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# CONTACT!

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## We're Off to the WORLDS!!!



### Highland Mist off to the World Championships!

August will be a busy month for the Highland Mist Pipe Band. The North American Championships will be held on August 4 in Maxville – then it's on to Glasgow and the Worlds on August 11 and the Perth (Scotland) Games the day after. The month closes with the final highland games of the Ontario season, in Almonte on August 25.

Mark Porter, who will be leading the band through these important competitions, is excited. "This is our chance to represent Branch 638 on an international stage – and we're intensely proud to display the Legion colours" says Porter. "We've come such a long way in the past year – lots of ups and downs, of course, but our hard work and commitment is starting to produce results at just the right time."

Pipe Major Andrew Shepherd expressed the band's appreciation for a wide range of support. "You wouldn't believe how important it is to have a "band home" at the Legion.

We've had tons of moral and financial help from the Branch – and having a band manager who is a branch-approved bartender doesn't hurt either! The band is always proud to support Legion activities like Remembrance Day, Robbie Burns Night and performances at the Perley Veterans Hospital – and we're hoping to provide some great results to make the Legion proud in return."

- Brenda Grant

### The Prez Sez:

Congratulations to Branch members Gerry Dore, Harry Needham and Bill Wilson who have been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the President's BBQ was a total success. We had approximately 65 members and friends in attendance. Most of the food was donated by Allan Foget from Sobey's on March Road. Thank you to Moira, Nancy, Pat, George M. and Joe for helping.

As we are not having a birthday/anniversary party in July we celebrated Abe and Grace Zemel's 63rd anniversary on Jul 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you to the Branch Ladies Auxiliary for their generous \$12,000 donation to the Branch.

We have a new group of seniors coming to the Br. each Monday, from 1 pm until 4 pm, to play bridge. This group has made the Mad Monday lunch more viable as many come to have lunch prior to playing

cards. Anyone interested in joining this group can come in on any Monday to join.

The LA on July 8<sup>th</sup> had a very successful steak BBQ, with approximately 85 members and guests in attendance. Thanks to George M for arranging for the super band to entertain us. We christened them the "Legion Band". The band played for four hours and received a standing ovation at the end of their performance. We all had a great time. Join us on Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> as the LA organizes another family night. The "Legion Band" will again perform.

- John Cher

## **MAD MONDAYS!!!**

**Are you missing out on a good deal? Join the growing number of members who are enjoying a choice of inexpensive luncheon platters and attractively priced drinks every Monday in the Lounge, from 11:30 to 3PM (food orders from 11:30 to 1:30).**

**If you think we only serve sausages, schnitzel and chicken breasts, you're WRONG! The menu changes every week and can include items such as Warm Caesar Salad, Fish Cakes, Chicken Caesar Wrap, Western Sandwiches, and on and on.**

**Come meet your friends – and make new ones!**

## **From the First Vice:**

This submission is a bit late and hardly going to be a full report however, you can be assured your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice is alive and well but on a working vacation in British Columbia. Gratefully, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Moira has taken up much of the slack I left behind when I flew away to the banana belt. By the way, the

weather here is much more hospitable than the torrid temps you are experiencing in Ontario.

Projects I was and will be working on, are the Patio addition and 50/50 license renewal. We are also still working toward our bathroom upgrade, the parking lot Line painting and pavement repair. It just doesn't end there as there is a never ending desire and requirement to upgrade and improve the branch, which we are all interested in.

## **Sports**

Golf – The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ray Ponto Golf Tournament and Fund Raiser - will once again be held at the Greensmere Golf and Country Club, Bearhill Rd, Carp, 16 Aug 2012. Posters and Sign Up forms are at the branch. (on the Sports Notice Board ). Looking forward to seeing a great turnout again this year and once again, we are proud to sponsor The Homeless Veterans of Ontario.

I've not had any response to my last query regarding forming a branch golf league, team or the like. As described we could hold in house tournaments for our own single double or team events. We could also challenge our neighbouring branches to a fun filled event in the name of Comradeship. Anyone interested, please let me know. Additionally, I'm open to any other sport events that our members would like to get going (Shuffleboard anyone). Just give me a call.

Event dates for Zone Sports are posted on the Sports Notice Board at the branch and will be updated as required. Any queries to these events can be directed to myself anytime. Curling, Cribbage, Snooker, 10 Pin Bowling, 5 Pin Bowling, Darts, Euchre, Mixed Darts, 8 Ball, Lawn Bowling, Shuffleboard, Youth Darts, Pee Wee Baseball and Pee Wee Hockey (both Boys and Girls). Anyone interested and would like to submit their names ahead of time, please do so but note that all vents will be announced at least three weeks ahead of schedule.

Take care and we will see you at the branch.

- Dan Knighton

*All give some, some give all.*

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## **This month's DONATIONS:**

Each month, the Branch is committed to donating a significant proportion of the revenue from the previous month's Bingo games to worthy causes in our community.

This month, we are donating \$200 each to the Kanata Little League Baseball Association and to Friends in Sportfishing.

Most people know what Little League Baseball is all about, but not many have heard of Friends in Sportfishing. They are a dedicated group of anglers in the area who take people fishing on local lakes – people like residents of the Perley-Rideau and those with physical or mental handicaps.

Both organizations are a real credit to our community and deserve our support.

The August celebration will also mark the first anniversary of our branch special occasion event.

On Sunday July 22nd at 3 00 p m we will host a celebration of the 70th anniversary of Women in the Forces. Pins and medals will be presented to those special women in attendance. Light refreshments will be served. If you wish to attend please advise Terry Jenkins or myself by email or telephone.

July/August birthdays / anniversaries will be celebrated on Sunday August 26 at 2 00 p m in the lounge. Please sign up if you wish to attend.

*If you are a veteran and wish to meet with the District Service Officer, Patricia Royle, please forward me your name and I will set up an appointment for you. Pat will be visiting the branch in August..*

If you are aware of any veteran or member in need of a visit please pass their names on to me.

- Moira Green

## **The Second Vice speaks:**

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Harry Needham and Tony Bifulchi on their June birthdays. Thanks to all who turned out to celebrate the occasion and share a cake and some social time. Thanks to Terry Jenkins for bar tending and Pat Cher for help with the cake. Our next celebration will be held on Sunday August 26th at 2 00 p m in the lounge. It will be a joint July/August celebration to honour those with special occasions. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the lounge.

Congratuulations to Ab and Grace Zimmel on the occasion of their 63rd wedding anniversary. A special cake marked the occasion on July 1st at our Canada Day BBQ. Congrats also to Ursula Seyler and Ted Burton on receiving branch service medals. Thanks also to Jack McClaren who assisted in the presentation.

## **Women in the Services**

### **70th Anniversary of Women in the Armed Forces**

3 00 p m Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Please sign up on the sheet in the lounge if you wish to attend.

## **The Sergeant-at-Arms:**

Our colour party participated in the Canada Day opening ceremony again this year.

A full colour party was present; Dan, George P, Ivan, Joan, Gerry, George and Nancy M.

In addition, we were blessed with our piper, Brenda. Once again nothing was mentioned about the Kanata Legion Colour Party being there. Oh well, maybe next year.

I was invited to participate in a memorial service for a WWII veteran at Fitzroy Harbour on the 7th July.

It went well, I did a one man poppy service at the grave side, and the family seemed very appreciative.

Our next big event is the opening ceremony at the Scott Tokessy Ball Tournament in Kanata on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> of August.

*If you are interested in joining the Kanata Legion's Colour Party, you can contact me by phone or email.*

Little training is required, mostly OJT, get to go places meet interesting people.

We are a visual example of what the legion does in the community. You don't need to participate 100% of the time, let me know.

- Bob Thomson

## **LYALL GOW'S 100<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

Come celebrate a very special birthday for a very special person - Lyall Gow's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sunday August 12th 2 00 p m - 4 00 p m in the lounge.

A sign up sheet will be posted in the lounge closer to the event time.

## **The Kitchen Coordinator not only cooks, but talks!**

Thank you to all who helped to make the Veterans' Luncheon a success! It was a pleasure to see some new faces helping out.

To those of you who donated rhubarb – two thumbs up!! I'm sure some of those attending had not had an old fashioned dessert like that in a very long time. They sure scoffed it up!

As you know we have two Kitchen Committees, that of the Legion, and that of the LA. I'm pleased to tell you that the two committees are working together to serve the Branch and our clients. However! We need all the help we can get! Especially for our regular weekly events; Fish & Chips, and Mad Mondays. These 2 days help pay the bills for the Branch. But it is the same people who do the majority of the work most of the time. If you can spare 4 or 5 hours – even if only once a month – it would help immensely. We (barely) have enough cooks at the moment, and are always in need of servers and dishwashers.

"Many hands make light work". The more hands we have, the better! It's a great way to get to know your fellow members.

- *The Kitchen Witch*

## **MIKE LAPENSÉE**

**IT IS WITH DEEP SADNESS that we announce that our Comrade, Past President, Zone Commander, and husband of L.A. President Lorraine, Mike Lapensée, passed away suddenly on July 17.**

**You will be advised of details via email.**



# THE VETERANS: DISCOVERING OUR MILITARY PAST THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE WHO WERE THERE

The Veterans is a 62 episode documentary series which illustrates the impact of Canada's participation in foreign conflicts and crises on Canada, Canadians and the military from WWI up to and including Afghanistan. The documentary focuses on civics, citizenship, nation building and leadership and examines the influence of the changing nature of warfare on doctrine, operations, education, training and equipment. The Veterans also touches on the role of Canadians at large, the industrial and scientific community, aid organizations and NGOs.

The documentary is an oral history. It is a look at Canada's veterans and the serving men and women of the Canadian Forces, their experiences during time of service and what impact it had on them. All branches of service are included.

By examining this series episode by episode you will discover how Canada's military evolved into the modern, well trained and highly capable military it is today. You'll hear from those who were directly involved in that transition process.

The men and women interviewed in the documentary series served selflessly to help make this a better place for everyone. They served to protect our freedom, champion human rights, promote Canada's values and preserve democracy. **Let us never forget what they have done and how much we owe them.**

The Veterans can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/channels>

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*Great God! This is an awful place (the South Pole)."*

Captain Robert Falcon Scott

***And all four are members  
of our Branch!***



Spotted recently at a Friday lunch were our M.P.P, Jack MacLaren, Branch President John Cher, Harry Needham, and Kanata South City Councillor Allan Hubley.



The 148<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force was raised during the Great War from students and faculty of McGill University – a university that also contributed six companies of PPCLI, two siege batteries and two military general hospitals – a unique contribution among Canadian universities.

**Hail, Alma Mater**

## What you do until professional help arrives can make a crucial difference

St. John Ambulance is partnering with the Kanata Branch Legion 638 to provide a Lifesaver First Aid Program. Learn how to help someone who is unconscious, choking or having heart attack. This training will include CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

Date: Saturday September 15

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Location: Kanata Legion – 70 Hines Rd., Kanata

Cost: \$30.00 per person

The training session is also open to the general public.

To register please sign up on the sheet at the branch or call the Legion at 613-591-5570

**Note:** CPR training involves strenuous physical activity. Please check with your physician if you are unsure whether you should participate.

## Recapping the Coming Events:

22 July – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women in the Armed Forces celebration

4 August – Colour Party at Opening Ceremonies, Scott Tokesy Annual Baseball Tournament

4 August – Highland Mist Pipe Band at Highland Games in Maxville

12 August – Lyall Gow's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

16 August – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ray Ponto Golf Tournament

19 August – L.A. Family Night, with music by the Legion Band

25 August – Highland Mist Pipe Band at North Lanark Highland Games, Almonte

26 August – July/August Birthdays/Anniversaries party

15 September – First Aid/CPR course

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<http://www.kanatabr638.ca/>

**PLEASE CHECK IT REGULARLY.**

*I am in earnest – I will not equivocate – I will not excuse – I will not retreat a single inch - and I will be heard!*

*William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879)  
American abolitionist*