

Winter 2018



**Branch 627
GREELY & DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER**

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President's Message

Hopefully most of the cold winter nights are behind us and we will soon be looking forward to spring. I want to thank the Legion members and our friends for helping with the numerous functions which the branch has taken on the last few months.

It is encouraging that we have had interest from a few potential new members. That is what we need – new members who are willing to give us a hand.

We are always interested in hearing your suggestions and ideas about new activities or functions that we could pursue.

Please remember that we do want your input and the general meeting on the third Monday of each month. This is a good opportunity for you to come out and meet with other Legion members.

Comrade Linda Wyman, President

Poppy Campaign

We have not yet received the OK from Command to disburse the funds from our Poppy Account. They have asked for letters from all of the recipients as to how the money will be used. Once Command has approved our requests, we will issue the cheques and present them at a general meeting.

Membership Report

Our members are slowly paying their 2018 membership dues. If you have not yet paid your dues of \$45.00 to the Branch, please do so as quickly as possible. For those of you who have already paid your memberships, we thank you so much. We are happy to report we have signed up a couple of new members this past month, James & Elizabeth Fernie.

The Royal Canadian Legion Exclusive Member Benefits Package Partners are: Arbor Memorial (Funeral Homes) 1-877-301-8066; Canadian Safe Step Walk-in Tubs (Safe & Comfortable bathing for those affected by mobility issues) 1-800-668-5806; Carlson Wagonlit Travel (Special Vacation Club offers for Legion Members) 1-800-227-5766; Hearing Life 1-855-566-0036; IRIS Eyewear – Eye Examinations (Exclusive offers to Legion members) 1-800-663-3937 Ext 224; Medipac (Protecting experienced travellers) 1-888-939-0001; Revera Inc. (Retirement Living) 1-855-929-9777; and Simply Connect (Mobile wireless service) 1-844-483-2285 and MBNA Canada Bank (MBNA Legion Mastercard) 1-800-416-6345. All telephone numbers are toll free. You must be a member in good standing in order to receive any benefits from these organizations.

Comrade Gerald Velthuis, Membership Chair

From the Service Officer

Legion support for Veterans and their families

The Legion's Service Officer Network can help you access the support you and your family need. Our trained Command Service Officers can guide you and help you find the resources and support you need.

A Legion Command Service Officer can help Veterans and their family members access disability benefits and services and get referrals to specialized programs and resources such as:

- * mental health services and resources
- * family counselling and peer support networks
- * programs that support successful transition to civilian life
- * health and wellness programs, and more.

Legion services for Veterans and their families are always free and you do not need to be a Legion member to benefit from these services. Contact a Legion Command Service Officer for more information and to request assistance.

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



Sports

Zone Mixed Darts are being held in Kemptville on March 24th. Registration by March 9th. Our Branch may send 6 - 2 person & 4 person mixed double teams. **Zone Horseshoes** are being held in Merrickville on May 26th. Registration by May 11th. Our Branch may send 6 -, 2 person teams and 6 singles. If you are interested in entering either tournament, the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the bar.

Comrade Terry Declare, Sports Officer

Past Events

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

There was a great turnout for our New Year's Eve party with lots of people, lots of good food and of course a terrific band, The Douglas Connection. The dance floor was full most of the time. The balloon drop at the stroke of midnight, which everyone enjoyed, welcomed in the New Year. After the balloon drop there were refreshments and then time for more dancing. Hope to see everyone back for the 2018 New Year's Eve Party!

Euchre Tournaments

Our monthly Euchre tournaments are attracting people from all across the Ottawa Valley and are being enjoyed by everyone. We get a lot of comments on how well the tournament is run, how great the food is that we serve, which means it makes this venue very enjoyable by all of us. Each month we continue to see new faces and the last one in February turned out to be no different.

December's (2017) winners were: 1st place with 80 points went to Henry Velthuis; 2nd place with 77 points went to June Ogden and 3rd place with 76 points went to Mary Retty. Other winners were Jean Howell, Shelagh Heatlie; Carole Scharfe; Deborah Patenaude; Riet Velthuis; Betty Wheeler; Shirley McCormick & Molly.

January's winners were: 1st place with 85 points went to John Parent; 2nd with 81 points went to Carole Scharfe; 3rd place with 79 points went to Dawnean Borsa. Other winners were Paul Waters; Bob Smith and Garnet Vaughn.

February's winners were: 1st place went to Desneiges Amyot with 82 points; 2nd place went to Shirley Beardsell with 81 points; and 3rd place with 80 points was split between Lise Paquette & Edgar Wilhelm. Other winners were Brian Brown and Cathy Crump.

The next tournament is March 10th at 12 noon. A light lunch will be served and play starts at 1:00 pm sharp. The cost is \$15.00 for 8 games, which includes your lunch. Games in 2018 are set March 10th, April 14th and, May 12th. Come join us for some great comradeship!

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	HORSESHOES
	DUES
	CAREGIVER

From Dominion Command

source: <http://www.legion.ca/support-for-veterans/mental-health-ptsd>

Mental Health and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

The exceptional roles and responsibilities Canada's military and RCMP members undertake while in service can lead to mental health difficulties. The Legion understands the toll serving for our country can have on individuals and we are here to offer our support. Though we cannot assist directly in the specialized area of mental health, the compassionate professionals from the Service Officer Network can assist you in finding the help you need. There are numerous programs and services available for Veterans and their families to get the help they deserve.

24 Hour Bilingual Telephone Support - Phone: 1-800-268-7708, Hearing impaired: 1-800-567-5803 (TDD)

The Employee Assistance Services of Health Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Canada, is a voluntary and confidential service to help serving and retired members (Regular Force, all Reserve Class Members, RCMP, Cadets, and Veterans), their family members as well as primary caregivers, who have personal concerns that affect their personal well-being and/or work performance.

Family Information Line - Phone: 1-800-866-4546

The Family Information Line is a confidential, personal and bilingual service offering information, support, referrals, reassurance and crisis management to the military community. Trained Family Information Line Counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you.



St. Patrick's Day
at the
Greely Legion
March 17th, 2018

Entrance: \$5.00
Supper: \$10.00
3:00 to 5:00 pm Music & Dancing
5:00 to 6:30 pm Supper
6:30 to 11:00 pm Music & Dancing

Supper:
Delicious Irish Stew, Dessert, Tea & Coffee

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Recurring Events

General Meetings

Please plan on attending the General Meetings.

Dates: March 19th, April 16th and, May 21st.

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: March 6th, March 20th, April 3rd, April 17th, May 1st and, May 15th.*

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: March 10th, April 14th, and May 12th, 2018.*

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: March 23rd and, April 27th.*

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
3rd Vice President & Public Relations:	Comrade Melanie Richard
Treasurer:	Comrade Jim Heatlie
Secretary:	Comrade Sheila Tompkins
Service Officer & Sergeant at Arms:	Comrade Bruce Sherritt
Entertainment & Property:	Comrade Paul Gallant
Membership:	Comrade Gerald Velthuis
Ways and Means:	Comrade Toni Westra
Sick & Visiting:	Comrade Earl Declare



A Little Humour

“I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, 'Where's the self-help section?' She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.”

George Carlin

“Not only do I not know what's going on, I wouldn't know what to do about it if I did.”

George Carlin

Greely Legion - Events & Rental Schedule

Sat. Feb. 24	9:00 – 11:00 am	Gym – Rental
Sat. Feb. 24	3:00 pm	Lounge – Rental
Sun. Feb. 25	6:00 pm	Lounge – Rental
Wed. Feb. 28	6:00 pm – 8 pm	Gym – Rental
Sat. March 3	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Gym – Rental
Sat. March 3	6:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Gym – Wrestling
Mon. March 5	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Gym – Rental
Tues March 6	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge – Music & Dancing
Sat. March 10	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Gym – Rental
Sat. March 10	12:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Lounge – Euchre Tournament
Mon. March 12	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Gym – Rental
Mon. March 12	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Lounge – Legion Executive Meeting
Sat. March 17	3:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Gym – St. Patrick's Party
Mon. March 19	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Gym – Rental
Mon. March 19	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Lounge – Legion General Meeting
Tues. March 20	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge – Music & Dancing
Fri. March 23	7:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Lounge – Friday Night Music & Dance Club
Sat. March 24	10:00 am – 4:40 pm	Gym – Household Auction
Sun. March 25	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Lounge – Rental
Mon. March 26	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Gym – Rental
Sat. March 31	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Gym – Rental
Sat. March 31		Lounge – Rental
Mon. April 2	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Gym – Rental
Tues. April 3	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge – Music & Dancing
Sat. April 7	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Gym – Rental
Sun. April 8	10:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Gym – Car Parts Swap
Mon. April 9	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Gym – Rental
Mon. April 9	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Lounge – Legion Executive Meeting
Sat. April 14	12:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Lounge – Euchre Tournament
Mon. April 16	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Gym – Rental
Mon. April 16	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Lounge – Legion General Meeting
Tues. April 17	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lounge – Music & Dancing
Sat. April 21	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Gym – Rental
Sat. April 21	10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Gym – Rental
Fri. April 27	7:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Lounge – Friday Night Music & Dance Club
Sun. April 29	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Lounge – Rental

Bold print listings are Legion sponsored activities and everyone is welcome!

NOTE: **Dates & Activities are subject to change. UPDATED: February 14, 2018

*Please consider volunteering to help with the bartending, catering and cleaning.
Many hands lighten the job for all!!*