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Newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater

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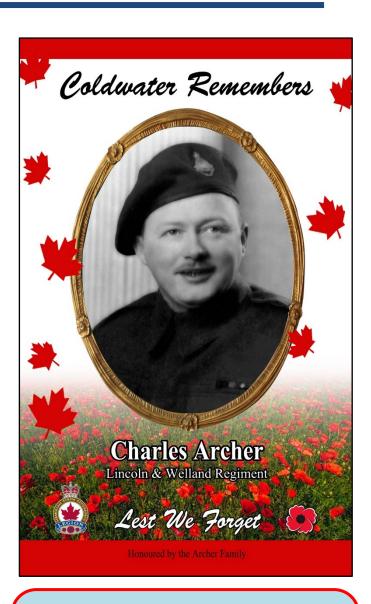
VETERANS BANNERS COMING SOON

The Coldwater Legion is getting ready for a third year of a project to honour our local Veterans by placing banners in participating store windows in town. For the last two years the program was well received, so we hope to continue to build on its success. Previous years' banners will go up again, but there is room for many more. The banners will still be 20" wide X 36" long (see sample at right). We will require a photo scanned at 300 dpi (we can scan it for you), the name of your Veteran and who is honouring the Veteran. The banners will be managed and stored by the Legion for continuity sake. We will look forward to the cooperation of the store owners in the years to come. If you would like to honour a Veteran, please contact Wanda Beaudoin through Facebook Messenger or email: wanda.b@amtelecom.net. Or by phone at (705) 686-3941. The cost will be \$100.00, with net proceeds going to The Poppy Fund. Payment can be made to the above email.



NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRS INSTALLED

Comrade John O'hara (left) was one of several newly appointed Committee Chairs who were officially installed in their posts by Branch President Anne McArthur during the June General Meeting. John's new post is Chair of the Honours & Awards Committee. Other appointees who were installed that evening were Comrades Penny Lawrence-Judges as Entertainment and Ways & Means Chair; Henny Risebrough as Bursary Officer; Paula Brown as Branch Service Officer; Betty-Anne Burnie as Sick & Visiting Chair; and Gaëtanne Robinson as Poppy Chair.



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FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT



We have had a great summer already and with August having arrived, hoping that it continues to be warm and lovely weather.

Thank you to all our volunteers and bar stewards who have worked hard, so everyone can enjoy our functions. A big

thank you goes out to the community and our members who come and support these functions.

We are still looking for tenders for the Canteen, interested parties can provide resume to Canteen Committee: Penny Lawrence-Judges, Marlene Klanert, Betty-Jean Murray, Anne McArthur, and John O'Hara.

On Saturday August 12 at noon we will be hosting a recognition event in the Club Room for our most recent Ontario Trillium Foundation grant. All are welcome to attend. Come show your appreciation for the OTF.

Warriors Day is at the CNE in Toronto on Saturday August 19 at 10:30 a.m., if anyone is interested in attending or marching in the parade, please send Betty-Jean Murray an email at bj.clanmurray@gmail.com.

It is a little early but we would like to have a booth at the Fall Fair again this year. The Fair runs Friday September 22 to Sunday September 24. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with this.

Our next executive meeting will be Monday August 26 at 7 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing a large contingency of our members at the September General meeting on Tuesday September 26 at 6:30 p.m. It is with your attendance that we can continue to work together to run RCL Branch 270.

Yours in Comradeship, Anne McArthur, Branch 270 President

BRANCH GENERAL MEETINGS

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday September 26, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. As of January 2023, Branch General Meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month, from September to June, in the upstairs hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE LADIES' AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings Comrades!

Summer finally arrived but it is already the end of July! The last two months just flew by. Hope you are enjoying your summer!

Things have been quiet, although we have a number of Celebrations of Life to cater to in August. Help will be needed,

so if you can, please volunteer!

Our thanks to those who helped the Branch with the July 1st celebrations. Our Ladies' Auxiliary did a great job making salads and assisting the Branch. Well done!

Our bank balance as of June 30 is \$9,539.27.

Upcoming events are the Fall Fair Breakfast on Saturday September 23 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Help will be needed for this and a sign-up sheet will be posted closer to the date. Our Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday November 25. This is our major fundraiser requiring a lot of help.

Our next meeting is Tuesday September 18. Pot Luck Supper at 6 p.m. and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you!

Yours in Comradeship,
Donna Packer, Branch 270 Ladies' Auxiliary President

THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Leaf is the award-winning newsletter of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater, published each month in the first week of the month. It is primarily an internal communication tool through which the Branch **Executive and Committee Chairs disseminate** information and report to the membership on their respective activities. Opinions expressed in feature articles are those of the writers and do not imply endorsement by the Branch or the Legion. Committee reports and pre-arranged article submissions must be received no later than the 23rd of each month in order to be published in the following month's issue. Please submit by email addressed to: Branch PRO -Maple Leaf at branch270@rogers.com.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

MY MOM AS A MOM:
"You get what you get. Deal with it."
MY MOM AS A GRANDMA:
"Would you like your grilled cheese
cut into hearts or stars?"

YOUTH EDUCATION REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Cheryll Barr, Youth Education Chair Where has our summer gone? It's already August! Comrades, the Youth Education Chair and committee members will be attending a District 'E' Seminar in Bradford at the end of August to update us on anything new from District for our upcoming Remembrance Day Contest. If you know of any young people who would like to get started on their posters, poems and essays, please feel free to contact either Cheryll Barr or Gaëtanne Robinson. We would be more than happy to help with any information needed.

TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Al Myre, Treasurer

The General account balance is \$24,994.62.

The building account balance is \$22,209.86.

The Nevada account balance remains unchanged at \$237.61.

Bottle drive balance month to date July is \$546.40.

Bottle drive for the month of June was \$1,649.60.

We received the 10% holdback from OTF Grant that is closed. The \$3,500 has been deposited.

The Branch's insurance policy is up for renewal. I am asking to have a review of the policy to ensure we are getting the best price.

BAR REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Marg Murphy, Bar Officer
It has been established that Bar Stewards are the only ones

permitted to ask a patron to remove a hat, and in a respectful manner.

There was a question of people walking around with their drinks – we will get clarification on this issue from the

AGCO. It was noted that there is no sign on the interior clubroom door indicating that there is no alcohol beyond that point. One will be added.

Comrade Maggie Murphy and Comrade Al Myer will work out a schedule for LCBO orders, payment and pick-up.

BUILDING MANAGER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Kari Malmstrom, Building Manager I have the following report in the way of maintenance or building issues since our last meeting.

Status of repairs and building in general are as follows. Repairs and work being looked at or completed:

- Monthly extinguisher / exit light review completed.
- Have been in contact with Shakell Heating and Cooling to troubleshoot one of the Club Room A/C units. They are in contact with LG to figure out why it keeps tripping off.
- Required surge protector has been installed for the new freezer in upstairs kitchen.
- The A/C for upstairs kitchen has been installed for the summer season.
- The Club Room corner cabinet door has been cut in width and reinstalled so that the hinges should not break anymore



Building Manager Kari Malmstrom was hard at work, seen here removing the small roof covering the two A/C fans to provide access for servicing.

Quote of the Month

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart.

- Helen Keller

BOTTLE DRIVE REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Cheryll Barr, Bottle Drive Coordinator

I would like to thank everyone who has supported our branch by donating empties to our Bottle Drive. To date we have sent back to the Beer Store 440,211 empties and the Branch has raised \$54,563.10. The updated number is now posted on our Bottle Drive shed. Thank you all for your support.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Cheryll Barr, Membership Chair Hard to believe that it's August already. Hello Comrades. Our membership stands at 281 members under the following categories: Affiliate, 66; Associate, 172; Life, 3; and Ordinary, 40. I would like to welcome Comrade Nicole Wood to our branch.

All the Years of Service pins that weren't already picked-up are being packaged and are ready to mail.

Membership renewals for 2024 will be starting the week of September 18, Legion Week, with our EARLY BIRD reduced rate in effect until December. You can pay your membership either online or at the branch.

POPPY REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Gaëtanne Robinson, Poppy Chair The balance in the Poppy Account is \$6,658.23.

I will look into the cadet issue with regards to new restrictions with them assisting with the Poppy Campaign.

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Penny Lawrence-Judges, Entertainment Chair

The Coldwater Legion started the month of July off with a Canada Day "Thank You Coldwater" free BBQ! This was our small way of thanking the residents for their support prior, during, and after COVID, for all the cans and bottles dropped off for our Bottle Drive. Because of the wonderful support you made it possible to keep the Legion open and

for us to support our community and veterans. THANK YOU! The Bottle Drive is still continuing. See our thermometer on the shed, and watch it grow!

Canada Day entertainment was The Brudders. Great day was had by all. Then on July 15 we had the Chapman Family band in the Club Room. What a great group of entertainers and Legion supporters.

July 22 we had Don Sykes hosting our Open Mic/Jam. A fun day was had by all. Thank you to all the new entertainers who came out.

Our August Line-up is:

Aug 12: Caribou Country from 2 to 6 p.m. Come in for our "Down East Day". Come out and enjoy the East Coast way of having fun!

August 19: *Pepe* from 2 to 6 p.m. Music for the Young at heart!

August 26: Open Mic/Jam from 2 to 6 p.m. Everyone welcome! Bring you instruments for a fun day.



On July 15 the Chapman Family Band provided musical entertainment in the Club Room. What a great group of entertainers and Legion supporters.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS: BRANCH CANTEEN OPERATOR

Branch 270 Coldwater is accepting proposals for the opportunity to rent and operate the Branch Canteen. Applicants should be prepared to operate the Canteen to accommodate the Clubroom hours and to provide a menu suitable for workers and families. Written proposals may be sent by mail to RCL Branch 270, 2 Michael Anne Drive, PO Box 89, Coldwater, Ontario, LOK 1EO or emailed to branch270@rogers.com

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

On-line media - Facebook & Website — and the BIDDY are kept up-to-date. Photos of events were posted on BIDDY, Facebook, and Website.

On Saturday August 12 at noon we will be hosting a recognition event for our most recent Ontario Trillium Foundation grant (washroom upgrades and audiovisual equipment). It will include a few short speeches by representatives from the branch, the Ontario government (MPP Jill Dunlop) and from the OTF. All are welcome to attend. Come show your appreciation for the OTF.

SPORTS OFFICER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Al Myre, Branch Sports Officer
On July 8 Hans Klanert & Bob Gourlie represented our branch in Shelburne at the District 'E' Golf Tournament.
According to sources, they played a solid round and just fell short of moving on to Provincials. I'm told a good time was had by all.

The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament in Borden is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2023. The cost is \$140 per player, which includes lunch and a chance to win door prizes. There are also a number of sponsor packages available from Bronze (\$730 – includes a foursome entered into the tournament, one hole sponsor, public recognition at the event and a thank you in the Borden Citizen event article)

up to Platinum (\$2,500 that includes the above and additional recognition).

SICK & VISITING

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Anne Burnie, Sick and Visiting Chairman

I have been keeping in touch with those I know are ill or not well. If there are any issues that require my attention please let me know. Home phone (705) 686-3270 or email bburnie6@hotmail.com

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JULY 20TH, 2023 – The Juno Beach Centre (JBC), Canada's Second World War museum and memorial in Normandy, France and The Royal Canadian Legion are proud to announce a new partnership supporting the renewal of <u>Faces of Canada Today</u>. The JBC <u>recently announced</u> this major renewal and renovation of the permanent exhibition space in time for the 80th anniversary of D-Day in June 2024.

One section of the exhibition will focus on the culture of remembrance and the history of the poppy symbol in Canada from the First World War to the present day. The Legion's poppy design is an integral part of our remembrance culture in Canada. It is therefore central to the design of this exhibition – visitors who enter the space will be drawn to a large poppy installation made up of smaller floating poppies. Below this poppy, visitors will be invited to dedicate a virtual poppy to someone who fell in the service of Canada.

The Royal Canadian Legion has approved this use of the poppy trademark and has contributed \$100,000 to the exhibition renewal project.

"Promoting Remembrance and thanking our Veterans is at the very heart of what we do," says Bruce Julian, Dominion President of The Royal Canadian Legion. "We were pleased to hear of the changes coming to this important experiential exhibit, including the focus on diversity, and we are proud to play a supportive role in its rejuvenation."

"The Royal Canadian Legion has been an important partner for the Juno Beach Centre since its inception," said Alexander Fitzgerald-Black, Executive Director of the Juno Beach Centre Association. "We are thrilled that The Royal Canadian Legion supports Faces of Canada Today, a ringing endorsement for a project aimed at making our commemorative site more welcoming to modern Veterans."

Since the JBC opened to the public in 2003, Faces of Canada Today has showcased Canada's evolution after the war, and has helped visitors understand how over 1 million Veterans (in our country of 11 million in 1945) helped build Canada. However, the contents of the exhibition were created in the late 1990s and are now outdated and missing many significant events in Canadian history over the past 20 years.

The renewed exhibition will demonstrate that the service of modern Veterans – those thousands of Canadians who have worn the uniform since 1945 – continues to inform Canadian identity. Whether during the Cold War, through the United Nations and NATO missions, or during the war in Afghanistan, Canadians have continued to serve.

In addition, the exhibition will better present the whole of modern Canada, including the roles of Indigenous peoples and the post-war waves of diverse immigrants. It will also cover how our nation grew out of the values Second World War Veterans brought when they returned to build a better, more welcoming, and peaceful Canada during the post-war decades.

The renewed Faces of Canada Today exhibition will be completed in early 2024. A grand opening will be held around the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Details to follow.

"When you take a look at bridging the gap between those that served before us and those that serve now, we're in a different time in history. What we are asked to do is different. But the core Canadian values are still there, you help others; you do your best to make places better. That's the obligation we have." - Major Christopher Carriere, CD, Medical Officer, 28 Field Ambulance, served in several peacekeeping missions and deployments including Cyprus, Bosnia, Kuwait.



Artist's rendering: Juno Beach Centre

THIS MONTH WE REMEMBER

THE VICTIMS OF BUFFALO AIRCRAFT 115461

On 9 August 1974, a Syrian missile attack shot down a Canadian Armed Forces Buffalo transport plane. The plane was enroute from Egypt, on a routine supply run for the new United Nations mission in the Golan Heights. All nine crew members and passengers Canadian peacekeepers were killed. They were Capt G.G. Foster; Capt K.B. Mirau; Capt R.B. Wicks; MCpl R.C. Spencer; Cpl M.W. Simpson; Cpl B.K. Stringer; Cpl M.H.T. Kennington; MWO C.B. Korejwo; and MWO G.Landry. In 2008, Government of Canada chose August 9 to mark National Peacekeepers' Day. This date recognizes the 1974 attack in the Middle East. It is the highest single-day loss of Canadian life in any international peacekeeping mission. Canada has been a peacekeeping presence in the Golan Heights of Syria since 1974. This makes it one of our longest-running international commitments.

Source: Veterans Affairs Canada

BRANCH HISTORIAN REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Branch Historian With the permanent cancellation of the annual Decoration Day Service, Comrade Wanda Beaudoin and I have volunteered to try an alternative that could become part of Legion Week in September. It will involve placing the white crosses at the graves of local Veterans on the Saturday before Legion Week starts, and leaving them there until the end of Legion Week, the following Sunday. There would be no public ceremony, but we will advertise on Facebook and website to let people know the crosses will be there. I am waiting for an answer from the Township to confirm their approval.

Our "Veterans Banner on Main Street" program will be back this year. We are beginning soon to take orders for more banners. If you know someone you would like to feature on a banner around Remembrance Day, contact me or Comrade Wanda Beaudoin through Facebook Messenger or email: wanda.b@amtelecom.net. Or phone at (705) 686-3941.

MAHONEY, WILLIAM DENNIS

William Dennis "Bill" Mahoney was born in Westville, Pictou County, Nova-Scotia, on April 10, 1934. He enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces (Armoured Corps) on November 6, 1952, just in time to serve in Korea at the end of Canada's involvement in the conflict. Back in Canada, he took his release on January 9, 1956, only to rejoin the Forces on November 18, 1958. He finally retired from the Forces on April 10, 1978. During his years of service he was posted to CFB Petawawa (8th Canadian Hussars), Germany (Royal Canadian Dragoons), CFB Chilliwack, B.C. (2 Service Battalion), and retired from CFB Borden, Ontario. He also served on deployments abroad in Korea, Egypt, and Bermuda. After his service, Bill settled in Coldwater, Ontario, and worked for 20 years at the Huronia Regional Centre in nearby Orillia. He was a Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion, a member of Branch 270 Coldwater. Bill passed away on February 12, 1997. He is buried in the Coldwater Cemetery.



A long-time member of Branch 270 Coldwater, Bill Mahoney served with the Canadian Armed Forces on deployments abroad in Korea, Egypt, and Bermuda.



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June 30

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- 2. Cheryll
- 3. Sheri
- 4. Marlene
- 5. Kari
- 6. Al

Sunshine: Joe

July 7

- 1. Lyle
- 2. Hans
- 3. Annie
- 4. Lloyd
- 5. Frank
- 6. Frank

Sunshine: Henny

July 14

- 1. Joe
- 2. Al
- 3. Kathy
- 4. Brian
- 5. Joe
- 6. George Sunshine: Al

July 21

- 1. Angie
- 2. Chris
- 3. Teresa
- 4. Kari
- 5. Mike
- 6. Bev

Sunshine: Lloyd

July 28

- 1. Al
- 2. Rick
- 3. Rick
- 4. John
- 5. Henny 6. Rick
- Sunshine: Frank

TUESDAY AFTERNOON EUCHRE

July 4

High Hand – Heather Low Hand – Jackie Most Lone Hands – Adam

July 11

High Hand – Cheryll Low Hand – Sherrin Most Lone Hands – Heather

July 18

High Hand – Heather Low Hand – Cheryll Most Lone Hands – Brian

July 25

High Hand – Betty-Anne Low Hand – Jackie Most Lone Hands – Brian



Branch Summer Hours

As of July 4, we are open 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday to Friday 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday



BRANCH 270 WEEKLY SPORTS

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Steak Darts

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CLOSED	9	CLOSED	7	Branch Open 8 4:00pm – 8:00pm Euchre 1 pm	Branch Open 9 4:00pm – 8:00pm Peacekeepers Day Parade in Angus	Branch Open 10 4:00pm – 8:00pm	Branch Open 11 4:00pm – 8:00pm Steak Darts 6 pm	Branch Open 12 1:00pm -6:00pm Music with Caribou Country 2-6 pm
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