

Spring 2020

Royal Canadian Legion



Branch 627  
**GREELY & DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER**

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**President's Message**

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and back into a routine after the holiday season.

It is great that we have had some new members join our Branch. We hope that they will be able to participate and maybe bring back some interest in our Dart Night.

We will be having a St. Patrick's Day Party on Tuesday, March 17. Please come and bring your friends. Children are also welcome.

The Branch Elections will be held on Monday, May 11 at 7:00pm. This is a very important meeting and we hope that you will be able to attend. Your input is very important to the survival of this Branch.

*Comrade Linda Wyman, President*

## Poppy Campaign

Recently we voted to donate monies from our Poppy Fund to deserving groups in our community who assist Veterans. These donations must be approved by Ontario Command for special use of Poppy Funds. We have submitted the applications to Ontario Command for approval. We anticipate that we will have approvals prior to our April General Meeting. We hope to make the cheque presentations at that time.

The Special Use application recently approved a payment to cover 50% of our new wheel chair ramp. What a great addition to our building.

## Membership Report

Anyone may become a member whether or not they have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. People without military affiliation - who support Canada's Veterans and their families, promote Remembrance, support Legion programs, and volunteer time within their communities - are welcome to join. If you know anyone who fits this bill, please suggest joining the Royal Canadian Legion. Joining can be done online at: <https://portal.legion.ca/join-the-legion> or at the Branch. Our Branch currently has 60 members.

## From the Service Officer

### Legion support for Veterans and their families

The Service Officer is here to provide assistance to Veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and their families. Comrade Bruce Sherritt can help Veterans and their family access disability benefits by completing claim forms and requests to Veteran Affairs Canada through Command Service Office for: pensions, hearing aids, dentures, and more. If you or anyone you know requires assistance, please phone me (Bruce Sherritt) at **613-822-1705** or email me at: [brucesherritt74@gmail.com](mailto:brucesherritt74@gmail.com).

Remember: if we miss one Vet who requires help, we have missed one too many.

## Youth

Our Branch had over 30 entries in the Royal Canadian Legion 2019 Poster & Literary Contest. With so many outstanding submissions, it was difficult to choose the winning entries!

Winners will be receiving their certificates and awards at our Branch at the April General Meeting (Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>).

We also had some winners from entries that were sent on to Zone. Zone certificates and awards will also be presented that evening.

## Sports

Did you know that the Legion has many Zone sporting events that you can participate in as a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Greely Branch 627? The next event will be **Zone Horseshoes on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Merrickville Branch #245**. We can enter 8 two person teams and 8 singles. **Registration must be in by May 12, 2020**. If you are interested, please stop by the Greely Legion and sign up on the sheet that is on the bulletin board. **Zone Euchre** was held at Chesterville Branch #434 on February 22, 2020. Our Branch did not enter any teams for this tournament.



If there is enough interest, we will be restarting our Darts evening. If you are interested in participating in or organizing darts, please let us know.

You can drop a line to [contact@greelylegion.ca](mailto:contact@greelylegion.ca) or stop by the Branch.



## Past Events

### Euchre Tournaments

On December 14<sup>th</sup> 2019, we held our Christmas Euchre. We had 16 tables and also had a few extra prizes. 1st prize went to Dawnean Borsa with 83 points; 2nd prize went to Ruth Leafloor with 80 points; and 3rd prize went to Jane Menard with 78 points. Other prizes went to Deborah Pateneau, Mike Thompson, Ken Higgins, Joe Borsa, Carole Scharf and Don Cavanagh.

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we had 16 tables. 1st & 2nd prizes were split and went to Hans Schermir and June Ogden with 81 points each; 3rd place went to Deborah Pateneau with 79 points. Other prizes went to Andre Paquette and Shelagh Heatlie.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we again had 16 tables. 1st prize went to Donna Morris with 84 points, 2nd & 3rd place were split and went to Linda Ball and John Parent tied with 80 points each. Other prizes went to Louise Martel and Louise Oatley.

We continue to get a few new people each month that have not been to our Branch before. We also receive many favourable comments about how well our Euchre tournaments are run, how good the food is, and how "friendly and fun" they are. So members, please come and join us. The cost is \$15.00 to play 8 games (and that includes lunch). The next tournament dates are March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also continue through the summer; those dates will be provided later.

## New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

As always we had a great New Year's Eve party. We even had a new band, the Mad River Ramblers. Right from the Cocktail hour, to a terrific roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, to some great music, a few step dancers showing off their steps, a raffle, lots of party favours and a balloon drop at midnight, plus a midnight snack, everyone sure seemed to enjoy themselves. Hopefully you will think about joining us to welcome in 2021.

## Recurring Events

### General Meetings

Please plan on attending the General Meetings. *Dates: March 16<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup> and, May 11<sup>th</sup>.*

### Tuesday Dance Party

Our Branch hosts live music on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of each month from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring along an instrument to play, or come in to sing, listen and dance. Admission is FREE. *Dates: April 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.*

### Euchre

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

### Branch Euchre Tournaments

\$15.00 for 8 games and a light lunch, prizes. *Dates: March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>.*

### Friday Night Music & Dance Club

The Greely Legion holds a Friday Night Music and Dance Club, on the **fourth Friday** of each month (except December) from 7:30 to 11:30 pm. Admission is FREE. *Dates: March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, and May 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 3	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge – Music & Dancing
Monday, March 9	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Lounge – Executive Meeting
Saturday, March 14	12:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Lounge – Euchre Tournament
Monday, March 16	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Lounge – <b>General Meeting</b> (all members welcome)
Tuesday, March 17	1:00 pm –	Hall – <b>St. Patrick's Day Party</b>
Friday, March 27	7:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Lounge – Dancing
Sunday, April 5	09:00 am – 2:00 pm	Hall – "V8" Swap
Tuesday, April 7	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge – Music & Dancing
Saturday, April 11	12:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Lounge – Euchre Tournament
Monday, April 13	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Lounge – Executive Meeting
Monday, April 20	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Lounge – <b>General Meeting</b> (all members welcome)
Tuesday, April 21	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge – Music & Dancing
Friday, April 24	7:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Lounge – Dancing
Monday, May 4	7:00 pm – 9:00pm	Lounge – Executive Meeting
Tuesday, May 5	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge – Music & Dancing
Saturday, May 9	12:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Lounge – Euchre Tournament
Monday, May 11	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Lounge – <b>General Meeting - Branch Elections</b>

**BRANCH ELECTIONS**  
**MAY 11TH, 2020**

THE SUCCESS OF OUR BRANCH DEPENDS ON YOU



## **From Provincial Command** (<https://www.on.legion.ca/who-we-are/community>)

### **Charitable Foundation**

The Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation, a registered charity, is a partnership of the branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and their Auxiliaries in Ontario Command. Branches and auxiliaries, through poppy tagging and activities such as bingo, break open tickets, raffles and clubhouse operations, fund the foundation. Through our collective strength, we are able to fund projects, which are normally beyond the means of individual branches.

The foundation funds are used for the following:

- Operation of the Ontario Command Service Bureau
- Veterans welfare
- Programs for Aging Veterans
- Medical Research
- Medical Equipment
- Bursaries
- Other purposes of a charitable or benevolent nature, as approved from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- Hospitals, clinics, long term care facilities, fire departments, and other not-for-profit organizations involved in health care may make applications for funding to the foundation.

## **From Dominion Command** (<https://www.legion.ca/news/articles/2020/02/11/veterans-helping-veterans-with-the-legion-s-osi-buddy-check-coffee>)

### **Veterans Helping Veterans with the Legion's OSI Buddy Check Coffee**

The Royal Canadian Legion Operational Stress Injury Special Section (BSO Legion OSI) has launched a program to help Veterans gather to enjoy peer support, while sipping coffee.

Buddy Check Coffee is a Veteran run program offering comradeship in a relaxed environment, allowing for networking and sharing of experiences and stories.

"It can make a difference for so many veterans," says Chris Richardson, co-founder of the Legion's OSI Special Section and its newest program, Buddy Check Coffee. "I'm excited to see the program launch nationally."

Chris is an 11-year veteran of the Canadian Forces with service in the Gulf War, UN Cyprus, NATO, submarines and ships. He joined the Legion in 2015.

Joe Elliott, 22-year Gulf War Veteran of the Royal Navy, is another co-founder of the Legion's OSI Special Section and of Buddy Check Coffee. "I joined the Legion and immediately found myself making connections and meeting other Veterans," says Elliott. "I found that just going for a cup of coffee and checking in with each other was so good for my mental health and my fellow Veterans. We started doing this on red Fridays in Prince George and called it Buddy Check Coffee. My hope is Veterans will start connecting and supporting each other as only our Veteran Brothers and Sisters can."

The program is currently looking for coordinators to start Buddy Check Coffee in communities across Canada. Program coordinators must be a Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP Veteran (retired or still serving), have or be willing to take the Mental Health First Aid Course for Veterans, and be a Legion member with membership in BSO Legion OSI (free for Legion members).

If you are interested please reach out to Chris or Joe:

[chris.richardson@bsovetsoi.com](mailto:chris.richardson@bsovetsoi.com) or [joe.elliott@bsovetsoi.com](mailto:joe.elliott@bsovetsoi.com)

## 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 outdoor field/greenspace**
- **Large covered outdoor stage**
- **Paved dance floor in parking lot**
- **Horseshoe pits**
- **Outdoor barbeque**
- **Covered outdoor deck**

## Bar Hours:

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
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### A Little Humour

*"It was so cold last week that when we milked the cows we got ice cream!"*

## Find the Names of the Legion Executive Committee

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