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# CONTACT!

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## President's Report

The Tea and Fashion show was well planned, well organized, well done. Thank you Lynn McPherson as coordinator and to all who helped to make this function a success.

Summer dress is in effect as of May 1.

The Honours and Awards annual dinner and presentations is being held on May 29 starting at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to our present Executive for supporting me and for a job well done this year. I would also like to thank all of the executives and volunteers who supported the Branch and me in the last five years while I was your President.

Again, I thank all those who ran for office and congratulate all who are on the new Executive. I wish our new President, Lorraine, success in the up-coming legion year.

John Cher  
President



## From the First Vice

Comrade Dan is moving house, and I believe he hasn't unpacked his computer yet. Hence, no report this month! LE

## From the Second Vice

### From the Membership Desk

I am happy to report that we are over the hump. Our membership stands at 303.



We are saddened to report the passing of Colin Aird on May 7, 2016. May he rest in peace.

I will be turning over the reins to JOANNE de LEPPER and would like to say it has been an HONOUR to have served as Membership Chair. I thank all of you for your patience and understanding.

### Change to your Contact Information

Our goal is to maintain and improve the communication between our members and the Legion. If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address could you please contact us. The new Membership Chair can be reached at [membershipbr638@gmail.com](mailto:membershipbr638@gmail.com). Also you can contact the Kanata Legion at: [rclbr638@gmail.com](mailto:rclbr638@gmail.com) or 613-591-5570.

Your membership cards have been mailed out with the Ladies Auxiliary's notice of their upcoming event. Please make sure you read your mail.

Yours in comradeship,

Brenda Grant

# Gaming Report

## April Bingo Event Report

Bingo Events conducted: 4 (44 people per Bingo)

Total deposit to Bingo Trust - **\$3074.00**

### Expenses

Rent Paid to Branch	\$836.90
License Fee	\$192.00
Paper Cost \$1.00/attendee	<u>\$178.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1206.90</b>

**Revenue after Expenses** **\$1867.10**

47.6% for Operations & Maintenance	\$888.74
Donation Fund	<u><b>\$978.36</b></u>

## 50/50 Draws

50/50 Draws conducted: 10

Proceeds for April were \$ 712.50, all of which goes to the donation fund.

Total monies raised for the month of April for donations:

\$ 978.36 + \$712.50 = \$1690.86

## General Trust Fund Administration

This group meets once a month to distribute funds generated through the Gaming Program. Once approved by the Executive, the funds are then distributed to the recipients.

Donations (once approved) for May, based on funds raised in April and residual from previous months, are \$3,500 as follows:

• Multi-faith Housing Initiatives	\$500
• Kanata Food Cupboard	\$500
• Alzheimer's Society	\$250
• MS Society - Ottawa	\$250
• Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)	\$500
• Dave Smith Centre	\$250
• Friends of Sport Fishing	\$250
• Friends of the War Museum	\$250
• Service Dog Support Program	\$250
• The Mission	\$500

I would like to indicate that the Kanata Legion has donated \$19,500 this fiscal year (2015-2016) - up from the \$12,000 donated the previous year.

Yours in service,

Brenda Grant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

## Chartwell Stonehaven

Retirement Residence  
70 Stonehaven Dr., Kanata

Chartwell Stonehaven would like to extend an invitation to legion members to participate in their upcoming events:

### COMMUNITY BBQ - Tuesday, June 7 • 12-2 pm

Come join us for a BBQ in our beautiful courtyard and gardens.

### CANADA DAY BBQ - Friday, July 1 • 12-2 pm

Celebrate the true North strong and free with good food and good friends.

### MOVIE IN THE COURTYARD - Tues., Aug. 30 • 8 pm

Grab some popcorn and your friends for a great show in our beautiful courtyard.

### EXERCISE PROGRAMS:

#### ZUMBA

**Fridays @ 1:30 pm on the following dates: June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 12 & Aug. 26**  
Shake it up and join us for some fun, fitness and dancing!

#### BALANCE & WELLNESS PHYSIO CLASSES

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays @ 11:15 am**

Feel calm, cool and collected in one or all of our Balance and wellness classes.

**CALL NOW**  
**to reserve your space!**

**613-663-2969**

# Poppy and Remembrance Campaign 2016

Once again it is my privilege to serve our branch in this capacity. If you performed a task last year and are unable to do the same job this year, please let me know as soon as you can. Jackie Terris has agreed to coordinate The Canadian Tire Centre this year, taking over from Don Raven who has done a sterling job for many years. Thank you, Jackie!

As always, your positive input is welcome at any time.

In service

Moira

## Attention all Veterans

Have you signed up for our veterans' lunch yet? If not please do! There is a sign up sheet posted in the lounge. The date is Tuesday, June 7, at 11:30 a.m. If you need transportation, please contact Lorraine Lapensee.

Hope to see you then.

Yours in service,

Moira

## The Last Post



**AIRD, Colin Blake**  
1935 - 2016

Suddenly, on Saturday May 7th, 2016, at the age of 81. Loving spouse of Mary (nee Prunner) for 59 years.

Devoted father of Kathy (Chris Booth), Bruce (Kim) & Fraser Aird (Denise Peters). Cherished grandfather of Mark Booth, Ross Aird (Cyndi-Mason Aird), Graham Aird, Dillan Peters and great grandfather of Treavor Colin Mason Aird. Beloved brother of Judy Allen. Colin will be deeply missed

by his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Friends paid their respects at the Kelly Funeral Home, Kanata Chapel May 12. A Memorial Service for Colin took place in the Chapel.

Memorial donations to University of Ottawa Heart Institute appreciated. Condolences and Sharing Memories can be made at [www.kellyfh.ca](http://www.kellyfh.ca)



**BEATTY, Garth Alden Ernest**  
January 01, 1926 -  
May 03, 2016

Died peacefully at home in his 91st year, surrounded by loved

ones after a short battle with cancer. Garth will be lovingly remembered by Patricia, his dear, life-long friend and cherished wife for the last 21 years, by his sister Geri-Lou and his sons Robert (Bob) and Ronald (Ron) and their families, and his step-children Colin, Eileen (Lee), Brian, Peter, and Pamela and their families. Garth was predeceased by his parents Alden and Eva (Norrad) and his brother Frank. Garth lived life well - with a reputation for being incredibly kind, patient, and honourable. He was well regarded by his curling, golfing, and hockey fellows, winning a number of championships. And he was always ready to take on a cribbage challenge.

Garth was grateful for the loving care provided by the Stonechurch Family Health Centre and the Community Care Access Centre, and we all express our endless thanks to these incredible health care teams. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society or to your preferred charity.

## From the Sgt-at-Arms

I have not submitted a report for a while. I will try to give an update on Colour Party events.

On the May 12, the CP participated in a Legion Tribute for Comrade Colin Aird. Colin was a long time legion member and well known. Everyone in the Colour Party replied to the call, 14 positives and 3 regrets. There were well over 30 Legion/L.A. members that attended his service.

The branch Colour Party will be participating in the Battle Atlantic Service in Almonte on Sun., May 29. Form up is at 1:30 pm in front of the Almonte Branch, service at 2 pm. Reception afterwards and, yes, we will have lots of time to make it back to our own Honours and Awards at 5 pm.

On Saturday, June 18, the Colour Party and branch members are invited to attend the dedication of the Carp War Memorial. This is a rare event and should attract a lot of attention. Form up and parking is at 1:30 pm for the marching contingent on Carp Road (across from Animal Hospital). We will march north the intersection and then west on Donald B Munro Drive to the memorial site at the bottom of Falldown Lane (fire hall is across the street). Here are pictures of the memorial site as of May 16. Their 105mm gun had just been delivered that morning.



We have been invited to the opener of the Kanata Canada Day celebration at Water Barker Park again this year.

We are always looking for new Colour Party members; give me a call if interested.

Bob Thomson CD  
Sgt-at-Arms  
RCL 638 - Kanata  
613-831-8221

## From the Branch Secretary

A friendly reminder, our Kanata Legion's next general meeting is:

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Hope to see you then!

Lorraine Lapensée

## Gender Illusions Visits the Kanata Legion!

Amazing and Entertaining! Guests were entertained by Gender Illusions on May 20, 2016, at the Kanata Legion! A group of female impersonators bringing celebrities to the Kanata Legion for the first time...Celine Dion, Cher, Liza Manelli, Betty Davis, Bet Midler, Dolly Parton and many more! The impersonations were amazingly well done. It was good adult entertainment! Lots of laughter and fun! Proceeds were donated to the Kanata Legion.



Photo credit: Lorraine Lapensee

# Ways and Means Entertainment Recruitment Committee

## Legion Past Events

Submitted by Lorraine Lapensee, WERC Chair

## Spring High Tea and Fashion Show

Swirlicious, a new fashion and jewellery line, was the highlight of the Kanata Legion's 4<sup>th</sup> High Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday, May 14, 2016!

Guests were introduced to Swirlicious as Teri White, fashion representative, described the 20 different outfits modelled by five models. It wasn't too long into the fashion show that guests' interest was captivated as they realized Swirlicious fashion is for them-- comfortable, fashionable, size availability and affordable!



There was more! Guests could continue to shop for spring at other great on-site vendors: Silpada Jewellery / PartyLite / GrandNee's Scarves, Bags and Fascinators; and get their nails ready for spring at the Nails by Angie and Judy booth.



In celebration of spring, the presence of fresh flowers and bright and beautiful decorations filled the hall as guests enjoyed a delicious menu of hors d'oeuvres, a variety of sandwiches, fruit, dips, cheese, squares, coffee and, of course, tea!

Lynn McPherson did a great job as Event Coordinator and Emcee; conducted the distribution of a number of door prizes, some of which were donated by the vendors. A guest at each table won a bud vase of fresh flowers donated by "In Bloom" florist shop.



A colourful arrangement of flowers donated by Talisman Florists was presented to John and Pat Cher to thank them for their hard work and contributions towards the past successful four High Tea and Fashion Shows.



Marah



Chelsea



Sandi

On behalf of the Ways and Means Entertainment Recruitment Committee, a special thank you to all those who came out to help make this year's High Tea and Fashion Show a big success.

As always volunteers play a big part in making an event successful and this type of event required many volunteers!

With much appreciation and special thanks to the following volunteers:

Nicole Brousseau / Angela Chartier / Abby Chartier / Gaetan Chartier / John Cher / Pat Cher / Yvette Clark / Emily Clement / Bev Connell / Adrianus Cornelisse / Lorraine Elmas / Mary-Jo Gauthier / Kristen Gould / Moira Green / Debby Holden / Judy Homma / Mark Hunter / Angie Jacklin / Chelsea Jacklin / Dan Knighton / Lorraine Lapensee /



Gord McCaskill / Lynn McPherson / Marah Maveety  
/ Betty Ann Pollock / Amanda Robbins / Sandi  
Sartor / Suzanne St. John / Jackie Terris / Bob  
Thomson / John Thomson / June Tyrrell

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## Legion Upcoming Events

### Annual Veterans Luncheon - June 7, 2016

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638 - Kanata,  
cordially invites all veterans to a special lunch  
in your honour on Tuesday, June 7, at  
11:30 a.m. reception  
12:00 p.m. lunch  
70 Hines Road, Kanata, Ontario  
(off of Solandt Road; off of March Road).  
For details: 613-591-5570 or [www.kanatabr638.ca](http://www.kanatabr638.ca)

Menu: Chicken Kiev/Dessert/ Coffee & Tea.  
Entertainment by members of The Highland Mist  
Pipe Band and Moira and friends. Branch members  
are asked to meet and greet guests.  
There is no cost to veterans; we ask that you get  
your name on the sign-up sheet by May 31, 2016, by  
either contacting Moira Green, Poppy and  
Remembrance Chair at 613-592-3376 or email:  
[mmgreen@live.com](mailto:mmgreen@live.com) or call the Kanata legion at 613-  
591-5570 or email [rclbr638@gmail.com](mailto:rclbr638@gmail.com).  
Dress: civilian attire or legion summer dress.

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## Ladies' Auxiliary Event

### June 11, 2016 - Howdy, Partners!

*Ya'll invited to "A COUNTRY FAIR DINNER &  
DANCE", June 11, 5:30 p.m., hosted by the Kanata  
Legion's Ladies' Auxiliary; their 21st Annual  
Fundraiser! Everyone is invited!*



*Enjoy a fun evening! Bid in  
the Silent Auction with  
mystery packages, too! Judge  
the best decorated cake!  
Delicious Roast Chicken,  
Green Beans, Kernel Corn,  
Mashed Potatoes, Angel Food  
Cake with Strawberries and*

*Whipped Cream! Sing-a-long or/and dance to  
country music by our very own country singer,*

***Mike Fahey!***

*Only \$25.00/person! No tickets! Reserve on or  
before May 30 by completing a reservation slip for  
each person attending and mail with your payment  
donation to the attention of: Betty Ann Pollock,  
32 Turret Court, Kanata, Ontario K2L 2L1 or drop  
it off at the Kanata Legion. Copies of reservation  
slips are available at the bar or, to receive by  
email, call Lorraine at 613-831-8319.*

Kanata Legion, 70 Hines Road, Kanata, Ontario (off  
of Solandt Road; off of March Road). For details:  
613-591-5570 or [www.kanatabr638.ca](http://www.kanatabr638.ca)

## Request for Silent Auction Items and DVDs and CDs

The Ladies' Auxiliary welcomes donations of items  
for the silent auction including basket fillers of no  
theme in particular. Items can be dropped off at  
the Kanata legion particularly at Friday's Fish 'N  
Chips to the attention of the L.A.

There is a need for more DVDs and CDs for the  
Ladies' Auxiliary's weekly Friday Book/DVD/CD  
sale and would be very much appreciated. DVDs  
and CDs can be dropped off at the Kanata Legion  
as well. Many thanks.

## From the Ladies' Auxiliary

I would like to thank you for your support this past  
year and convey my congratulations to the newly  
elected branch and L.A. executive committees. I  
learned a lot about the Ladies' Auxiliary and even  
a little about myself. We had our challenges, but I  
feel we had a successful year because of your  
support.

President:	Carole McCaskill
immediate Past President:	Angie Jacklin
First Vice:	Judy Homma
Second Vice:	Suzanne St. John
Secretary:	to be appointed
Treasurer:	Betty Ann Pollock
Sgt-at-Arms:	Nancy Medynski
Executive:	two positions to be appointed

Yours in comradeship,

Angie Jacklin

# Tribute to Al Page

Submitted by Comrade Garry Fancy



PAGE, ALEXANDER (AL)  
TAYLOR  
June 9, 1921 - Jan. 14, 2016

With the passing in early January 2016, Branch 638, and Canada has lost another of its precious few remaining World War II volunteers.

## BIOGRAPHY of a WW2 VETERAN

Born Alexander Taylor Page, Montreal, Quebec, June 6 1921. Attended Verdun High School pre War and Ste. Annes College post War. Joined Canadian Grenadier Guards Regiment July 2, 1940, served until wounded at Falaise, France August 8, 1944 Joined Household Finance June 1947, resigned as Manager, Lachine Branch Office June 1955. Joined Petrofina at the same time and served Petrofina/Petro-Canada for 28 years until retirement in 1983 as Manager Real Estate Executive Office

Served as Secretary of Canadian Tax Assessment Association. Board Member of Amberwood Golf & Country Club and AVRA [ Property Control Board for golf property including buildings] Member of AD-Hoc Committee Federal Government concerning Veterans Affairs.

Life Member Canadian Grenadier Guards, Ontario Chapter. Executive Director 6087 [CGG. WW11 Veterans Association]

**Al's story** "We prepared to leave for France on D+39, tanks were waterproofed and we were dumped into the sea not far from Juno (Why we had to drive under water didn't make sense to me). I was the one who had to detonate the cordite to release us from our prison when we beached. So off we go to see the sights of Caen. (What Caen? It was gone!)

Our first night spent in slit trenches under our tank and listening to anti-personnel bombs being dropped on us! On August 5th our troop volunteered to test the enemy's strength at La Hogue. I camouflaged our tank with wheat since we were going through a wheat field. Now that's smart! Anyone knows that tracer bullets and wheat make for a good cocktail. Well they did, and flames were entering the air intake were we just happened to store 12 x 75mm shells.

## THE ROAD TO FALAISE

The push began after the Carpiquet Airport and the Town of Caen were freed. On August 7th 1944 all units were at the " Start Line " at 11:30 P.M. The bombardment that

ensued for the next 30 minutes lit the sky to a daylight panoramic view, bombers flew overhead, artillery was blasting - the noise was deafening and frightening. Finally, our Regiment was off at 5:00 P.M., in hot pursuit of the enemy. I was driving the lead tank of the lead troop and within 20 minutes our troop had destroyed 7 German 88mm guns and 4 2 cm guns. We had taken 31 prisoners and counted 15 enemy dead. The front was now opened for 1000 yards. We then stopped behind a copse, a massive explosion erupted, killing one of our troop and wounding four others; it was probably an ammo dump The action taken by our troop resulted in the awarding of one Military Medal and one Military Cross. Then we stopped!

Our next objective, Hill 195, was going to be a "Brew." (Note: Brew in tank parlance refers to an engagement where the tanks are burned or brewed like coffee!) An approved plan of attack was scheduled for 7:30 A.M. but was postponed to daylight August 10th.

At 11:00 A.M, a meeting of tank commanders was called and while they were out of their tanks, a barrage of German 88mm guns descended upon the area. We lost 8 tanks in as many minutes, then 3 small German robots bearing white flags appeared as a token of surrender. Treacherously, these robots detonated 800 lbs. of TNT. In an hour the fight was over and we had 15 tanks left. (The complement of tanks for an armoured regiment was set at 52!) The run for Hill 195 resulted in one Military Medal being awarded.

On the 8th of August, during operations, I jumped out of my tank to get the Bren gun strapped to the back of the tank. A terrific explosion followed and I was blown "ass over tea-kettle" completely over top of the tank. It felt as though my limbs were being wrenched from my body, as though I were on a medieval torture rack. I was given a shot of morphine, and flown in a DC-3 to England and Lady Astor's estate for recovery. I was shipped back to Canada before Christmas and released from active service in January, 1945. Thus the war had ended for me!"



## Kanata Legion & Ladies' Auxiliary Upcoming Events

May 29, 2016 - Sept. 24, 2016

DATE & TIMES	EVENT	DETAILS	TICKETS	CUT OFF DATE FOR TICKETS
Sunday, May 29, 2016 5:00 p.m.	Honours & Awards Presentations & Dinner	Beef Stroganoff dinner Dress: Legion uniform or business attire Everyone welcome!	Donations welcome	N/A
Tuesday, June 7, Reception: 11:30 a.m Luncheon: 12 noon	Annual Veterans Luncheon	All Veterans welcome! Chicken Kiev/Dessert/Tea & Coffee	No tickets Call Kanata Legion 613-591-5570 or drop in to sign-up	Sign-up by May 31, 2016
Saturday, June 11, 2016 Reception: 5:30 p.m.	L.A.'s Annual Country Fair	Silent Auction / Cake Judging Roast Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, kernel corn, angel food cake with strawberries & whipped cream	No tickets Reservation slip & donation to Betty Ann Pollock	May 30, 2016
Sunday, June 26, 2016 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	May & June birthdays & anniversaries	Cake & Ice Cream	Not applicable	Drop in
Friday, July 1, 2016 12:00 p.m. noon	President's Canada Day BBQ	BBQ – Hamburgers and more! Games of fun!	Donations welcome	N/A
Saturday, July 16, 2016	60's 70's 80's Dinner & Dance	To be announced	TBA	TBA
Thursday, Aug.11, 2016	Annual Ray Ponto Golf Tournament & Dinner	To be Announced	TBA	TBA
Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016	Corny Comedy Night	To be Announced	TBA	TBA
Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016	Elvis Presley Night	Elvis Presley Tribute Artist Bruce C. Stewart evening entertainment	TBA	TBA

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Anyone from the branch can write a tribute regarding members both living or past. **CONTACT!** is an opportunity to capture some of our veterans' stories from yesteryear.

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Howard has returned to the Kanata Legion.