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Let us not forget

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Did you know?

The History of the Royal Canadian Legion South Carleton (Manotick) Branch #314



submitted by **Larry Ellis**

Photos from

<http://manoticklegion.ca/index.php/about2/photo-gallery>

The building at the corner of Ann Street and Beaverwood Road in Manotick, now the Legion Hall, was owned and operated for many years by the Loyal Orange Lodge and called Harmony Hall. The original frame building was erected in 1903 and by 1937 the old building was beginning to deteriorate and a prime candidate for fire. It was replaced by the concrete block structure in 1938 with the blocks manufactured and laid by the Boyd Block Company of Osgoode. The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 314, purchased the building in 1969. A disastrous fire destroyed the building on June 12, 2005 and the new Legion Hall was rebuilt with help from service clubs, the local community and fundraisers.

A group of World War I veterans from Manotick, Kars, North Gower, Osgoode, Richmond and Stittsville, met in October 1941 and were instrumental in the formation of a branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Ex-Serviceman's League. The original charter was granted at a ceremony held in the Town Hall, North Gower on March 21, 1942.

Charter Members were: **A.E. Armstrong, Rex Craig, John Chanonhouse, R.W. Craig, Elmer Garland, Merle Haggins, John Morton, Russell Parks, Maurice Paynter, Alex Robertson, Harold Spearman, Clifford Todd, Thomas Todd and Harold Wallace.**

Rex Craig was the first President of Branch 314 and will be remembered as the Post Master in North Gower; Merle Haggins will be remembered as the North Gower Township Clerk for many years; Russell Parks was an employee of the North Gower Township roads crew; and Harold Wallace was the Post Master at Kars. Some of the other charter members were from Richmond and Stittsville areas.

While there are very few veterans of World War I remaining, the memories of their gallantry live on and while World War II and the Korean War were more than 75 years ago, the ranks of the veterans from these wars become fewer each year. The Canadian Armed Forces, since the wars, has fewer members; consequently membership in the Royal Canadian Legion across Canada is less as well. However, a strong Legion voice is heard in the Manotick area. Evidence of this is the Veteran's Walk in Manotick, the Cenotaphs in the various towns in the old Rideau Township, Student Bursaries, Army Cadet Corps, Remembrance Day Ceremonies and many other events.



IN MEMORIAM



Ramsay Brown, ordinary member,
on August 11 at age 92.
*Our condolences go out to his family
in their time of sorrow.*

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**

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. Items can be dropped off to **Ruth Cameron** at 118 Royal St. Richmond or call Ruth at 613-838-5223. 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. Thanks for your support.

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 Website: www.2958rcacc.ca Corps phone: **613-599-3355**

Pennies for Homeless Vets

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

Over
\$13,000
raised!

Lost and Found. Members, please check the lost and found bin in the cloakroom for things you may have forgotten or left behind by mistake.



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

The **dinner dance** held on Friday, July 29 was a great success. Fish and chips from **Ad Mare** food truck was delicious as usual. A good time was had by all, in large part thanks to the music by the band **Nostalgia**.



Photos by Simone Bachelor



August Birthdays

L-R: **Karol Bilyj, Jean Laprade, Myrna Blaney, Allan Haan**

Photos by Greg Newton

Birthday Socials

Happy 95th birthday
Larry Renton



As no one having a July birthday was present, **Greg Newton** took a photo of the group and called it an unbirthday!

SPORTS CORNER By Dan Spitzig



Cribbage: Tuesdays at 7 pm

Darts: Thursdays at 7 pm



Bridge: Wednesdays 1 to 4 pm



Euchre: Thursdays at 7 pm



Our branch had two women competing in the Provincial Horseshoes tournament held in Hawkesbury on Saturday, August 27. I'm proud to announce that **Shawn Hawkins** and **Lorna Carr** are the Provincial Women's Doubles Horseshoes champions, and that Shawn Hawkins won the Women's Singles event. Congratulations goes out to both of them.



Thursday Night Darts League starts on September 8 at 7:15 PM. For more information, contact **Shawn Hawkins** (613-692-4575) or **Dan Spitzig** (613-692-8607).

On Saturday, June 25, we had four teams representing our branch at the inaugural Zone Washer Toss in Greely. Our best team of **Dan Spitzig** and **Gerry Dean** finished with the fourth best record. They were in a tough division, including the two teams that competed in the championship game, and failed to make the playoff round.



UPCOMING EVENTS (mark your calendar!)

Saturday, September 17

First dinner dance of the season. Cost is \$20 per person. The meal will be strip loin steaks and the entertainment will be **Terry McGovern** and the **Retrosomics**. Call and place your name on the signup sheet. Call **Winston Spratt** at 613 692-4008 for further info.



The 5K Army Run will be held September 18. Branch member **Chris Fuchs** will be participating again this year.



Veterans Lunch Tuesday, September 20, starting at 1200 hrs. This lunch is for Veterans and for the spouses of deceased veterans. Please call the office or visit us to indicate if you will be joining us.

On October 1 there will be a fundraiser for Homeless Veterans or Soldiers at the Manotick Legion, planned by **Cathie Moore**. Featuring the **Eddie Coffey Band** from Newfoundland and **AdMare** fish truck with added menu items provided by **Andy Moore** and team. Items for silent auction will be available. Cost is \$25 per person. Tickets will be available at the Branch Bar purchased from Cathie, Fundraising Chair, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons starting mid-September.

October 22, 2016 "**Paint Nite**" at the Legion. 1-4 pm approximately. Theme painting is poppies. Cost \$45.00 per person. \$15.00 of which will be donated to the poppy campaign. Sign up sheet will be available at the Legion mid-September.



The **REDBLACKS** football team has group rates for 10 or more people, and then additional savings if the group is 100 people or more. Please call the Legion and leave your name and phone number if you are interested in attending a game. Thanks! **Cathie Moore**



REDBLACKS

REGULAR EVENTS

Every **Tuesday** from noon to 5 pm: grilled sandwiches, pickles and pickled eggs are available at the bar in the members' lounge. Cost \$4. Bring a guest!!

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



Legion patio BBQ:
hot dogs and Andy's great burgers every Friday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm weather permitting and until further notice!

Breakfast at Rideau Carleton Slots/Raceway Every Saturday morning 9 to 11 am. Members of Branch 314 will receive a \$5 coupon for breakfast and two \$5 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 3rd Monday of every month)
Monday, **September 19**, 7:30 pm
Monday, **October 17**, 7:30 pm



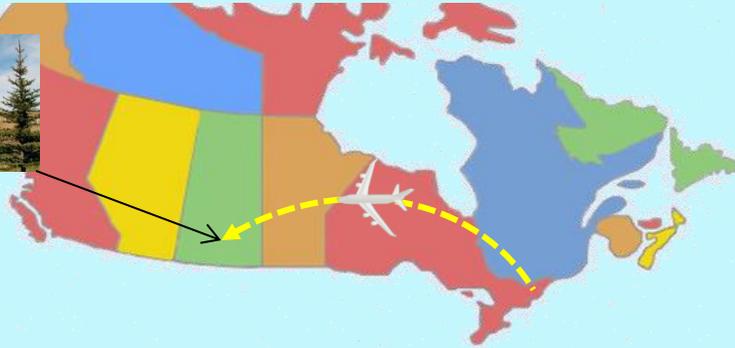
Upcoming Birthday Socials
(usually held the 3rd Thursday of every month)
Thursday, **September 15**, 2 to 4 pm
Thursday, **October 20**, 2 to 4 pm

Executive Changes!

Our President, **Barry Young**, is moving to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan with his wife, **Diane**. We thank them both for all of their service over the years, and wish them the best in their future endeavours. Our loss is Moose Jaw's gain!



Gary White has taken over as President. **Winston Spratt** is the new 1st Vice President, with **Allan Haan** as 2nd Vice President, and the 3rd Vice President is TBA.



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

Dominion Command has set Membership dues for 2017

Early Bird (Sept 1 to Nov 30, 2016) \$55.00
After Nov 30, 2016 \$60.00

Membership cards are now available in the office. Payment can be done by cash, cheque or debit.



The Legionnaire appears on our website.

www.manoticklegion.ca



November- December 2016 Legionnaire

Deadline to submit material: Tue, Nov 29
Publish and mail out : Fri, Dec 2

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.

We need your help! In order for your legion to be open for members and rentals, we must have someone working in the office, which is done on a volunteer basis. Up to now a handful of helpful volunteers have carried most of the workload. Please consider helping us by offering to work one or more shifts. They are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm weekdays only. The work involves mainly answering the telephone and some office duties. Contact **Kris Schulz** krisandmike@sympatico.ca 613-692-8266.

Correction from last issue



The correct spelling for the name of our Branch treasurer is **ROSS KERR**. Our apologies, Ross.

On the lighter side



Hospital Regulations



Hospital rules state that patients checking out must have a wheelchair.

One day a newly graduated nurse assistant came into the room to find an elderly man fully dressed. He was sitting on the bedside chair, with a piece of packed luggage at his side, all ready to go.

When he was shown the wheelchair, he was adamant that he was fully capable of walking himself to the parking lot.

But the assistant told him rules were rules, so he relented and let her wheel him out.

In the elevator, the assistant asked the elderly man if his wife was coming to meet him.

"I don't think so," he replied. "It takes her awhile to change her clothes, so she's probably still upstairs in the bathroom taking off her hospital gown and getting dressed."



"When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra."

- Will Rogers

PONDER THIS

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her.

Agatha Christie



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