

Fall 2017



**Branch 627
GREELY & DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER**

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President's Message

It is very encouraging to see our Branch doing so well. We are very busy with rentals as well as the regular Legion activities. The weekly and monthly Euchre games are well attended. The Tuesday music is being enjoyed by the musicians and the dancers alike.

We are currently gearing up for the Christmas season. There are a few catering functions in the near future as well as the New Year's Eve Party.

Always in the back of one's mind is the expense of the winter months with the large heating and hydro bills. It does help when members volunteer to help with the bartending, catering and cleaning. Many hands lighten the job for all.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and don't forget to buy your New Year's Eve tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Comrade Linda Wyman, President

Poppy Campaign



The 2017 Poppy campaign was a great success. The collection boxes have been counted and we have deposited \$17,134.00 to the Poppy Trust Account. Decisions were made at the November General Meeting as to which community groups would be receiving our donations.

We were very pleased with the community participation at both of our Remembrance Ceremonies - Sunday, November 5 and Saturday, November 11. It was great to see how well our Ceremonies are received by area residents.

Membership Report

Hearing Life Canada, the newest partner in The Royal Canadian Legion Member Benefit Package (MBP), is the largest hearing health-care network in Canada, with more than 300 clinics nationwide. In Ottawa alone, there are five locations.

Legion members will receive a minimum of 20 percent off the regular price or 10 percent off the promotional price of select hearing aids. They receive up to 2,000 Air Miles Reward Miles with the purchase of select hearing aids, five years of complimentary batteries, and a three-year product warranty. Also, for every Legion member who signs up and takes advantage of these great benefits, Hearing Life Canada will donate five percent back to Legion programs. Members can register for benefits at www.HearingLifeAdvantage.com/Legion or call toll free at 1-855-566-0036, or by contacting our Service Officer, Comrade Bruce Sherritt.

The MBP offers discounts on specially designed travel insurance packages, retirement living, cellphones, eyewear, funerals and much more. The other MBP partners are Arbor Memorial Services, Inc.; Canadian Safe Step Walk-in Tub Co., Carlson Wagonlit Travel, IRIS Eyewear, Medipac Travel Insurance, Revera Inc., Simply Connect and MBNA Canada Inc. The list of MBP partners continues to grow. It is one more reason to join the Legion.

We initiated one new member at our General meeting on Nov. 20th. Welcome aboard Jack Latreille and thank you once again for joining our team. We would appreciate all members paying the 2018 memberships fees (\$45.00) as quickly as possible. Thank you to all those that have already paid – we are nearly half way there and I would like to see everyone's fees paid by the end of December.

From the Service Officer

The Service Officer is here to provide assistance to Veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and their families. I have helped with: the completion of claim forms and requests to Veteran Affairs Canada through Command Service Office for pensions, hearing aids, dentures. If you or anyone you know requires assistance, please phone me (Bruce Sherritt) at **613-822-1705** or email me at: **bruce_sherritt@rogers.com**. Remember: if we miss one Vet who requires help, we have missed one too many.

Comrade Bruce Sherritt, Service Officer

Ways And Means

With the cold season here the oil bills are rolling in. Oil is our largest on-going expense and the cost of oil just keeps going up!! Please bring any ideas to help raise funds to help cover our operating expenses to our Ways & Means officer Toni Westra or any of our Board members.

Youth Education

We have three schools participating in The Royal Canadian Legion's Annual National Poster and Literary Contest. Judging of the numerous submissions is being wrapped just as this newsletter is being printed. The 1st – 3rd place winners each category will receive an award from our Branch. 1st place winners will also have their submissions sent on to the Zone to compete at next level.

Past Events

Elvis Was In The Building

On October 28th, our Branch hosted an Elvis Presley & Roy Orbison Tribute Show. Over 100 people attended to watch Garry Wesley (multi award winning, world champion Elvis tribute artist) and Ian Roy - Roy Orbison impersonator. Attendees were thrilled as 'Elvis' handed out a few scarfs for ladies to wrap around their necks and he walked through the crowd! Both acts were very entertaining and very good.

Remembrance

Princess Auto Presentation



In recognition of Remembrance Day, Princess Auto presented the Branch with a gift basket bucket containing many useful tools and items, including: a tarp, safety goggles, work gloves, a hammer, drill bits, a measuring tape and a ratchet/screwdriver kit. Princess Auto also gave us a \$50.00 gift card and vouchers for a 15% discount at the Princess Auto Store. Members can request a voucher at the bar. A limited number of vouchers are available

Service of Remembrance – November 5



Our Branch held a Service of Remembrance on November 5th, 2017. The service was attended by local dignitaries including: MP Andrew Leslie – laying the wreath on behalf of the Government of Canada, Former Councillor Doug Thompson - laying the wreath on behalf of the Province of Ontario, Councillor George Darouze – Laying the wreath for the City of Ottawa, Comrade Don Swerdfeger – laying the wreath for Royal Canadian Legion.

Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 11



Following the Ceremony, light refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed in the Lounge.

The Remembrance Day Ceremony surpassed everyone's expectations. There were over 300 people in attendance. We were honoured to have a great number of military and their families attending – many with young children.

We were fortunate to witness first-hand the concept of Service and of Remembrance being passed down from generation to generation.



Euchre Tournaments

We are pleased to see our monthly Euchre tournaments are attracting people from all across the Ottawa Valley. We continue to see new faces each month.

September's winners were: 1st place went to Sandra Cook with 81 points; 2nd place went to Garnet Sauve with 80 points; and 3rd place with 76 points was split between Fred Lafleur, John Penelton, Fran Bowman, Betty Wheeler & Fern Martel. Other prizes went to Wendy Wales & Pat Seeley. There were 14 tables.

October's winners were: 1st place with 81 points went to Glen Lundy; 2nd and 3rd place was tied with 80 points and went to Garnet Vaughn & Carole Scharf. Other prizes went to June Ogden and Mabel Miller. There were 11 tables for this event.

November's winners were: 1st place went to John Parent with 80 points; 2nd place was Laura Young with 78 points; and 3rd place was Cindy Kant with 77 points. Other winners were Dianne Schoehnerr and Sophie Paquette.

The next tournament is **December 9th at 12 noon**. A light lunch will be served at 12:00 pm and play starts at 1:00 pm sharp. The cost is \$15.00 for 8 games, which includes your lunch.

The schedule for 2018 has been set. The dates are: January 13th, February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th, June 9th and July 14th.

Come join us for competition and for fun!

From Dominion Command

Source: <http://www.legion.ca/news/articles/2017/11/23/your-donations-to-the-legion-s-poppy-campaign-make-a-difference>

Your donations to the Legion's Poppy Campaign make a difference!

Each year, tens of millions of Canadians from coast to coast to coast wear a Poppy to honour, and Remember Canada's fallen Veterans and to support those who served and continue to serve today. While Poppies are free, the Royal Canadian Legion truly appreciates your generous donations to the Poppy Campaign. Your contributions directly support Canada's serving and retired Veterans and their families, while helping ensure Canada never forgets.

The Legion is assisting Veterans and their families every day through the Poppy Fund. Hear what some of them have to say:

"I am writing to thank you very much for your kind grant to assist in my purchase of a furnace for my home. Since my husband passed away, I have had so much bad luck until now. You are so considerate and compassionate that words cannot express how grateful I am to have received this money."

"I really don't know how to thank you for the funds you have sent to help my wife and I out with dental work, it will go a long way in making us feel more comfortable around people. I will be able to smile again, and that makes me feel great! It couldn't have come at a better time being Thanksgiving, it gives us more to be thankful for knowing that there are folks like you there that care."

"The Dominion Command Poppy Trust Fund generously provided financial assistance to my mother to help cover the expense of purchasing hearing aids. For months prior, my mother's failing hearing was a big safety concern for our family; we are so thrilled she is now able to maintain her independence and her confidence has returned. A sincere thank you for your kind and substantial contribution to her cause. You've helped restore our faith in the kindness of strangers."

"Please accept my sincere and heart felt gratitude for your kindness in granting me the funds to purchase a much needed electric chair lift. Your caring communication has made my situation more bearable....!"

This is just a small sampling of the thousands of real life stories of the Legion helping Veterans in cities, towns and communities across this country every year – help that would not have been possible without your generous donations to the Legion's Poppy Campaign.

From Ontario Provincial Command

source: <http://www.on.legion.ca/docs/default-source/PDF/media/ontario-command-fall-newsletter-2017.pdf?sfvrsn=8>

Invictus Games, Toronto ON



The Invictus Games 2017, led by Prince Harry, packed a full house at the opening ceremonies, Air Canada Centre, Toronto on Sept 23rd. This was the showcase for wounded and ill military participants around the world, competing for national pride in 12 unique sporting events.

The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Poppy Fund donated \$500,000 to this very worthy cause, so relevant to what the Legion stands for - supporting our modern Veterans.

Legion Members enjoyed front-and-centre seats for the

Opening Ceremonies. 1st Vice President Garry Pond thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which included greetings from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Prince Harry. Highlights were our wounded warriors as they marched and rolled to take their seats as competing athletes.

December 31st, 2017

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

at the Greely Legion, 8021 Mitch Owens Road

Featuring

The Douglas Connection

Cocktails: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Dancing: 8:30 pm

Tickets

Before December 15th: \$50.00 / person

On or After December 15th: \$60.00 / person

For more information or tickets

Legion: 613-822-1451

Linda Wyman: 613-822-0233

Arlene Preston: 613-826-6128

Recurring Events

General Meetings

Please plan on attending the General Meetings. *Dates: December 18th, January 15th, and February 19th.*

Tuesday Dance Party

Our Branch hosts live music on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of each month from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Bring along an instrument to play, or come in to sing, listen and dance. Admission is FREE. *Dates: December 5th, December 19th, January 2nd, January 16th, February 6th, and February 20th.*

Euchre

Just for fun. Every Wednesday 7:00pm. \$5.00 for 8 games.

Euchre Tournaments

\$15.00 for 8 games and a light lunch, prizes. *Dates: December 9th, January 13th, and February 10th, 2017.*

Friday Night Music & Dance Club

The Greely Legion holds a Friday Night Music and Dance Club, the fourth Friday of each month from 7:30 – 11:30 pm. Admission is FREE. *Dates: January 26th, and February 23rd.*

Hall Rentals

- **Small hall/Lounge** – holds up to 100 people
- **Large hall/Gymnasium** – holds up to 500 people
- **Commercial Kitchen**
 - Fully equipped
 - City of Ottawa inspected
- **Handicap-accessible washroom**
- **Large parking lot**
- **Well-maintained grounds**
- **Large covered outdoor stage**
- **Paved dance floor in parking lot**
- **Horseshoe pits**
- **Outdoor barbeque**
- **Covered outdoor deck**

Bar Hours:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:00 pm – Closing

Saturday: 1:00 pm – Closing

Other times as requested.

For any questions, contact:

Linda Wyman: 613-822-1451 or 613-822-0233

Our Legion Executive Committee

President:	Comrade Linda Wyman
Past President:	Comrade Ivan Wyman
1st Vice President	
& Bar Officer:	Comrade Arlene Preston
2nd Vice President	
& Sports Officer:	Comrade Terry Declare
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Sergeant at Arms:	Comrade Bruce Sherritt
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& Property:	Comrade Paul Gallant
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Ways and Means:	Comrade Toni Westra
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