



Lest we forget

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Comrades; Fear not SPRING is coming soon. February saw the completion of our renovation projects. The February Valentine Dinner Dance was sold out, and very successful. To add to the festivities, **Allan and Margery** held their wedding ceremony. I was pleased to see many of our members at the open house held on Sunday, February 12th to celebrate our 75th anniversary. The weather unfortunately did not co-operate resulting in very few members of the public attending. Yours in Comradeship,

Gary White, President

Did you know?

Manotick announces Rick Hansen Foundation Access4All Barrier Buster project; Access to Manotick's Remembrance Park to contribute to a more inclusive and accessible Canada.



Rick Hansen
Foundation



Access4All



February 27, 2017 – **The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314 Manotick and the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation announced today the receiving of a \$30,000 funding grant through the Rick Hansen Foundation's Access4All Program**, a Canada 150 Signature Initiative aimed at breaking down barriers for people living with disabilities. With the participation of the Government of Canada, this grant will support the community of Manotick "Barrier Buster" Project, *Access to Manotick's Remembrance Park*.

"With support from the Government of Canada and the Rick Hansen Foundation, we want to help ensure that every individual has the opportunity to realize their full potential, and it begins with creating inclusive and accessible communities across our nation," said **Gary White**, President of the Manotick Legion. "We are proud to be part of the Canada 150 Access4All program, and our new Remembrance Park will play an important role in building a world without barriers. We would like to thank our community and participating organizations, for their ongoing support in realizing this vision."

This joint project was created with the help of the Remembrance Park Organizing Committee and the City of Ottawa. "This is a perfect example of local organizations coming together to create something wonderful – a place of solitude and remembrance of those who keep our country safe and proud", said City of Ottawa Councillor and Committee member, **Scott Moffatt**.

"The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation builds partnerships and seeks new individuals, corporations and groups wanting to get involved in the vital work of taking care of our own natural environments, said **Jason Kelly**, Chair of the Foundation. "The Foundation is please to assist the Manotick Legion is the creation of this accessible Park and wonderful addition to Dickinson Square."

For more information, please contact:

Ted Ross

Chair, Remembrance Park Organizing Committee
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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>



Donation Form



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>



Robert James Craig, ordinary member, January 9, 2017
Our condolences go out to his family in their time of sorrow.

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** 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 Website: 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**

Pennies for Homeless Vets

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

Ordinary member **Jim Heughan's** daughter **Gail Angus** brought in two coffee cans full of coins worth about \$800. Many thanks!!

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

On Thursday, January 26 2017, Poppy chair **Linda Ambrose** presented a cheque in the amount of \$6,000 from the Poppy Trust Fund to the 2958 Royal Canadian Cadet Corps. RCL Branch 314 is the proud sponsor of the cadet corps and appreciates their continued participation in our Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

From left to right, **Chief Warrant Officer Cox**, **Linda Ambrose** (Poppy Chair), **Dulce Belsner** (Chair of the parent support committee) and **Gary Ambrose** (Branch 314 Color Sergeant).



Photo by **Jean Lanouette**

Birthday Socials

January Birthday



Dennis Osmond



Photo by **Simone Bachelor**

February Birthdays

Photos by **Greg Newton**

L-R: **Sandra Demars, Sarah Maguire, Henry Oickle** (and Joyce!)



Entertainment for February Birthday Social: **Tony Davy and Cathy Cayen** (far left)

RECENT EVENTS

Presentation at St. Leonard School

On February 3, five members of our Legion paid a visit to St. Leonard's school to see a presentation by the Grade 6 class concerning our military service during the Battle of Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917.

Mr Vespo, the Grade 6 teacher, invited us into the library to view the poster presentations of his students on soldiers who served in the battle of Vimy. Many presentations we saw told of our military signing up as teenagers and dying in their early 20s in the battle of Vimy.

This visit was an idea that came out of a visit on November 25 when the same Grade 6 class visited our Legion, cenotaph and our new Remembrance Park which will open on July 1 this year.

The school thanked us for visiting them and Mr. Vespo has invited us back to St. Leonard's on April 28 when the entire school, teachers and parents will gather in the gym for another presentation on the service of our military.

A special thanks to **Allan Haan** and **Larry Harrison** for their comments on military service in both World War I and World War II.



Photo **Greg Newton**

By **Peter Bachelor**
Youth Ed. Director
Branch 314
Royal Canadian Legion

February 12th "75th anniversary of Branch 314 Charter"



Although the weather was a bit of a deterrent, quite a few members showed up to celebrate the date we were given our charter as a South Carleton Legion Branch 314. Our Charter was granted February 12, 1942 and officially given to the Branch on March 23, 1942. Come and celebrate the Charter at the birthday social on March 16 from 2-4 pm.

Photos **Greg Newton** and **Simone Bachelor**



RECENT EVENTS

Valentine Dinner Dance & Margery – Allan Wedding

The Valentine dinner dance on February 11 was an extra big hit. The food was catered by Lolaghers and the music was provided by Saxamaphone.

Allan Haan & Margery Toner were united in Marital Bliss on Saturday, February 11 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314 Manotick with 100 or so guests from all over the country. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. **Martin Carnahan**. We wish them much happiness in their new journey in life.



Photos by **Greg Newton** and **Simone Bachelor**



Shiverfest 2017

Photo by **Margery Toner**

Wayne "Hoppy" Riddell (left) won the amateur Chili cook-off competition at Shiverfest on January 28. Sponsored by Manotick Village & Community Association.

SPORTS CORNER
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Euchre: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm

Bridge: Wednesdays 1 to 4 pm



Darts: Thursdays at 7 pm



District Cribbage was held on Saturday, January 21 in Smiths Falls. We sent one team to represent our branch. We came within 3 points of qualifying for the Provincials, and are the first alternate team should another team decide not to compete. As it turns out, one team opted out, so we are sending a team to Thorold for the Provincials on Saturday, March 11.

Fun Dart Tournament was held on Saturday, January 28 in Veterans Hall. It was very fun and successful event. We had 24 couples play, from six different Legions.



District Senior Darts was on Saturday, February 11 in Orleans. We had two teams competing in this event, but the darts didn't go their way.



Interbranch Darts against the Barrhaven Branch was held on Sunday, February 19. We reclaimed the trophy and have now won two of the three competitions this year.

Zone Euchre was held on Saturday, February 25 in Kemptville. We sent the maximum of 5 teams to represent our branch, but none qualified to advance.



District Darts was held on Saturday, February 14 in Amherstview. **Dan Charron** represented our Branch in the Singles competition. Unfortunately he was unsuccessful in qualifying for the Provincials.



Zone Mixed Darts is being held on Saturday, March 25 in Kemptville. Details and the sign-up sheets are posted on the Sports Board.

Zone SPORTS 2017

- Mixed Darts** – Saturday, March 25 – Branch 212, Kemptville
- Horseshoes** – Saturday, May 27 – Branch 105, Cardinal
- Washer Toss** – Saturday, June 24 – Branch 372, Russell

Zone Sports are open for all Branch 314 members in good standing. The Legion covers the entry fees. All sign-up sheets will be posted on the Sports Board in the Members' Lounge. It is your responsibility to sign up for entry, as I cannot phone all 300+ members to see if they want to play an event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(mark your calendar!)



Come out to our Legion and help **Rich McDonald, Sylvia McDonald** with **Joyce LeBeau** to celebrate our 75th Anniversary at the social on 16 March 2017. This is a great milestone in the history of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314 Manotick. This is a celebration of the Charter for South Carlton Branch 314, which was presented on 21 March 1942.

Come and also celebrate our 75th anniversary of our Charter at the Birthday Social on April 20 from 2-4 pm.



March 17th, St Patrick's Dance with the **Retrosonics**. Irish Stew will be served at 7:00 PM. Cost \$5.00.

April - late in the month, we will hold a dinner dance - details TBD.



"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.

REGULAR EVENTS

Every **Tuesday** from noon to 5 pm: **Cathie's** chili 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**.

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

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 3rd Monday of every month)

Monday, **March 20**, 7:30 pm

Monday, **April 24**, 7:30 pm



Upcoming Birthday Socials

(usually held the 3rd Thursday of every month)

Thursday, **March 16**, 2 to 4 pm

Thursday, **April 20**, 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

New Members
Congratulations and Welcome to Branch 314!

Ordinary Members
Robert "Ed" Haskins
Marc Boulerice (transfer from Aurora)
Kenneth Kopp (transfer from St. Albert)

Associate Member
Sheila Campbell

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

The Legion will be conducting a "Smart Serve Course" on Sunday, April 2 at the Legion (Call Gerry for more information) 613-692-3243



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

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.

We at the Manotick Legion want to thank Cmde **Allan Haan** for his 12 years of service. We now welcome Cmde **Paul Whynacht** as our new VSO. Contact point for Paul is the Legion @ 613-692-3243 or at 613-618 7224.

The Legionnaire appears on our website. www.manoticklegion.ca

We have a new e-mail address!!!
rclbranch314@gmail.com



May-June 2017 Legionnaire
Deadline to submit material:
Monday, 1 May
Publish and mail out :
Friday, 5 May

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

Confessions of a Military Wife

My husband is infantry, and he said the most wonderful things to convince me to marry him:

- The closets could all be mine since he wears the same thing every day.
- I could have as many babies as I want because giving birth is free.
- He would never get on my nerves, because he would always be gone.

Mollie Gross (molliegross.com)

PONDER THIS

A healthy attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier.



Tom Stoppard

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



With Mark stationed in Ethiopia on a 7 month tour, the e-mailing back and forth with Simone means that the content of this newsletter has travelled a total of over 500,000 km (the equivalent of going to the moon and half way back!!)