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*Lest we forget*

**Branch hours are Tuesday to Saturday 1-5 pm.**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

As we come onto Remembrance Day, we should pause and remember those who sacrificed their lives and themselves to secure the freedom we have at home. Services will be held in Kars on November 5th at 11:30 am and at North Gower at 1 pm. If you can't attend the Manotick services please drop by a cenotaph to show your respect. Let's make an effort to attend the services at the Manotick cenotaph on November 11. The parade sets up at 10:15 am. A trailer will be available for those who are unable to march the route. Chairs will be available at the cenotaph for our members.

The banners of veterans are now posted on poles around the village. Look up, they are quite impressive. Our annual poppy campaign is in full swing around the village. Please wear your poppy proudly.

In comradeship, **Shirley Spinks** [shirleyspinks48@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyspinks48@gmail.com)

### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

#### Let us Prepare for Remembrance Day

Fr. **Ed Montano** †, Branch Chaplain  
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Much like with any major holiday, there is a sense of anticipation, stressful arrangements, and commitments, running around in preparation, the logistical nightmare that usually involves hosting and participating in such events, preparing for Remembrance Day may sound a little run down and redundant. However, I don't remember the last time I read anything about preparing to participate in the solemnities of November 11. I know I need not remind anyone here at the Royal Canadian Legion just how important Remembrance Day is. In fact, I'm certain that most of you can school me in the significance of this day.

How do you, individually and specifically prepare to observe and participate in the act of remembering? If I were to ask every one of you, I think I would get as many different answers as the number of you I'd ask.

I would like to humbly posit the following. Honouring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice is much more than a somber occasion one day of the year. By far, it is much more than a "down" feeling in our gut when we consciously remember them. We must do the very best within our power to work towards peace in our homes, communities, country, and yes, even the whole world. But, some might ask, how do we prepare for that? We do that by taking a look deep inside each and everyone of us, let us take a good look in the mirror, and ask ourselves, "Am I doing my part to honour those who died by working on my own hurtful and hateful impulses and desires?" "Do I envision a world free from armed conflict and so much unnecessary suffering and death?" "Do I fall prey of the media apparatus without taking a closer look at what we hear and see in the news?"

Preparing for Remembrance Day is definitely more than making sure our uniforms still fit, that they are washed and neatly pressed, and that we can still march with dignity. Indeed, those things are good and in order; yet every fiber of my being points me toward these questions: "What am I doing to work for a community and a world where peace and justice are the law of the land, where I can do my part to ensure that there is no need for conflict that cannot be resolved with words and caring acts rather than with bullets and bombs?" "Am I truly living and working to make a reality of the phrase that prompted this celebration for over a century now, 'Never Again'?"

Let us prepare for Remembrance Day by asking ourselves these, and similar questions. It is when, with a clear conscience, facing these rather difficult questions that we can purely prepare for the solemnities of Remembrance Day. Pomp and pageantry are not enough; our life work for true and lasting peace and justice does true honour to all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, for King, God, and country; indeed, for all of us. Let us prepare to honour them well by working tirelessly so there will never be necessary to proclaim: "Never Again!"

## Pennies for Homeless Vets

Drop off your pennies in the jar located in the lobby.  
The money collected will help veterans in need.

### Army Cadets



The **2958 RCAC Corps** is open to youth of ages 12 to 18. Contact details are available at the Legion Office.  
Email address: [contact@2958rcacc.ca](mailto:contact@2958rcacc.ca)  
Website: [www.2958rcacc.ca](http://www.2958rcacc.ca)  
Corps phone: **613-599-3355**



Branch 314 supports the gathering of household treasures to be distributed to refugees from Afghanistan and the Ukraine in particular, and any other refugees who need help furnishing their new Canadian homes; **HOWEVER:**

Sad news to report. The House 2 Home Project has lost its space and, until we can locate another, our project will be on hold.  
For all who contributed, please know that over 680 families were helped.

by **Barb Blair**, Chair, From House to Home, Manotick

## COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Commemorative Naming Committee

The following is an update to last issue's article on commemorative naming:

Turning to the two parks to be named for **Dr. O.B. Wilson** and **Lieutenant-Colonel Roland Ashman**, the great news is that in May this year both names were approved by the all-important City Commemorative Naming Committee. This was followed in June by a 30-day period of public consultation that, to my knowledge, had no negative input.

The two applications have now gone to City Council and received final approval. In this, we had the support of our new City Councillor, **David Brown**.

At present the O.B. Wilson park is completed so dedication is forthcoming. The Lieutenant-Colonel Roland Ashman park has not been completed.

By **Dennis Osmond**, Chair, Branch 314 Commemorative Naming Committee



NOMINEE: Dr. Orville Badham (O.B.) Wilson

The nominated individual has provided extensive community service and has an extraordinary community service record.

NOMINATOR: Dr. Dennis Osmond, Chair, Commemorative Naming Committee, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 314

To name the new Minto Mahogany community park, located at 216 Skipper Drive, "Dr. O.B. Wilson Park".

Dr. O.B. Wilson Park

Parc du Dr-O.-B.-Wilson

Concurrence received February 3, 2023, from Councillor Brown to proceed.

NOMINEE: Lt. Col. Roland Ashman

The nominated individual shall have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario and/or Canada.

NOMINATOR: Dr. Dennis Osmond, Chair, Commemorative Naming Committee, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 314

To name the new Minto Mahogany community park, located at 623 Bridgeport Avenue, "Lt. Col. Roland Ashman Park", the nominated individual shall have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario and/or Canada.

Lt. Col. Roland Ashman Park

Parc du Lt-Col-Roland-Ashman

Concurrence received February 3, 2023, from Councillor Brown to proceed.

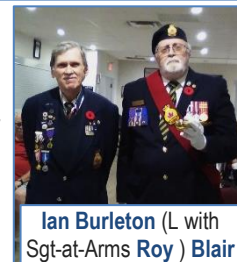
**CONGRATS!**



Photos by **Simone Bachelor**

Congratulations to:

- **Mark Phillips** on being appointed to the Executive as Treasurer
- **Don Whitehurst** on being appointed to the Executive as Youth Education Chair
- **Peter Delaney** on being appointed to the Executive as Leadership Development Chair
- **Bruce Lindsay** as the new Chair of the Vimy Park Concept Committee and the new Community Activities Liaison
- **Ian Burleton** who is now the Chair for Archives and Memorabilia
- **Sue Baribeau** as the newest bartender



**Ian Burleton** (L with Sgt-at-Arms **Roy**) **Blair**



Congratulations to **Winston Spratt** for being awarded a Life Membership, which is granted after a rigorous nomination process, recognizing a member's outstanding service and devotion to the Purposes and Objects of the Legion. He is shown receiving the award from Sgt-at-Arms **Roy Blair** at the September 18 General Meeting.



Congratulations to **Terry Hunter** who was awarded with a Quilt of Honour for his previous United Nations peacekeeping service in the Sudan. He proudly displayed it at the September 18 General Meeting and shared some of his unique and challenging experiences in the Sudan.



## RECENT EVENTS

### Annual Veterans Luncheon, September 19

Veterans were honoured with a luncheon on September 19. Congratulations to all the volunteers who made the Veterans Luncheon a great success. From the volunteers who sent out invitations and took the bookings, set up the tables, prepared the meal and those who served it, and the hosts who welcomed our veterans. Be proud of a job well done! Thank you.



Photo by Sherry Phillips

Photo by Simone Bachelor



Volunteers for the luncheon. (L-R) Val Tuba, Louise Spratt, Harv Renaud, Kris Schulz, Mike Schulz, Margery Toner, Ian Burleton

Photo by Tony DeLuca



Kitchen volunteers. Dianne Aubin, Harv Renaud, Allen Galachiuk



WWI weapons from the Terry Hunter collection

Photos by Simone Bachelor



More of the Terry Hunter collection

Photos by Tony DeLuca



Allan Haan and Anne Marie Renaud



Dr Dennis Osmond



Photo by Simone Bachelor

Winston Spratt and the banner of his Uncle, Leonard Burchall



## RECENT EVENTS

### Annual Veterans Luncheon, September 19 (cont'd)

Sgt-at-Arms **Roy Blair** explained the significance of the Fallen Comrades table (sometimes called the Missing Man table). The small table set for one that is off on its own - it is reserved to honour our fallen comrades in arms. This symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit. We should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call and served the cause of freedom in a special way. We are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured the agonies of pain, deprivation and death. The meaning of the items on the table follows:

- *The table is round - to show our everlasting concern for our fallen comrades.*
- *The tablecloth is white - symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.*
- *The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of our fallen comrades, and the loved ones and friends of these comrades who keep the faith.*
- *The vase is tied with a red ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to remember our fallen comrades.*
- *A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those who will never return.*
- *A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by the families of those who have sacrificed all.*
- *The Holy Book represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country.*
- *The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us at this time.*
- *The chair is empty because they are no longer with us.*



### Military History Presentation, October 29

Photos and write-up by **Bruce Lindsay**

A small group of Manotick Legion members and non-members enjoyed an October 29 afternoon presentation on World War One. The focus was on some of the equipment used at the start of the war, the improvements made as the war progressed, the courage of Canadian soldiers, and the administration of wartime cemetery burials. The material presented was the result of years of research. The presentation was entertaining and educational. It was time well spent on a Sunday afternoon. The lecture speakers were **Norm Christie**, **Michel Gravel**, and **Terry Hunter**. Thanks go out to **Bryan Mack** and **Winston Spratt**, event coordinators.





## RECENT EVENTS

### Hallowe'en Dinner-Dance, October 28

Photos by Simone Bachelor

A good time was had by all who attended the Hallowe'en dinner-dance on October 28. The music was provided by *Arc of Fire*. Some of the costumes were awesome! The 50/50 draw was won by **Sue Dufault** \$160.00. The funds raised were for the snowsuit fund.



Lynn Charron



Kitchen Staff Ian Burleton



The Caped Duo



Bartender Harv Renaud



Bryan & Nicky Mack



Pat Whalen



Dinah Forrester



(L-R) Simone & Peter Bachelor, Lana Russell



## RECENT EVENTS

### Hallowe'en Dinner-Dance, October 28 (cont'd)

Photos by Simone Bachelor



Sue Dufault



Tony & AnnMarie DeLuca



Dancing to the "Arc of Fire" band



Nicky Mack and Ken Spratt



Winston & Louise Spratt



(L-R) Peter Delaney, Sue Dufault, Gary Burke



## RECENT EVENTS

### Hallowe'en Dinner-Dance, October 28 (cont'd)

Photos by Tony DeLuca



Barbara Robson-Tully and Janice Curling



Arc of Fire band



Pat Whalen



Dinner on the BBQ rotisserie

### 2958 RCAC Corps Agreement

Photos by Tony DeLuca

On September 13, 2023 the sponsorship agreement between Branch 314 and the 2958 RCAC Corps was signed. Present at the signing were (L-R) Captain *Stephanie Bowman*, commanding officer Cadet Corps 2958; *Chris Legere*, senior civilian advisor for Cadet Corps 2958; *Shirley Spinks*, president, Manotick Legion Branch 314; *Peter Bachelor*, cadet liaison, Manotick Legion Branch 314; and *Harvey Renaud*, first vice president, Manotick Legion Branch 314.





## Ceremonies for Remembrance Day

**Sunday,  
November 5:**

Ceremony at Kars  
at 11:30 am



**Sunday,  
November 5:**

Ceremony at  
North Gower  
at 1:00 pm



**Saturday, November 11: Manotick**

The schedule of events for the parade and ceremony is as follows:

1. 1015 hrs: the parade forms up at the Legion (a trailer will be available for those unable to march the route. Seating will be available at the cenotaph.)
2. 1030 hrs: the parade departs the Legion
3. 1045 hrs: colours marched on at the cenotaph
4. 1055 hrs: O Canada
5. 1057 hrs: Last Post bugler
6. 1100 hrs: first gun
7. 2 minute silence
8. Second gun
9. Lament - piper
10. Rouse - bugler
11. Act of Remembrance - MC
12. Prayers - padre
13. Official wreaths
14. Benediction and blessing - padre
15. Royal Anthem



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*(mark your  
calendar!)*



### Photography Classes

The next photography class is on November 27 at 7 pm. This is a macro workshop, so bring your tripod and camera. Coordinator Tony DeLuca. Free entry. All are welcome. For more details, email [tony44foto@gmail.com](mailto:tony44foto@gmail.com).



### Breakfast with Santa, December 10

Bring your children, grandchildren etc to meet Santa and his elves on Sunday, December 10 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausages, beans, scrambled eggs, fruit salad and tea or coffee. To register call 613-692- 3243 or sign in at the Legion.



### Christmas Bazaar

It's that time of year again and we will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2 from 10 am – 4 pm in Harmony Hall. If you would like to purchase a table to sell your wares, they are \$20/table. Please stop by the office Tuesdays 10 - 2, Wednesday 1 - 5, Thursday 1 - 5, or Friday 9:30 - 2. You can also call 613-692-3243. Please book soon as there is limited space.

Come and do your Christmas Shopping !!  
Support your Legion



We now have a new banner to advertise the Legionnaire. The colour copy of the newsletter is on the bulletin board in the back hallway near the men's washroom.



**SPORTS CORNER**  
by **Dan Spitzig**  
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**Bridge Drop-in:** Wednesday afternoon bridge is at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.



**Thursday Night Dart League.** The league has started again on Spares are always welcome and needed. This year, play starts at 7:00 pm, so please be there by 6:45 pm



**Thursday Night Euchre Drop-in.** There is drop-in Euchre played every Thursday night in the Members' Lounge. Everyone is welcome and play starts at 7:00 pm..

**Euchre Tournaments.** The Manotick Legion will be hosting four-hand euchre tournaments once per month. They will take place on the first Saturday of each month from October to June. The next two tournaments are November 4 and December 2. The cost for each tournament is \$10, and all entry fees will be paid out. Registration is at 12:30, and play will begin at 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

2023/24 Zone & District **SPORTS** are open to all members in good standing. The complete Zone, District and Provincial Sports. Schedules are posted on the Sports board in the Members' Lounge.



**Zone Cribbage** was held at Merrickville Branch 245 on Saturday, September 30. We had two teams finish in first and second place. Congrats to the team of **Peter Delaney, Carmen Moloughney, Annette Blaedow, and Dan Spitzig** for finishing in second place. A special congratulations goes out to **Susan Dufault, Wilf Jungk, Andy Moore, and Gord Angus** for winning the event, giving our branch the right to host it next year. The district event is on Saturday, January 27 in Long Sault.

**Zone Senior Darts** was held at Kemptville Branch 212 on Saturday, October 14. We had 2 doubles and one team of 4 qualify for the district event, being held on Saturday, January 13 in Perth. Congratulations to **Kevin Yenson & Cindy D'Alessio**, and to **Garnett Bull & Dan Spitzig**, for qualifying in the Doubles Competition. Congratulations also go out to the qualifying Team of **Annette Blaedow, Peter Delaney, Shawn Hawkins, and Dan Spitzig**.



**Zone Darts.** The next Zone Sports event is Zone Darts, on Saturday, December 9 in Merrickville. Please look at the Sports Board for all the information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*(mark your calendar!)*



### November Dinner-Dance

Saturday, November 25, 6:00-11:00 pm  
\$30 per person

Menu: Christmas roast turkey with all the trimmings, Dessert

Band: Snap, Crackle & Pop



### New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance

Sunday, December 31  
Details, menu and band: TBA



**Attendees need to call 613-692-3243 or sign in at the Legion. 4 days notice required to sign up or cancel. Payment at the door.**

**Invite your friends and relatives. All of our dinner-dances are open to public!**

## REGULAR EVENTS


**Friday BBQs** Come and enjoy an indoor BBQ lunch. Every Friday from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm (except November 10).



**Happy Birthday!!**

Wishing all those whose birthday is in November or December a great day. We hope to return to our Birthday socials very soon – stay tuned!.

*Birthday social convener,*  
**Sylvia McDonald**



**Next Executive Meetings**  
*(usually held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month)*  
Monday, **November 13**, 7:00 pm  
Monday, **December 11**, 7:00 pm

**Next General Meeting**  
*(usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month)*  
Monday, **November 20**, 7:30 pm  
Monday, **December 18**, 7:30 pm



## YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### 'Tis the Season for Membership Removal

Early bird membership renewal for 2023 continues until November 30: pay \$55, saving you \$5 on your membership. You can renew at the legion during regular office hours, or preferably online at [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca). If renewing online, enter the website then click member login, then create a profile (if first time renewing online), then click on renew membership and follow the instructions.

When renewing online, there is an option to have auto renew. Should you choose this option, you will receive an email reminder one month prior to the annual auto renewal as well as two weeks prior. Should your credit card they have on file for your renewal be about to expire, you would receive an email to that effect also, so no worries. When renewing your membership, however you do it, remember to check if you missed any years. You can pay for years you missed. That way there will be no lapse in your years of service. Parents, guardians, spouses, and adult children of serving retired or passed CAF and RCMP members who have not yet joined the Legion can now receive a first free year of membership at the Legion. This must be done online through the [legion.ca](http://legion.ca) website.

Sincerely, Comrades **Susan Dufault & Cathy Spitzig** Membership Co-Chairs

**New Members**  
*Congratulations and Welcome to Branch 314!*

**Ed Healey**, Ordinary member  
**Glen Priestley**, Affiliate member (transfer from Strathcona)



**Our Legion survives on volunteers, and can't thrive without them.** Please contact the office if you are able to help out in any capacity – large or small. Thank you!!



**January - February 2024**  
Deadline to submit material:  
**Monday, January 3**  
Publish and mail out:  
**Friday, January 6**

**An office secretary is urgently needed.** Training will be provided.  
Also, we're looking for someone to answer the phones on Tuesdays from 12 pm to 3 or 4 pm.

On the lighter side

### How many Legion members does it take to hang a TV on the wall?



#### PONDER THIS

Rainbows are formed only when both rain and sunshine meet. Happiness and sorrow both are necessary for a beautiful life.



*Invajy*



Legionnaire co-editors: **Simone Bachelor & Mark Phillips**

If you have anything you would like published in the next newsletter, please e-mail it to [nurseladybee@gmail.com](mailto:nurseladybee@gmail.com)

We're always looking for photos, and we welcome suggestions for "Ponder This" and "On the Lighter Side".

[Editors' note: names in bold blue are Legion members (Comrades); other names are in italic blue.]

