



# CONTACT!

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## President's Message

Congratulations to branch member Gerry Dore on receiving The Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation for his work with veterans. Well deserved, Gerry, and thank you for the great job you are doing with our veterans.

Thank you to Mitch Ryan for conducting this year's branch audit, which we passed with flying colours.

The Ray Ponto Golf tournament was a great success. Our First Vice-President, Dan Knighton, did a stellar job in organizing this year's event. Thanks also to all who helped Dan organize the event and to those who helped in preparing, serving food and cleaning up at the end of a very successful day.

I am pleased to announce that we have installed a handicap electronic door leading from the hall into the main hall.

I mentioned in the last CONTACT! that there was a possibility we may cancel August fish and chips due to the lack of volunteers. I am happy to say that several members and non-members have come forward to help carry on these great Friday lunches.

We have some great functions in the next couple of months. See the Coming Events section for more information.

*John Cher*  
President



## From the 1st Vice

Last month I said "with summer finally upon us", and now I'm saying, "hate to say it, but now that summer is winding down", a whole new range of events is on our horizon and soon to be announced. It's been a great summer (so far), rainy in spots but a great summer just the same. I'm happy to announce all of this past month's events went off without a hitch and our books are still in the black. The L.A. Treasures & Things Sale and BBQ was well attended and a very enjoyable day was reported from all attendees. The annual Ray Ponto Memorial Golf Tournament was also a great success - more to follow in the Sports section.

With a new season of events at our doorstep, hopefully we will have our full complement of volunteers back from holidays so we can carry on as before. Please don't be shy, volunteer if you can and help keep our branch full by supporting our events and participating.

All the best,  
*Dan Knighton*  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice

## From the Sports Desk

I'm pleased to say that our two branch Golf Teams (Bob & Martin and Brenda & Ray) played in the annual District 'G' Golf Tournament July 25 in Morrisburg with team Bob and brother Martin, coming in FIRST PLACE! Brenda and Ray came in just under the wire but we congratulate them on getting that far and helping to keep our branch sports dream alive. Congratulations once again to Bob and Martin Mason for coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place! Unfortunately Bob's brother, Martin, will not be able to attend the very prestigious event going forward to the Provincial Championship Tournament in Owen Sound in September but Bob and Martin have asked that I come back to the

game by taking Martin's place at this next event. I graciously accepted and will do my best.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ray Ponto Memorial Golf Tournament and Fund Raiser held on August 13, 2015, at the Greensmere Golf and Country Club, Carp, Ontario, was indeed a great success. This year's winners Bob & Martin Mason, Brian Fritsch and Brian Lloyd were our 1<sup>st</sup> place winners with a score of 59. Other winners were: Closest to the Rope: Terry Ponto and Janet Marsham; Closest to the Pin: Tyler Ponto and Sylvie Gratton; Putting Contest: Leo Berrea and Salwa. A fun time was had by all and all was given a great prize and fine meal, compliments of the branch cook, John Cher, Dave & Mary-Lynn McPherson, Lorraine Lapensee, Yvette Clark with Mary-Jo Gauthier and Gord McCaskill on the bar.

Many thanks to our Sponsors, Simex, Laura's Independent, Sobey's, Chartwell, Marsham International Food Brokers, Talisman Flowers, Colonnade Pizza Kanata, Home Depot Kanata, RoofMaster Centura, Flooring & Tile, The Big Rig, Primerica, Hurley's, Don Cherry's, Home Depot, Branch 638, RALO Headsets and the Ponto Family

*Dan Knighton*  
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### Honours and Awards

I look forward to all submissions toward the 2016 H&A Program. Submissions can be forwarded to your chairman throughout the year. Remember, if you do the work, we will record it. Until next year, all the best.

*Dan Knighton*  
H&A Chairman

### A joke for you

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery Store. As he waited, he was approached by a man of the Cloth, who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a coupla blocks and turn to your right." The clergy man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office"

## From the 2nd Vice

### Gaming

The Gaming portfolio includes our Sunday Bingo program and the 50/50 Draws. Each event generates funds that are then turned back into the community as donations to organizations which fall under the scrutiny of the General Trust Fund Administration.

### Bingo Event Report - July 2015

Date	Attendance	Rent Collected	Revenue
July 05	50	\$230.80	\$691
July 12	39	\$174.00	\$360
July 19	51	\$213.00	\$820
July 26	55	\$237.50	\$770
Totals	195 (avg. 48.8)	\$855.90	\$2,641

The total deposit for July to the General Trust Account from Bingo Revenue was \$2,641.

### 50/50 Revenue for July

Ten events were run in the month of July and collected and deposited \$857.50

### 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 respective recipients.

### Donations

JUNE	• Camp Maple Leaf	\$250
	• Camp Smitty	\$250
	• Friends in Sports Fishing	\$250
	• Crystal Bay Centre	\$250
JULY	• Chrysalis House	\$500
	• Elizabeth Bruyere Centre	\$250
	• Parkinson's Society	\$250
AUGUST	• Hospice Care Ottawa	\$500
	• Alzheimer's Society	\$250
	• Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre	\$250

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

## From the Membership Desk



Memberships IN  
**GOOD STANDING**  
to date is **295**.  
In Good Standing  
means the dues for  
2015 have been paid.

## Renewal Dues are \$55

- From August 1st to August 31st, 2015,  
NEW MEMBERS can join for ½ price at **\$27.50**
- From September 1st to December 31st, 2015,  
NEW MEMBERS can join for 1/3 price at **\$18.35**
- New members cannot be processed between  
September 1st and October 31st.

## Early Bird Campaign



Renew your Legion membership for the low price of **\$50**. The campaign will begin September 1st 2015 and all renewals for 2016 will be processed starting then. Notices will be mailed to all members. Included in the mail out will be a record of the information we have on file for you to date and an envelope with the Legion address for you to put your renewal and updated information in. Please take the time to fill in any changes and return to the Legion.

Payment can be made by

- Cash
- Cheques made payable to  
**RCL Kanata Br. 638**
- Debit/Credit machine

Dues can be mailed or dropped off at the Legion in the return envelope provided. If the Legion is not open, please deposit your envelope in the mailbox located just to the right of the front door. Make sure the envelope is clearly marked Membership.

## Update 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, please contact us. I can be reached at [membershipbr638@gmail.com](mailto:membershipbr638@gmail.com) or 613-832-4127. Also you can contact the Kanata Legion at [rclbr638@gmail.com](mailto:rclbr638@gmail.com) or 613-591-5570.

Yours in comradeship,  
*Brenda Grant*

## Poppy and Remembrance Campaign 2015

Greetings All: Once again I am planning our campaign and need your assistance. If you are unable to do the job you did last year, please let me know otherwise I will assume the status quo.

A coordinator is needed for the Canadian Tire Centre. Don Raven has done this job for many years and it would be great to have a new person in this position. He has graciously agreed to continue if no one steps up, but it would be super to see a new member carry the proverbial torch.

The campaign begins on Friday, October 30. I am in the process of sending letters to our store venues, schools and seniors' residences. Remembrance services will be held each afternoon the week of November 2/6 at all our retirement residences.

This is our time to showcase our branch. Your help at poppy tables, etc., is what it is all about. Last year was our best ever re revenue due in part unfortunately to the deaths of soldiers Vincent and Cirillo.

It is vital that we promote our message of Remembrance.

Please contact me if you have any positive suggestions for improvement to our campaign. Your assistance and participation is vital to our success.

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## Sergeant at Arms Report

Here is an update on the happenings of the Colour Party over the summer.

We once again participated in the Canada Day celebrations in the Kanata Rec Centre area. As an added feature, the Pan Am Games Relay Team made a stop and was part of the opening ceremonies.

The Colour Party participated in the opener of the Scott Tokessy Memorial Gold Glove Baseball Tournament on August 8. It is bigger than ever; this year over 60 teams participated, 40 something last year. This year was a bit of a milestone, the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the tournament. A grand total of \$300 000 has been raised over the years for Sick Children's Hospital. Our own comrade Dan Knighton believes that this one was 19 years for him at the tournament with the Colour Party.

On a sad note again, the Colour Party participated in a legion tribute for comrades Frank Marshall and our long time past padre, comrade Mel Newman.

We are still looking for additional Colour Party members. If interested, please let us know.

J.R. (Bob) Thomson

Sgt-at-Arms

RCL 638 Kanata

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Colour Party at Comrade Mel Newman's Tribute

\*<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/about-us/department-officials/minister/commendation/bio/1336>

## Gerard (Gerry) Dore - 2015



Our own Comrade Gerry Dore was awarded the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of July by the Honourable Erin O'Toole.

Gerry has spent many years working for the betterment of veterans. Enclosed\* is the statement as posted on the Minister of Veterans Affairs Site. Congratulations Comrade Gerry on a job well done. Mr. Dore is a Canadian Armed Forces Veteran. He has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 48 years, serving as a member of the executive as well as service officer for a number of branches. Mr. Dore frequently drives Veterans to and from appointments and also volunteers with the RCL's Outreach and Visitation Initiative, visiting facilities to ensure that Veterans are receiving the appropriate level of care. After each visit, he forwards a summary of his findings to RCL Dominion Command and VAC, along with recommendations for a follow-up, if required. Mr. Dore is of Métis heritage, is a member of Aboriginal Veterans Autochtones and has assisted the First Nations organization in Rama, Ontario, researching its Veterans. He participates in its annual Veterans' Parade on November 11 and, for the past three years, has been Head Veteran at the Rama Chippewa First Nation's annual Pow-Wow. Mr. Dore has also donated a P.O.W./M.I.A. flag and pole to the organization for its use in parades. In 2014, after attending Remembrance Day ceremonies at his local RCL branch, Mr. Dore organized a commemorative ceremony in the condominium building where he and many other Veterans reside. This was well received by several in attendance, including a 101-year-old Veteran, who would not have otherwise been able to attend a ceremony.

# We Will Remember

## Rev. Mel NEWMAN



Obituary  
NEWMAN, Rev. Mel  
WWII Veteran  
June 15, 1922 - July 12, 2015  
Peacefully, at the Perley & Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, while his son read to him from the Psalms. Beloved husband of

June and dear father of Bruce. Predeceased by his son Brian. While serving in England, he came to realize that Jesus Christ is Lord and worthy of all praise. A United Church minister for over 50 years; Chaplain of the Kanata Legion and a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Last month saw the passing of a very dear friend of the Kanata Legion, Comrade Mel Newman. The following excerpt from his Life Membership submission is printed below.

Comrade Mel Newman was a cherished member of Branch 638 and our branch Chaplain since 1996. A veteran of the Second World War, Cde Mel served in the medical field stationed at a hospital in England where, he honed his ability to care for the sick and wounded. His true compassion among the wounded became apparent after the war ended. Cde Mel graduated in theology at the University of Saskatchewan and became a minister for the United Church of Canada. He served several congregations until retirement.

Cde Mel had served Branch 638 exceptionally well since becoming our Chaplain. His cheerful, caring, passionate demeanour was ever present and was always welcome where ever he traveled. He continued to be appreciably involved within our communities youth groups, clubs and agencies until the last few years, only because he could no longer get around. He always availed himself to visit the sick and homebound within our branch and community, regularly visiting our members in the many area retirement homes.

He actively participated in our Remembrance services for seniors groups and in the ceremony at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day. He was ever present to give blessings during dinners, officiated at a number of weddings for members and their families at the branch, and dependably took part at Legion tributes. Simply put, in addition to doing everything a chaplain is supposed to do, Cde Mel

captured the hearts of everyone while doing it. Branch 638 was blessed to have him as a member and Chaplain.

The President, Executive and Members of Kanata Branch 638 took great pride in nominating Comrade Mel Newman for his award of Life Membership in the Royal Canadian Legion in recognition of his many years of loyal support for his parishioners, the Veterans of Canada and his dedication to this branch and community.

He will be missed. WE WILL REMEMBER HIM.

Dan Knighton  
1st VP and Honours & Awards Chairman



## Carol WOODWARD



WOODWARD, Carol  
Peacefully at the Queensway Carleton Hospital, surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 in her 70th year. Beloved wife of the late Oscar.

Loving mother to Laura-Lee Gale. Cherished grandma of Elizabeth and Ashley. Survived by sisters Sandi McQuillan (Gary), Sylvia Beauregard (Clint), and Marilyn Boese. Carol will be fondly remembered by her extended family and friends. Special thanks to the staff of the Queensway Carleton Hospital for their care. Friends may call at the Garden Chapel of Tubman Funeral Homes 3440 Richmond Road (Between Bayshore and Baseline Road) on Monday from 11:30 a.m. until time of the service in the chapel at 2:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations to the Humane Society Ottawa Chapter would be appreciated. Condolences, tributes or donations may be made at [www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com).

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# From the Ladies' Auxiliary



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The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638, Kanata, hosted two fundraising events on August 8, 2015. The first event was an afternoon sale of Trinkets, Treasures & Things featuring a variety of vendors: crafts-floral arrangements, handbags, walker organizers; jewellery and much more was an opportunity knocking for shoppers! In the evening over 80 guests turned out at the Steak BBQ Dinner and Dance and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary and were entertained by "The Mostly Bows" band - fiddle music - slow and fast.

These events could not have been achieved without the help of many volunteers. Our sincere thanks to all who played a part in making this a successful day:

- Lynn McPherson, who rounded up the volunteers;
- food and event preparations: Judy Homma, Lorraine Lapensée, June Tyrrell, Mary-Jo Gauthier, Betty-Ann and George Pollock, Bev Connell, Suzanne St. John, her friend Nicole Brousseau, Angie's friend Heather Markey, Bert and Peggy Fox, and Carole McCaskill
- the barbeque cooks extraordinaire: Dan Knighton, Gene Szabo and Terry Homma;
- servers, clearers and dishwashers: Amanda Robbins, Gaetan Chartier, Brenda Grant, Lydia and Garry Fancy, Gord McCaskill, Helen McKiernan and Doug Rowland
- Bob and John Thomson for setting up all of the tables.

There were so many others like Jane Cane, Pat Cher, Tillie Arnold and Valda Brooks who also stepped in to help! We would also like to make special mention of an exceptional helper, Michael

Gauthier, who was there at every turn to do every task that was given to him. Thank you, Michael! ☺

Proceeds raised will go towards building upgrades.

Angela Jacklin  
President

Lorraine Lapensée  
L.A. Fundraising &  
Entertainment Committee

## Branch General Meeting Reminder

The next Kanata Branch general meeting is:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015, at 7:30 P.M.**

Thank you.

Lorraine Lapensée  
Branch Secretary

## Ways & Means Entertainment Recruitment Committee

Presents more summertime fun for everyone...

**Midsummer BBQ and Dance**  
**Saturday, August 29, 2015**  
**Reception: 5:30 p.m. / Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

Hamburgers, Corn, Coleslaw, Fries  
Pies & Ice Cream, Coffee and Tea

*Music to sing and dance to  
by our ever popular **Debra McCann!***

**\$15.00/person**

Advance Tickets only!

Tickets to be picked up on or before

**Tuesday, August 25, 2015**

at the Kanata Legion, 70 Hines Road  
Kanata, Ontario

# From the P.R. Desk Terry Jenkins



Terry Ponto and friend are number one to start the shotgun start.



Dan Knighton, Branch Sports Officer, welcoming players to the 12th Annual Ray Ponto Golf Tournament



Brenda Grant takes a look??



Yves Grimard wasting a good one before the game????



Mark Hunter and Mary-Jo Gauthier prepare for the day.



Another wildlife friend for the branch



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**T**ea & toast

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## Kanata Legion & Ladies' Auxiliary Coming Events - August 29, 2015 - October 31, 2015

<b>DATE &amp; TIMES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>TICKETS</b>	<b>CUT OFF DATE for TICKETS</b>
Sat. Aug. 29/15 5:30 Reception 6:00 Dinner	MIDSUMMER BBQ & DANCE	Hamburgers, Corn, Coleslaw, fries, pies Music to sing & Dance to by Debra McCann	\$15/person	Tues., Aug. 25, 2015
Fri. Sept. 18/15 5:30 Reception 6:00 Dinner	PUB NITE	Texas Chili (no beans) French. Fries, salad & homemade apple crisp Music by: Roxy & Don duo	\$15/person	Tues., Sep. 15, 2015
Sun .Sept. 27/15 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	July, Aug. & Sept birthdays & anniversaries	Cake & Ice cream	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sat. Oct. 3/15 5:30 Reception 6:00 Dinner	OKTOBERFEST	Oompah Band: The International Set Menu: TBA	\$20/person	Tues., Sep. 29, 2015
Sun. Oct. 25/15 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	October birthdays & anniversaries	Cake & Ice cream	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sat. Oct. 31/15 Evening	L.A's Harvest Halloween dinner and dance	to be announced	To be announced	To be announced