



Office hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday; noon to 5:00 pm Saturday; closed Sunday



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Comrades; As this is my last manager's message for the legionnaire I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive and all volunteers for their support over the past nine months of my presidency. A lot has happened during these nine months, including renovations of Harmony Hall Floor and total lighting update for the legion. We have seen the Remembrance Park well on its way to completion and celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vimy Ridge, and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our legion branch, just to name a few. I would like to thank all those members who have signed up for the officers & executive positions for the coming year. I wish these comrades success in the coming year. Yours in Comradeship,

**Gary White, President**

### Vimy Memorial Ceremony

**On Saturday, April 1st** approximately 200 high school students from various Ottawa Catholic School Board high schools across our city tied 3598 yellow ribbons to the Vimy Memorial Bridge (at Earl Armstrong and River Rd).

The ribbons were decorated by elementary school children with a message of thanks and gratitude to a fallen soldier who fought at Vimy Ridge.



All 210 students involved in tying the ribbons travelled to Vimy Ridge, France to attend the 100th anniversary ceremonies on April 9th. This project was coordinated and carried out by **Julian Hall**, a teacher from St. Mark and a team of teachers, parents, volunteers and students.







**Iris Brazier**, associate member, April 19, 2017  
*Our condolences go out to her family in their time of sorrow.*

## Pennies for Homeless Vets

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

### Gently Used Linens, Towels Wanted



Hope Living Centre, run by the Shepherds of Good Hope, is a 99 resident home on Castlefrank Rd. in Kanata. Right now gently used towels and bedding are the items most needed for residents. This is an initiative undertaken by a group of volunteers who have come together to support a cause in the community in which they can make a difference. Items can be dropped off at our Branch. For further information please contact **Margery Toner-Haan** at 613-692-3243.

### Army Cadets



The **2958 RCAC Corps** is open to youth of ages 12 to 18. The regular Parade night is Thursday, 6:30 to 9:30 pm. 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**

### Clothes Needed for the Diabetes Association



All used clothing welcomed and appreciated. Drop off any donations at the Legion (5550 Ann St., Manotick). Thanks in advance. **613-692-3243**

### Donations to RCL314 by the French Café

Dear Members, For every purchase at the French Café by Legion members, French Café owner **Grace Agostino**, will donate 10% of the total sales before HST to Branch 314 Royal Canadian Legion. Comrades, keep your receipts and deposit them in the appropriate box located at the entrance of the Branch. Thank you, Grace!



## RECENT EVENTS

At the general meeting on April 24, **Joyce**

**LeBeau** presented life membership to the following for meritorious service to Branch 314.

L-R **Allan Haan, Margery Toner-Haan, Roy Blair**



## Birthday



## Socials



**March Birthdays**

L-R **Victor Omeara, Ron Savoie, Roy Blair, Robert Currie, Jo Dozois, Sylvia McDonald, Agnes Hill, John Kersley, Peter Bachelor, Howard Garrett**

### April Birthdays



L-R **Linda Ambrose, Pat Whelan, Cathie Moore, Fred Demars, Anne Osmond, Barbara Rowat, Sheila King, Mike Schulz and Margery Toner-Haan**

### March Birthdays



L-R **John Kersley, Peter Bachelor, Robert Currie, Roy Blair, Jo Dozois, Victor Omeara, Agnes Hill, Pierre Polievre, Ron Savoie, Howard Garrett**

Photos by  
**Simone Bachelor**



## RECENT EVENTS

Ceremony for the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge held at the Vimy Memorial bridge site.

Photos by **William John Harrison** and **Simone Bachelor**



### IS VIMY A PART OF YOUR LIFE AND/OR YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

2017 is the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge. Did a member of your family take part in the battle or was affected by the battle? Did you or a family member participate in the Student Guide Program of Veterans Affairs Canada and do tours as a volunteer at the Vimy Memorial? Have you visited the Vimy Memorial? Please share your stories and your feelings about this historical monument. **We will be publishing these stories in the Legionnaire throughout the year.**

Send your replies to Attention: Legionnaire  
[nurseladybee@yahoo.com](mailto:nurseladybee@yahoo.com), or [rclbranch314@gmail.com](mailto:rclbranch314@gmail.com) or  
Royal Canadian Legion, South Carleton Branch 314, 5550 Ann St.,  
PO box 123, Manotick, ON K4M 1A3

Thank you.

**Simone Bachelor**, co-editor

### Memories of Vimy

History—why do I care?

I have a stake in the history of 100 years ago. You see my grandfather, **Gordon Hamilton**, fought in the battle of Vimy Ridge. During his participation on a charge he took a piece of shrapnel in his bottom and a bullet through his throat. He was removed from the battle field and evacuated to a hospital in England.

There he met a young lady who was his nurse. Her name was **Lillian Tate**. As his recuperation was over a long period of time they became boyfriend and girlfriend and eventually married. They had five children, one (**Eileen Violet**) was my mother who married **John Steeples Harrison**.

Both my parents served in the Canadian military. So, you see, if not for Vimy, I would not be here.



When we were at the Vimy Ridge ceremony at the bridge on April 9 questions came up on when to salute. Since many members are not veterans, things were unclear so **Larry Harrison** was asked what the rules are. The Legion follows the same rules that are prescribed in the Canadian Forces Manual of Drill and Ceremonial. Military and Legion members salute only if they are wearing the beret or other military headdress. If you feel the need to salute, and are not wearing headdress, you can place your right hand over your left heart. This rule applies at outdoor ceremonies like Remembrance Day and special ceremonies when the colours are paraded.



## RECENT EVENTS



### Branch 314 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Branch  
Charter  
history was  
delivered by  
**Rich  
McDonald**

Photos by  
**Simone  
Bachelor**



**Fred Demars** was presented a cheque for \$4000 U.S for the Legion (Homeless Vets Project) by **Larry Dupstadt** of the Sun-N-Fun Honor Guard. It was presented at the Veterans BBQ at on March 12.

### Sun -N- Fun Honor Guard

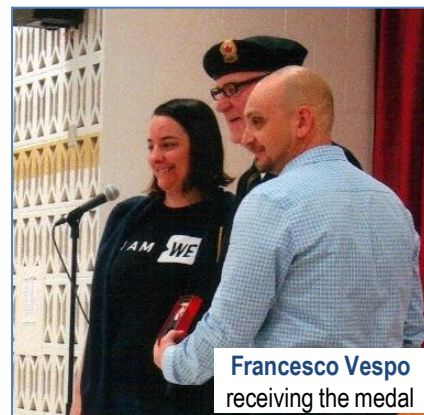


At the general meeting April 24 **Fred Demars**, on behalf of the Fun and Sun Honor Guard, presented a cheque for \$4000.00 US funds to President **Gary White** for the homeless vets program.

### Visit to St. Leonard's School April 28, 2017

Mr. **Francesco Vespo**, a teacher at St. Leonard's School, invited the Legion on April 28 at which time the entire school, teachers and parents gathered in the gym for a presentation on the service of our military. The event also included the singing of the song "Highway of Heroes" by its composer **Bob Reid**. Mr. Vespo was presented with a Canada 150 medal by the Legion which he donated to the school.

Photos by **Marjorie Toner-Haan**



**Francesco Vespo**  
receiving the medal

**Bob Reid**



St. Leonard's  
students at the  
Assembly



Legion members who attended, with two parents

04/28/2017



## RECENT EVENTS

Photos by **Simone Bachelor**

**St. Patrick's Day Dance.** Irish Stew prepared and served by **Andy Moore** and crew. Music was supplied by **Terry McGovern** and the **Retrosonics**.

Door prize gift basket from Manotick Kitchen and Bath won by **Liz Cosgrove** and **Anne Steinberg** presented by **Joyce LeBeau**.



**Hoppy & Claudia Riddell**



**Joyce presents the door prize to the lucky winners**



**Amanda and Cathie**



**Ian and partner**



**Rich McDonald & partner**



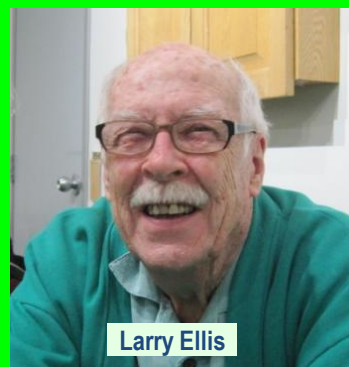
**Louise & Winston Spratt**



**Jo Dozois and Irene Mayer**



**Petie & Greg Newton**



**Larry Ellis**



**The Retrosonics**



## RECENT EVENTS

The **Dinner Dance** held April 21 with food by **Ad Mare** fish and chips food truck and served by **Jo Dozois** and **Irene Mayer**. Music by **Keith Glass** (JUNO winner from *Prairie Oyster*) with **Mike Turenne** and **Alistair Bennett**. A good time all around!

Photos by **Simone Bachelor**



Keith Glass Band



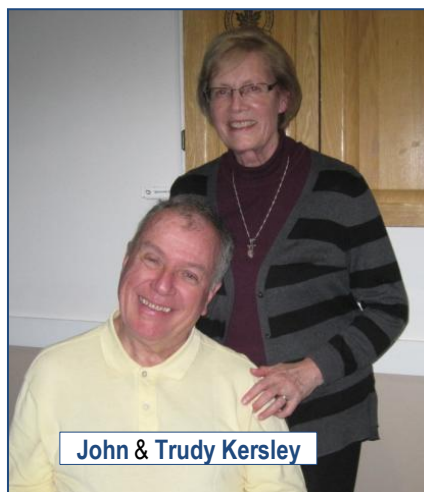
Bruce & Marion Milmine



Ivy & Charles Morton



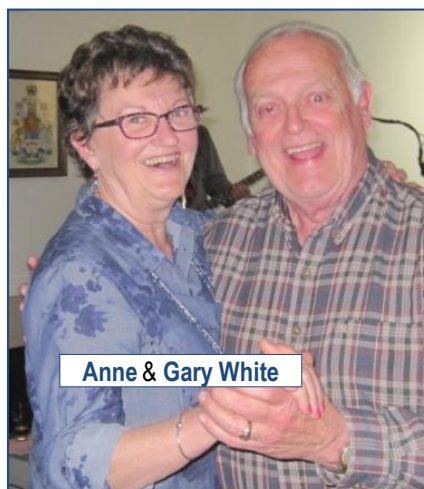
Helen Green & Ross Urquhart



John & Trudy Kersley



Winston & Louise Spratt



Anne & Gary White



Pearl Dean & John Kersley



**SPORTS  
CORNER**  
by **Dan Spitzig**  
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[dcspitzig@sympatico.ca](mailto:dcspitzig@sympatico.ca)



District Mixed Darts was held on Saturday, May 27 in Amherstview. We had two Doubles representing our branch, but unfortunately they did not advance to Provincials.

## Zone SPORTS 2017

**Horseshoes** – Saturday, May 27 – Branch 105, Cardinal  
**Washer Toss** – Saturday, June 24 – Branch 372, Russell

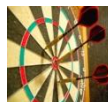


**Euchre:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm

**Bridge:** Wednesdays 1 to 4 pm



**Darts:** Thursdays at 7 pm



The Thursday Night Legion Dart League is having its year-end banquet on Saturday, May 13. If you are interested in joining the league next year, let me know. You don't have to be a member to play, so everyone is welcome.

Zone Horseshoes is being held on Saturday, May 27 in Cardinal. We are allowed to send six Doubles and six Singles to the event.



Zone Washer Toss is being held on Saturday, June 24 in Russell. The sign-up sheets and other details will be posted on the Sports Board in the Members' Lounge shortly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS (mark your calendar!)



**Upcoming  
Elections**  
**Monday, May 16, 2017**

Elections for the new executive will be held at the May General Meeting. It is of the utmost importance that members come and vote.

Friday, **May 19**, we will hold a steak dinner dance – band TBA.



Friday, **June 23**, we will hold a steak dinner dance – band TBA.

**POSTER/LITERARY Competition** . On May 7 the Royal Canadian Legion will have its annual Poster/Literary competition awards presentation. Our ceremony begins at 2pm in Harmony Hall. We have 33 entrants and will have a display of the students' work in the lounge next to Harmony Hall. A special congratulations to St. Francis Xavier that submitted 13 pieces of work. All members of the Branch are invited. A simple reception to follow.

With respect

**Peter Bachelor**, Youth Ed. Director

Sunday, July 2nd, 2 pm. **Opening of Remembrance Park.** Reception to follow at the Legion.

## REGULAR EVENTS

**ROSSS Manotick Breakfast Club**, First Thursday of each month, 9 am-10:30 am, Cost: \$8 (includes transportation for those who need it) Venue: The Manotick Legion, 5550 Ann St, Manotick. RSVP: 613-692-4697

Every **Tuesday** from noon to 5 pm: **Grilled sandwiches** will be available at the bar in the members' lounge. Cost \$4. Bring a guest!!

Watch for the monthly  
Calendar of Events notice from the  
Legion secretary **Larry Harrison**.

### "Sports Events on the Big Screen"

Public welcome. No cover charge. During regular bar hours and if the hall has not been rented, the big screen in Harmony Hall will be down for viewing sports events. Please call ahead to check on availability.

### Breakfast at Rideau Carleton Slots/Raceway

Every Saturday morning 9 to 11 am. Members of Branch 314 will receive \$15 in coupons to play!

Register with **Joyce LeBeau** by calling 613-692-3243 (leave a message). Present your winners circle card at the front desk, tell them you are with the Manotick Legion and you're good to go. *Have Fun!!*



### Upcoming General Meetings

(usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month)

Monday, **May 15**, 7:30 pm **ELECTIONS!!**

Monday, **June 19**, 7:30 pm

### Upcoming Birthday Socials

(usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month)

Thursday, **May 18**, 2 to 4 pm

Thursday, **June 15**, 2 to 4 pm



## HELP WANTED

**Shirley Spinks**, membership committee chair, is looking for someone interested in taking over the membership program. Instruction and help will be provided. Please contact Shirley at [sspinks@hotmail.ca](mailto:sspinks@hotmail.ca)

### New Members

*Congratulations and  
Welcome to Branch 314!*

### Affiliate Members

Claire Smith  
Jacques Tremblay

The current Bar Officer/Manager and the Security Officer/Fire Warden will be stepping down as of 1 June this year (these are not Legion Executive positions, i.e. you are not required to attend the meetings). These are two separate positions. Anyone wishing to take on either or both of these tasks, please contact **Gerry Dean** at the Legion or at 613 692-1976 or e-mail at [gerrydean@rogers.com](mailto:gerrydean@rogers.com)

**We need your help!** In order for your Legion to be open for members and rentals, we are looking for individuals to man the office during week days. You tell us when you would be able to assist and we will supply all required training. This is a volunteer position. The hours are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The work involves answering the telephone and some office duties. Please contact **Kris**: [krisandmike@gmail.com](mailto:krisandmike@gmail.com) 613-692-8266.

**Volunteers needed** to tend the bar. The legion needs you if we want to continue being open and available for functions and rentals.

Training will be provided. If interested please contact **Gerry Dean** at 613-692-1976 or e-mail at [gerrydean@rogers.com](mailto:gerrydean@rogers.com)

**Without volunteer manager and staff the bar will have to be closed.**

If you would like to contribute to the funding of Remembrance Park, please visit our website at <http://www.manoticklegion.ca/index.php/veterans-services/remembrance-park/donation-tester>



## CANADA 150

Canada's 150th is an opportunity to celebrate the values of our great country with pride: values such as inclusion, diversity, compassion and access for everyone. As we celebrate these values, it's also important that we create lasting impact. **Together, we can create an accessible Canada and leave a lasting legacy for our country's 150th.** For more information on the Canada 150 Signature initiative, please visit:

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1468262573081>



## Donation Form



The Legionnaire appears on our website.  
[www.manoticklegion.ca](http://www.manoticklegion.ca)

**Please note our e-mail address!**  
[rclbranch314@gmail.com](mailto:rclbranch314@gmail.com)



### May-June 2017 Legionnaire

Deadline to submit material:

Friday, 30 June

Publish and mail out:

Friday, 7 July

*If you prefer to receive the Legionnaire by email, or have changed your email address recently or are not receiving any emails, please let the office know and leave your email address, your name and telephone number.*

### On the lighter side

A man is talking to the family doctor. "Doc, I think my wife's going deaf."

The doctor answers, "Well, here's something you can try on her to test her hearing. Stand some distance away from her and ask her a question. If she doesn't answer, move a little closer and ask again. Keep repeating this until she answers. Then you'll be able to tell just how hard of hearing she really is."

The man goes home and tries it out. He walks in the door and says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" He doesn't hear an answer, so he moves closer to her. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Still no answer. He repeats this several times, until he's standing just a few feet away from her.

Finally, she answers, "For the eleventh time, I said we're having MEATLOAF!"

[members.tripod.com/~mike\\_mcqueen/elderly.htm](http://members.tripod.com/~mike_mcqueen/elderly.htm)

### PONDER THIS

If you want to go quickly,  
go alone.  
If you want to go far,  
go together.

*African proverb*



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@yahoo.com](mailto:nurseladybee@yahoo.com)**

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