

Editorial



It's a myth that Legionnaires are retired veterans that gather in smoke filled bar rooms reliving the past. What is true, is that we are a group of veterans, service and ex-service men and women, associates and affiliated members who gather for Comradeship.

Also, to perpetuate the memory and deeds of the fallen, to see to the welfare and comfort of all who have served. Also, to promote community service and support various charitable causes while striving for peace, goodwill and friendship for all.

Our Branch currently has over 1300 ordinary, associate and affiliate members . Our commitment is to our veterans and ex-service personnel, seniors, youth , our community. Money is raised by our members and returned to the community in donations to many charities.

This is only a brief summary of our purposes and objects. So if you are interested in these objectives in life with the opportunity for an active social life, "Life is what you make it" then consider becoming a member.

There are various membership opportunities available, one is bound to meet your current situation. If you are of federal voting age "*why not*" become a member and help us achieve our goals.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do not hesitate in doing so by dropping by the Legion and paying your dues.

The summer has been slow but things are about to pick up. We will start to have lots of activities going on, now all we need is the members to come out and take part in them.

The future on any organization hinges on its ability to attract and retain new members. Consequently, all Members should be actively encouraging their family and friends to join our Branch, it's a great place to socialize and have a fun time.

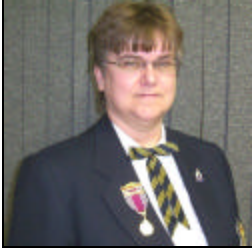
Remember the oath of every member in the branch, the oath to participate in the Poppy Campaign. It is that time of year again. Please stand up and be counted and get involved this year. Believe me, you will meet some wonderful people and find it very rewarding.

" Many people can give money and it certainly is greatly appreciated, but it's also just as important to give a few hours of your valuable time."

Bruce Sharpe
Public Relations Officer



Ladies Auxiliary



Well another summer has come and gone with winter fast approaching. Next thing you know Christmas will be here.

We have been keeping very busy with funerals, luncheons, retirement functions, stags and birthdays parties.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Shirley Allems for 40 years and Jessie Stebbings for 30 years of continual service.

We are having our annual Craft & Bake sale on Saturday, October 22 from 9 am to 3 pm. Come on out and enjoy yourself. I thank you for your support.

Please remember your oath Participate in the Poppy Campaign.

Yours in Comradeship

Wendy Clark

President Ladies Auxiliary



Ladies Auxiliary Honours & Awards

Shirley Allems

40 Year Life Membership



Congratulating Shirley Allems (centre) on her 40 years as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary are (l-r) Past Secretary Bettie MacDonald, Branch 322 Ladies Auxiliary President Wendy Clarke, Zone Commander Jackie McGivern and Deputy Zone Commander Diane Howarth

Membership



Comrades , our total membership to September 2005 is 1433 with 1272 paid.

I am happy to announce that John Normoyle and Herbert Parke were our first “Early Bird” draw winners on Saturday, October 1st.

To obtain the membership recognition award for the 2006 membership year we must renew 10% more early bird memberships than the previous year. That means for 2006 we are looking at 70% . We ask that you please

help us reach our goal.

We have had a very successful September so I have been told by those members that have experience in the Early Bird campaigns in the past. and also that the month of November is crucial to the success of our campaign.

Remember that there are still two chance to win at the Early Bird Draw if you renew your 2006 membership in October. Good luck to all.

Membership Chairman
Janet Kaminsky

Colour Guard



Comrades as usual we having been very busy and I might say thoroughly enjoying it. We attended the Drumhead in Campbellford and had a great time with everyone arriving home safely. Special thanks to the members of Branch 112 in Whitby for sharing the bus with us.

On November 6th, we will be leading the parade to the Remembrance service at St. Paul’s United Church.

The march off will be at 1:15 pm. with the Church service commencing at 2:00 pm. On November 11th will be participating at the Remembrance Day ceremonies starting at 11 am. We look forward to seeing everyone again this year.

Our annual Colour Guard Yard sale was a huge success and I would like to thank all of our members and friends for your involvement and support .

Gary Whelan
Commanding Officer





The Poppy Campaign

What does the poppy represent?

The poppy represents the symbol of Remembrance.

Why should I wear a poppy?

When you wear a poppy or display a wreath you honour the war dead and help ex-service personnel and their dependents.

How do I help needy ex-service personnel and their dependents?

The basic purpose of poppy funds is to provide immediate assistance to ex-servicemen and women in need. This may include food, shelter or medical attention for them or their families. Also bursaries are granted to children and grandchildren of ex-service personnel.

Are there any other uses for poppy funds?

Yes. Poppy funds can be used for low-rental housing and care facilities for elderly or disabled persons and their dependents, community medical appliances and medical research, day care centres, meals-on-wheels, transportation and related services for veterans, their dependants and the aged. Donations may be given for relief of disasters declared by the federal or provincial governments.

Aren't ex-servicemen and women eligible for government pensions?

Yes. Many ex-servicemen and women do get pensions, but many others, although handicapped, do not. However, no pension can provide for eventualities such as fire, a long illness on the part of the breadwinner or other medical expenses.

Do you have to be a Legion member to get help from the poppy fund?

No. Any ex-serviceman or woman or dependant is eligible to apply for financial aid from the poppy fund. The poppy funds also support the Legion service bureaux, and a large number of service bureau cases involve people who are not Legion members.

What are Service Bureaux?

Throughout the Legion, in some 1,720 branches in ten provincial commands, and in Ottawa, there are service officers whose job it is to assist ex-service persons or dependents with problems relating to disability pensions or other veterans' legislation. The national and provincial offices not only provide advice but act on behalf of the individual. Every year thousands of representations are placed before the federal government on behalf of "clients". There is no charge for this service which is available to any ex-serviceman or woman or dependent who can qualify for such assistance.