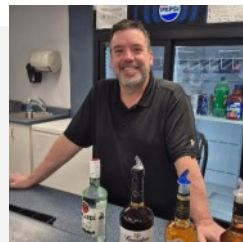
Robert Maylon Team



Larry Fischer Team



Del Hunter Team



**BT Volunteers
Chris Heide &
Rilla Dunkley**



Irene Phillips Team



Reg Sheardown Rink



**Blaine
Wakefield wins
"Best Dressed
Old Guy"
wearing Legion
Branch #3
Curling sweater
from 1960s.**

Branch Sports Team

**Blaine Wakefield Skip
Bruce St Louis—Third
Colleen St. Louis—Second
Linda Mawson Lead
Bob Mawson & Linda Wakefield Spares**



Susan Boisvert Team



**Branch Captain
Fred Pritchard
Welcomes Curlers
in the early
morning Saturday
January 2025
sporting his very
own curling rock
cap!**

**Voted
"Best Capped"**



Mark Malyon Family Team

Derwyn Hammond Family Team



Roland Vane Team



Steve Morrison Team

Branch Catering Team
Erich : Skipper
Sweepers: Bobbi, Chantar
Debbie & Vicki



Ron Lund Rink



**Linda Baker 50/50
Collector**

Missing picture

**Sharon
Shannon
Team**



Darrell Wonnick Team

The Royal Canadian Legion Brandon Branch #003

POPPY Trust Fund

November 2023 to November 2024

On behalf of Branch President Fred Pritchard Poppy Co-Chairs - Cindy Stumme, Linda Wakefield & the Poppy Committee, a sincere "Thankyou" to everyone who generously donated & volunteered during the recent 2024 Campaign.

Brandon Fire & Emergency
Services
\$5,248.12

Brandon Seniors For Seniors Inc.
\$16,000.00

St. John Ambulance
\$4,229.28

Rideau Park Personal
Care Home
\$2,843.42

RCSCC Swiftsure CC	\$1000.00
#82 Brandon RCA-FCC	!\$1,000.00
71 Battery RCA 2520 CC	\$1,000.00
Navy League Cadet Corp	\$1,000.00

Bursaries
\$8,000.00

Shilo Base Deployment
\$8,000.00

Shilo—Military Family Resource Centre
\$8,000.00

Assistance to Veterans
\$4,685.79

**Total Poppy Trust Funds Donated
to Date of November 12, 2024
\$61,006.61**

Please note: The Poppy Trust figures above do not reflect the recent Poppy Campaign completed on November 12, 2024. All Poppy funds collected are held in the Branch Poppy Trust Fund account. Presently there are funds all ready approved by Branch General members, and Provincial Command and are waiting to be presented; also some requests are pending approval . Requests for Poppy funds may be made by institutions who provide services to Veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families

Royal Canadian Legion Brandon Branch #3

Pages from History

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION AND VETERANS' PLOT (continued from January 2025 Legionnaire) ...***This indenture made the First day of September A.D. 1926.....thereon shall be known as "Cross of Sacrifice Fund"...***

NOW THEREFORE THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

1. The Legion shall pay to the Trustees, who shall receive and hold the said sum, and invest and re-invest the same, and the unexpended interest thereon, in any investment authorized by law for trust funds, preferably Dominion of Canada Bonds, and the said Trustees, and the survivors of them, and their Successors in Office, and the survivors of them, shall have permanent and absolute control of the said sum upon the following trust:

(A) To expand the income arising therefrom, of a competent portion thereof for any necessary repairs on the said Cross of Sacrifice, or in beautifying and maintaining the grounds surrounding same in the Soldiers plot in the Brandon Cemetery, over and above the amount expended by the City of Brandon for the care and maintenance of said Cross and said plot, as in their absolute discretion they shall see fit.

(B) To hold the principal of the said sum intact unless owing to some unforeseen circumstances the Trustees consider it necessary or expedient to use the said sum, or any portion thereof, in connection with the said Cross, or the grounds surrounding same, and in this case upon trust.

(C) To use the said sum, or any necessary portion thereof as in their absolute discretion they shall see fit.

2. The majority of the Trustees, competent and willing to act, shall form a quorum, and under Clause (C) above mentioned and decision of the quorum must be unanimous.

3. In the event of any person or persons entitled to be a Trustee or Trustees refusing to act, or to continue to act, being of any reason unable to act, this remaining Trustees or Trustee, shall have full power of all the Trustees, and shall control the said fund.

4. Any person holding temporarily and office which would qualify the permanent holder thereof to be a Trustee, shall himself be a Trustee while so holding such office.

In witness thereof the Party of the First Part has caused its Corporate Seal to be hereto affixed, attested by the hands of the President and Secretary, the proper officers in that behalf, and the Trustees have hereto set their hands and seals.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

CANADIAN LEGION B.E.S.L.

in the presence of:

F. Nelson, President

A. Cairns, Secretary

A.W.H. SMITH

S.E. Clement (Seal)

County Court Judge

C.J. Whillier (Seal)

Witness as to

H. Cater—Mayor (Seal)

all

F. Nelson (Seal)

Signatures

President, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.



LEGION BINGO

THURSDAY EVENING



Doors open 5:00pm-Early Bird 6:30 pm

Regular 7:00 pm



For all your CATERING needs

BIG or small

Please call

RC Legion Brandon Branch 003

ATTN: Erich - Catering

Phone: 204-728-5026

**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

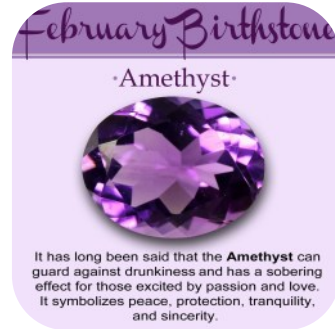
Legion 

Facts &/Or FICTION?

Aquarius
January 20 - February 19



Pisces
February 20-March 20



The official birthstone for the month of February is the stunning purple **amethyst** and hence the February birthstone color is **purple**.

Other birthday symbols include the [birth flowers for February](#) which are the Violet, Iris and Primrose.



When to See the Full Moon in February

February's [Full Moon](#) is at its most illuminated at 13:53 UTC on February 12, 2025.

The Moon will appear full in the days before and after peak illumination, and is the only phase in which the Moon is up all night. [Moonrise and moonset](#) generally occur around sunset and sunrise.

We often say that the Full Moon does the opposite of the Sun. In February, it will be up for more than 12 hours in the Northern Hemisphere, while it will be up for less than 12 hours in the Southern Hemisphere.

[Groundhog Day](#), observed on February 2nd in the United States and Canada, is based on the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter.

How Many Days Are in February?

It depends! February is the only month to have a length of fewer than 30 days! It's usually 28 days, though February is 29 days long in [leap years](#) such as 2028.

But why 28 days? The Roman King Numa had originally made all months 29 days, as Romans believed that even numbers were unlucky. However, the sum of all the months was an even number. So February, a month for honoring the dead, was chosen as the unlucky month to consist of 28 days.

Of course, the calendar went through many more changes, but the "28" days for February have stuck.

The chance of being born on February 29th is about 1 in 1,461. People born on this day are sometimes called "leaplings" or "leapers."

February 4th is World Cancer Day, an international day to raise awareness of cancer and encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment.

February 2025

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Bring your "Sweetheart" to A Culinary Journey Through Germany on February 14 at 7:00 see page 5 for details						
2 Lounge Closed Branch Office OPEN 9-4	3 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 2 pm Games Room	4 Cribbage Registration 6:30 Play 7:00	5 Legion BINGO Doors open 5 pm Early Bird 6:30 7:00 pm	6 Meat Draw 50/50 - Chase The Ace 5:00 pm	7 Meat Draw 50/50 Chase The Ace 4:30 pm	1
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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 September to June