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Lest we forget

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July has come and gone, bravo to another very successful month. Attendance at the BBQ Steak Dinner/Dance was amazing. The Garage Sale exceeded all expectations. Bravo to the organizers and their volunteers. August has been relatively quiet as far as activities, but extremely busy in preparation for our elevator. Construction will begin shortly and hopefully we will have our elevator by Remembrance Day. On Friday, September 25th, the Branch will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Day. For more information, please see page 3. Cheers!

Jean Lanouette, President

A Memory of VJ (Victory Japan) Day by Larry Ellis

On August 9th, 1945 the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki and on August 14th, 1945, five days after the second atomic bomb, Japanese Emperor Hirohito accepted the United States' demand for unconditional surrender. Due to a difference in time zones, news of the surrender reached Canada and other Allied nations the following day. The official signing of Japan's surrender, in a ceremony on board the American battleship USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay, didn't occur until September 2nd, 1945.

I had moved to Manotick with my parents a month before VJ Day. Manotick was new to me; I knew very few villagers or businesses. I was 14 and my first friend was Ron Watson, son of Harry Watson of Watson's Mill. When the news of Japan's surrender was heard by radio around the town on August 14th many gathered in front of then George McLean's General Store, the site of now the vacant Royal Bank on Main Street in Manotick. Local resident Elmer Scott somehow brought a piano to the front of the store and Harry Watson played the piano for hours as villagers celebrated the end of the war.

Did you know?



George McLean's General Store 1945

A Note from your Veterans' Service Officer Allan Haan

The other day, I received a telephone call from the son of a veteran complaining about and seeking my advice related to some issue he was struggling over with Veterans' Affairs on behalf of his father. I suggested to him that this problem might exist because he had not provided Veterans' Affairs with a proper Power of Attorney for Property or Power of Attorney for Health. He seemed confused, but took my suggestion that he speak to his lawyer about this issue. About two weeks later he called back to thank me and confirm that the problem was solved and that the Power of Attorney was indeed the missing link.



Please review your Power of Attorney for both Property and Health. Do you know where they are? Do they still represent your wishes, and does the person who you have chosen to perform these tasks have a signed original?

If you do not have them, or if they have been misplaced, correct this now. If you are the child of an aging person, take the lead with your parent, and do not take "I do not want to talk about it" as an answer. If this is your parent's response, advise your parent that you will only be able to assist if you have the paper permitting you to assist.

Times have changed, and the Veteran would not have received the required attention in this case without the availability of one or other of these documents. A Will does not help in these situations. Get your Powers of Attorney in place today because when a problem arises, it is usually too late.



George Melvin, an ordinary member and World War II veteran, passed away June 30, 2015 at age 93. Our sincere condolences and deep affection go out to his family and friends

Clothes Needed for Homeless

All used adult clothing welcomed and appreciated. Drop off any donations at the Legion (5550 Ann St., Manotick). Thanks in advance. **613-692-3234**



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: **2958army@explornet.com** Corps phone: **613-693-1972**

Pennies for Homeless Vets

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

Over **\$7,000** raised!

Volunteers needed to tend the bar.



Training will be provided. If interested please contact **Wayne Boardman** at 613-866-1224.

RECENT EVENTS

Sheila King and Sylvia McDonald.

Photo: Greg Newton



Sheila did flower arranging at the July B-day social.

Honour and Awards ceremony was held Sunday, June 28. Many awards were given out including an award to telephone tree coordinator **Anne Osmond** and a life member award to **Joyce LeBeau**

The Handicap Lift Committee is pleased to announce that our application for the grant to Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) has been approved under the Enabling Accessibility Fund. The amount of the grant is **\$50,000**. A presentation was made Tuesday, July 14 by MP **Pierre Poilievre**.



L-R. MP Pierre Poilievre, **Allan Haan**, **Jean Lanouette**, **Winston Spratt**, **David Chaffe**

Birthday Social, August 20



Sylvia McDonald and **Kris Shulz**. Kris made a presentation of her trip to Hawaii.



Doris Jenkins formerly **Doris Pack** a former member of our Branch now at Perley Rideau Veterans



L-R. **Karol Bilyj**, **Ross Urquhart**, **Allan Haan**, **Simone Bachelor**, **Jean Laprade**, **Myrna Blainey**

Manotick Legion Garage Sale, July 26th, was a great success, raising over \$1100. Many thanks to all the volunteers and to **Andy Moore** for the BBQ. Good job **Cathie Moore**. Photo of the volunteer committee



Allan Haan's 80th Birthday was celebrated Sunday August 9 in his back yard. Lots of friends came to wish him the best. BBQ and lots of food. Swing band by **Buzz Tones**. A really good time. Happy Birthday, Allan!



Photo: Michelle St. Pierre



Rich and Sylvia McDonald's 50th wedding anniversary and on their wedding day in 1965



SPORTS CORNER
By Dan Spitzig



Cribbage: Tuesdays at 7 pm

Bridge: Wednesdays 1 to 4 pm



Euchre: Thursdays at 7 pm

Darts: Thursdays at 7 pm



The final Thursday night Darts Drop-in will be held on September 3. So far this year, the Drop-in League has raised more than \$400. The Thursday Night Dart League will be starting again on September 10. Please be there by 7:15 pm. Play to start at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome!

The 2015-2016 Zone Sports will be starting again this fall. I will pass along the calendar of events as soon as I get them. This year, I also hope to publish it on the Sports Page on our website as well. Stay tuned!

UPCOMING EVENTS (mark your calendar!)



Legion Week: September 20-26

Honours and Awards Ceremony.

Sunday, September 20 - Harmony Hall, 1:30 to 4 pm. If you have a Legion uniform, please wear it proudly with your medals. All Legion members and guests are welcome!

Tuesday, September 22, **Veteran's Lunch** from 12:00 noon. This lunch is for Veterans, their spouse and caregiver. If you plan to attend, please advise the Legion at 613-692-3243 during office hours (9 am to 5 pm) except Sundays or email at allanhaan@gmail.com. If you have dietary restriction, please inform the legion. If you have a, please wear your Legion uniform proudly with your medals, or your old uniform This lunch is free of charge. Menu: soup, salad, chicken, dessert.

Friday, September 25, 2015, 5 pm to 8 pm **Volunteer Appreciation Day Dinner**. Dinner served at 6 pm, Harmony Hall. If you are or have been a volunteer over the last year and would like to attend, please contact the Branch office at 613-692-3243 no later than 4 pm Tuesday, September 22.

Every Tuesdays from noon to 5 PM chili is available at the bar in the members' lounge. Cost \$4 per bowl. **Bring a guest! Judy's chili is superb!**

Friday, September 11, 6 pm **BBQ Steak Dinner (Chef Andy Moore) & Dance** at 7:30 pm at the Legion. Call to reserve 613-692-3243 no later than two days in advance, and pay \$20 at the entrance. Music DJ.

ROSSS Manotick Breakfast Club, 1st Thursday of each month, 9am-10:30am, Cost: \$8.00 (includes transportation for those who need it) Venue: The Manotick Legion 550 Ann St, Manotick RSVP: 613-692-4697



Legion BBQ every Friday till **Sep 25**, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm weather permitting!

General Meetings are typically held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. The next meetings will be **September 21** and **October 19**.



Upcoming Birthday Socials

(held the 3rd Thursday of every month)
Thursday, **September 17**, 2 to 4 pm
Thursday, **October 15**, 2 to 4 pm

Dear Comrades,

Thank you so much for all your farewell wishes; for the BBQ where other friends were able to come together too; for your gifts of the picture and the flowers; for your generous donations in support of Homeless Veterans; for your support and comradeship over these many years. As we establish our new home in Victoria, BC, we will always remember you. Till we meet again,

Ann and Richard Coles

A "Thanks" from the Coles



Photo: Ann Coles



VOLUNTEERISM

On the lighter side

A daughter had just helped her 90-year-old mother through the strain of moving from the family home into a new unit in a senior apartment building. The daughter was trying to tidy up all the arrangements and tactfully said: "Mom, what about Meals on Wheels?" To which her mother replied: "No, dear, I don't think I could volunteer for them anymore."

From Susan J. Ellis, President of Energize

WORK FOR
A CAUSE,
NOT FOR
APPLAUSE.
Live life to
EXPRESS,
NOT TO IMPRESS.
STAY POSITIVE ME

PONDER THIS

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

Elizabeth Andrew



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The day to day operations of the Legion are no different than that of a small business, except for the fact that we have no paid employees. All the work is done by volunteers, whether it be office duty, bar, building maintenance, financial management, poppy and remembrance campaign, and much more.

Comrades: it is time for all of you to step up and pitch in. In order for our Branch to stay viable we need to increase our volunteer base. Our membership stands at around 360, unfortunately only a small group, and less than 8% does most of the volunteer work on a regular basis. They are the ones that keep the branch going, they are our life blood, and they need your help!

Joining the Legion is a wonderful thing. It speaks volumes to the character of those who do so. But simply joining is not enough. It will not fill the chairs of those volunteers needed to keep the branch going. This takes work and that work takes committed volunteers.

Step up people! Get involved! Come out to our September 21st General Meeting and see how you can help your Legion continue its long tradition of service to our veterans and our community.

In the meantime, visit our web page at rcl314.ncf.ca and have a look at the COMMITTEE tab. You might find something that could be of interest to you. If so, please contact the branch office and leave your name. Every little bit helps from 1 hour per week to 1 hour per month.

Jean Lanouette, President

Hello Legionnaires:

In order for your Legion to be open for members and rentals we must have someone working in the office. We will have to close when no one is available to do this work which is done on a volunteer basis. This summer, Roy, Joyce, Margery, Shirley, Jean, Ethel and Kris have carried most of the workload.

Please consider helping us to keep your Legion functioning 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. Please contact Kris Schulz for more information. e-mail krisandmike@symptico.ca or 613-692-8266.

Kris Schulz
Office Chair

From Shirley Spinks, Membership Chair

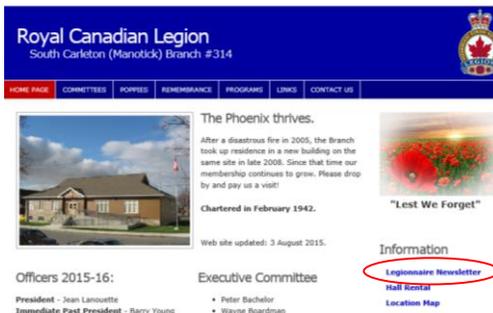
Membership is everybody's business to help maintain a successful branch. If we are to be successful and maintain the level of service we give to Veterans, ex-service people, their families and our communities, we must increase or, at least, maintain membership.

Membership is the future of the Legion.

Tuesday, September first, Early Bird Campaign starts. Membership dues for 2016 paid before Nov. 30, 2015 are considered Early Bird and are only \$50. After this date you must pay the full amount which is \$55 (why not be an Early Bird). Payment can be by cash or cheque, come in during office hours or send a cheque by mail! Make the cheque payable to South Carleton Branch 314 (for Membership 2016).

Get your relatives and friends to join the Legion There is no better way to thank a veteran than by joining a Legion. Starting September 1st, for new members only, the fees to join will be one- third price or \$18.35. Show your support.

 Correction from last issue: Photo on pg. 2 - Edith Pottery should read **Ethyl Pottery**. Our apologies Ethyl.

The newsletter is now on our Legion website. Thanks to President Jean Lanouette.

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".