



ZONE G6 COUNCIL REPORTS

September 8, 2024

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Sept. 8th 2024

Good afternoon, Comrades. Welcome to our Fall Zone Council and Convention and thank you to Branch 95 Smiths Falls for hosting. I trust everyone is enjoying our hot and wet summer.

I will be attending the Zone Commanders workshop and PEC meeting in Aurora in November. I will also be attending the District Convention in Cornwall next month and hope to see you all there.

I attended the D-Day parade and Ceremony held on June 8th in Carleton Place. And will be attending their Annual Tattoo on September 15th that was postponed due to rain.

Reminder, if your Branch is holding any function that you would like a representative from Zone, please let me know. If I cannot make it, I will forward it off to Deputy Zone Commander, Jim Wilson. I look forward to attending more functions this summer.

Inspections are underway, you should have received all documentation required. If you have not please let me know and I will get it to you.

If you are planning a New Years Levee please let me know the times.

Yours in Comradeship

Rob Madore
Zone G6 Commander



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Ontario Provincial Command

Zone G6 Deputy Zone Commander: Jim Wilson

March 8, 2021

I am into my third year as Deputy Zone Commander and I feel that I have learned much under Rob's guidance and am ready to move up next March.

We attended elections at six branches and installed officers in them all and are now underway with branch inspections.

I had the privilege of attending Branch 638's honours and awards in June with my wife, Gloria and was very impressed with the number of presentations and dinner. We also attended District convention in Kingston last April and look forward to the one in Cornwall next month.

Yours-in-comradeship

Jim Wilson
Deputy Zone Commander

Since our last Zone Convention, I have attended the L.A. Provincial Convention in New Market in May, which I found very informative.

I had the honour of assisting Comrade Debbie Olmstead, Past Provincial President in presenting Betty Ann Pollack with a MSA Award.

It has been a very quiet summer.

Letters will be sent out to all Auxiliaries pertaining to their Official Visits, which the Deputy Zone Commander and I will be starting in October.

Zone G6 Sports will be starting in September for the 2024-2025 season.

Thank you

Elaine Madore

G6 L.A. Zone Commander

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ZONE MEMBERSHIP REPORT Sept 8, 2024

Our membership numbers are well on target compared to other legions. Since we met last fall our zone

membership increased by 109 members from our 2023 figures from the September 10th zone membership report. I have included last spring's membership totals on the bottom lines for your comparison

Please find our zone membership figures below as of March 1st. Please check with your membership chair if you disagree with these figures.

PAID MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024 AS OF March 1, 2024

Branch	Life	Ord'	Ass'	Aff'V	Other	Total	Prev Yr	% Increase
95 Smiths Falls	8	76	105	28	0	217	223	97.31%
174 Arnprior	6	74	128	44	1	253	246	102.85%
192 Carleton Place	17	142	219	40	0	418	433	96.54%
240 Almonte	6	111	278	50	0	445	442	100.68%
244 Perth-upon-Tay	9	137	301	67	2	516	522	98.85%
395 Lanark	1	9	39	17	0	66	64	103.13%
616 West Carleton	9	29	104	66	3	211	198	106.57%
638 Kanata	17	153	158	39	3	370	349	106.02%
2024 Fall Totals	67	633	1161	291	9	2161	2458	88.57%
2023 Fall Totals	71	499	1066	270	6	2185	2224	86.80%

NEW MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 1, 2024

Branch	Ord'	Ass'	Aff'V	Other	Total	Prev Yr.	% Increase
95 Smiths Falls	8	10	1		19	21	90.48%
174 Arnprior	7	20	11		38	44	88.36%
192 Carleton Place	12	14	6		32	56	57.14%
240 Almonte	12	14	6		32	56	57.14%
244 Perth-upon-Tay	12	2	10	1	45	49	91.84%
395 Lanark	0	6	1		7	9	77.78%
616 West Carleton	3	12	15	2	32	40	80.00%
638 Kanata	21	30	7	2	60	50	120.00%
2024 Spring Totals	32	71	31	4	138	332	42.07%
2023 Spring Totals	15	55	28	3	101	237	42.62%

Jim Wilson

Zone G6 Membership Chair

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Royal Canadian Legion Zone G 6 Balance Sheet for the year ended May 31, 2024

Current Assets

Bank Account	8,014.80
Accounts Receivable	.00

TOTAL ASSETS **8,014.80**

Liabilities

PP&E Carried Forward 2,168.68

TOTAL LIABILITIES **2,168.68**

EQUITY

Retained Earnings from Previous Year 7,524.45

Current Earnings -1,678.33

Total Equity 5,846.12

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **8,014.80**

INCOME STATEMENT

June 01, 2023 to May 31, 2024

Revenue

Zone Per Capita Levy 1,960.00

Sports Fund Contribution 1,000.00

TOTAL REVENUE **2,960.00**

Expenses

Web Hosting 540.00

Mileage & Conventions 3,225.93

Public Speaking 724.40

Guest Speaker Gifts 100.00

Bank Charges 48.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **4,638.33**

NET INCOME (LOSS) **- 1,678.33**

Bank Balance on Sept. 8, 2024 \$8,006.80

Submitted Sept. 8, 2024

Claire Husson, Zone G6 Treasurer

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Zone G6 Service Officer Report

Branch	95	174	192	240	395	616	638	244
Branch Visits								
Retirement Homes			1				12	

Long Term Care							1	
Hospitals				7				
Provincial Visits								
# of Visits								
# of Appointments								
Service Officer								
Assist VAC applic.			1	5			8	
Assist Quality of Life				1				
Assist Legion appl.				1			2	
Home Visits			2					
Remem. Day Dinn.				1			1	
Annual Vets L/Dinn							1	
Vets' Comforts								
Financial Assistance			1					
To Veterans							2	
To Widows								
Prov. Visit Advertise				2				
Local paper				2				
Branch				2				
Website								
Facebook								
Member of Poppy C.								
Other Activities	<i>Feel free to answer these questions below, or on a separate sheet. But indicate your Branch. Your ideas, etc, may help others.</i>							
Issues Arrising								
Other Questions								

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Zone G 6 Sports Report September 8, 2024

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the members who have supported me in the last few years. Frustrating at times but mainly very enjoyable venture.

2023 – 2024 finished with a bang as we had one of the largest turnouts for Golf in my memory.

These are just my thoughts:

The Zone has not had an increase in entry fees for many years and as we all become more and more busy, I believe it is time that Zone Sports pay for all District Sports and then automatically enter all those who qualify for advancement.

Zone Sports fee would have to be increased as at this time. Our fee structure does not cover all District Events. I think if the entry fees were raised the Zone would be in a position to not only pay for District but would be able to help Branches that send entries to Provincial events by subsidising a per person amount. I would suggest this amount would be \$ 100.00 per person.
Thoughts?

Respectfully submitted

Stan Lasenba
Zone G6
Sports Chair

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Youth Education-Public Speaking Report Fall Zone G-6 Council Sept. 8, 2024

The 2025 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Kanata Legion, Branch #638.

I ask each Branch to confirm with Claire Husson, Zone G6 secretary and myself their Youth Education Public Speaking and Posters, Poems and Essays Chair/s for 2023-2024, providing the Chair's name, email address and phone number. Below is a list of the 2024 Zone G6 Branch Youth Education Public Speaking Chairs and I ask each Branch to confirm the Chair

remains the same or, if not, the name, email address of the new Youth Education Public Speaking Chair for 2024-2025, please.

Br. #174	Almonte	Pat Muldoon	Br. #395	Lanark	Kirsten
Br. #240	Arnprior	Stephanie Quinn	Quinn		
Br. #192	Carleton Place	Brian Comeau	Br. #244	Perth-Upon-Tay	Marilyn
Br. #638	Kanata	Brenda Grant	Devlin		
			Br. # 95	Smiths Falls	Helen
			Wilkinson		
			Br. #616	West Carleton	Jim Wilson

Please note Branches may not have received letter dated July 23, 2024 from Crystal Cook, Vice-President & Chair, Provincial Youth Education Committee confirming some details of the 2025 Public Speaking Competition or a letter regarding the Posters, Poems and Essays competitions. I know I didn't and I am aware of at least one Zone G6 branch did not receive a letter, etc. A reminder, the Youth Education Kits for both Posters, Poems and Essays and Public Speaking competitions are now digital. The link for Branches is <https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/youth-education-kit> and the link for students, parents and teachers is [Youth Programs \(on.legion.ca\)](https://www.on.legion.ca/youth-programs). I will have on hand at the September 8th Council meeting one hard copy of the Youth Education Kit for each of the eight branches.

A reminder to all Youth Education Chairs that only the current Posters, Poems and Essays and Public Speaking program's Rules and Regulations and the current forms are to be used, none of which are dated so one must assume the forms online are the currently forms. French Youth Education Public Speaking and/or Posters, Poems and Essays forms, rules and regulations, etc. can be accessed by clicking onto the on.legion.ca link.

Also, there is a Video Contest for Grades 7-9 and 10-12. Refer schools to the Remembrance Contests.ca website for the entry form. Clicking onto the **on.legion.ca** link will access the rules and regulations, etc., for those who wish to enter the Video contest.

Zone Youth Education Public Speaking Chairs are required to provide a list to Provincial Youth Education Committee Secretary of each Branch's YE PS competition date, times, Branch name, number and location as soon as the competition is scheduled. This list will serve as a good reference for the Provincial Youth Education Committee Secretary in the event a youth/parent is asking where the nearest public speaking competition is. **Therefore, I ask each Zone G6 Branch to forward to me dates and times of their Branch YE PS Competition, please.**

In addition to the forms and regulations, the Branch Public Speaking Chair will need to know:

- The **absolute deadline** to submit your Branch category winners for Zone G6 YE PS competition to me is **Tuesday, February 25, 2024.**
- Zone G6 YE PS competition location: Branch #638-Kanata, 70 Hines Rd., Kanata, Ontario
Phone: 613-591-5570

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- **Dates and locations of the 2025 District, Area and Provincial competitions are:**
District G Public Speaking is on Saturday March 22 2025 at Br#231 Portland.
Area Public Speaking in District G will be held on Saturday April 5th 2025
at a location to be decided on later. If there is a branch that you know of who would like to hold this event please contact Tyrone Seeley, District G Youth Education
seelong1081@gmail.com
Provincial Public Speaking will be held on Saturday May 3rd, 2025, at Branch 336 in Falconbridge District H. This is just north of Sudbury.

- **Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking prize amounts for each of the four categories are:**
 - 1st place \$40.00 / 2nd place \$30.00 / 3rd place \$20.00
- **Branch prize amounts should not exceed Zone prize amounts. It was agreed among the branches that only if a Branch is in a position/has the resources to increase the prize amounts for public speaking to the suggested amounts below that they do so. Something a Branch may wish to consider before making a prize amount decision is whether they wish to have the same prize amounts for the posters, poems and essays competition.**
 - 1st place \$30.00 / 2nd place \$20.00 / 3rd place \$10.00

The provision of a public speaking competition for youth is not only one of the best ways we can showcase the Legion in our local communities, but also an opportunity for youth to gain experience, self-confidence and skills!

There was a significant decrease in the 2024 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking branch competitions. This is a very serious concern, and I invite any suggestions on how to increase youth participation in public speaking in addition to the suggestions listed below. I ask each Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Branch Chair to review these suggestions and to do your best to implement when and where possible.

Suggested ways and means of how best to increase participation are:

- consider forming a Youth Education Committee to support the YE-PS Chair
- establish contact at each school.
- create a public speaking competition poster notice and post in schools, libraries, etc.
- when promoting the posters, poems and essays competition highlight public speaking to allow more time for schools to consider, if possible, to incorporate into their school curriculum
- suggest public speaking as an extracurricular activity in the schools.
- approach youth organizations where public speaking may be a badge/award to achieve.
- to contact home-school students via social media and in the community via local papers, church bulletins, community centres, stores.
- promote at your legion with posters, newsletters, email, website, social media.

Youth Education Public Speaking highlights from the June 24, 2017 minutes of the Provincial Youth Education Committee are:

- It was moved and seconded that a projector is not allowed at a public speaking competition.
- It was moved and seconded that home-schooled students are allowed to enter the public speaking competition.

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- Where to send students: The normal procedure is that students compete at the branches closest to their schools. If a branch is not participating, then students are referred to another branch, under the same zone. If a school is not doing public speaking, then students are referred to the branch closest to their homes. Home-schooled students are referred to the branch closest to their homes.
- The legion should encourage all students to participate in the public speaking program. There is no agreement as to the number of students that the school can send but schools with this query are to be referred to the branch and it is up to the branch to advise the schools on how many students, they can accommodate at the competition.

Should anyone have any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc., please contact me at either lm1apensee@sympatico.ca or 613-831-8319.

This ends my report, and I move its' adoption.

Lorraine Lapensée
Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Chair

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Honours and Awards Zone G6

It will be three years next March since we had an honours and awards presentation at zone convention.

I just want to confirm the following for next March

Rob Madore	President's bar (second term)
Peter Schaffer	Zone medal and chair bar

Barry Pasco	Poppy bar
Sue MacLean	Zone medal and Youth Education bar
Donna Bell	Zone medal and Youth Education bar
Bruce Judge	Zone medal and Public Relations bar
Bob Thomson	Zone medal and Sgt-at-arms bar
George Dolan	Seniors bar

Everyone else should already have a medal and bar for their positions. If not, let me know at the end of this meeting

Jim Wilson

Zone G6 Honours and Awards

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Zone G6 Sgt at Arms

I attended the North Lanark Highland Games as Zone G6 Sgt at Arms.

I contacted all 8 branches in the zone, either the Branch Sgt at Arms or the branch president, if they had no Sgt at Arms.

If each of the 8 branches sent 2 Colour Party members that would make a combined Colour Party of 16. Even if each branch sent one person, that would make 8 Colour Party members.

Well only two branches sent people for a total of 7 Colour Party members. Almonte and Kanata were the only branches there. It could have been a little embarrassing to say the least, but we got it done.

The North Lanark Highland games is a great event to attend. I hope next year that the zone legions

make a better effort to send Colour Party members.

Bob Thomson
Kanata Legion
Zone G6 Sgt at Arms

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 95 – Smiths Falls
President's Report Zone to G-6 Council / Convention 15 September 2024

Membership Update

- Approximately 200 members

Major Revenue Activities

- Charitable revenue
 - Our Catch-The-Ace & Bingos are continuing under OLG licences
- Branch revenue
 - Bi-weekly Fish Fry
 - Monthly Jamborees
 - Hall Rentals
 - Catering Services via Ladies Auxiliary



Accomplishments

- Over \$40,000 in donations back to the community
- Growing and successful “Honour Our Veterans” banner program
- Building repairs and improvements including new and refurbished air conditioning units and a new multi-camera security system

Challenges

- Attracting new Legion members
- Attracting new and younger individuals to the branch executive
- Refreshing programs to attract younger serving and retired members

Initiatives

- New secure float lock-up boxes for our various activities (Bingo, Jamboree, Fish Fry, etc.) and a cash deposit box have been installed to minimize risk of theft
- We are initiating enhanced accounting procedures for all activities in order to protect the integrity of personnel involved with handling cash
- Our past President has continued to network with local serving and retired members within the community to explore how we could help with their social, recreation and mental health needs
- Our small social Veterans Guitar Group is continuing to meet
- We are considering re-commencing a themed TGIF “Military Appreciation Night”

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce Irvine
President
Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 95

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Branch 174
Arnprior

September 8, 2024

President’s Report

The branch has been busy the last couple of months. Our Burger Friday count was down a little over the summer months as was Open Mic and entertainment Saturday attendance, but this was expected and is sure to pick up again over the fall and winter.

Pickleball on Thursday is still going well along with the Pool room seeing more players each week. We have resumed darts on Monday nights. The open darts ran during the summer with a smaller attendance.

We have adjusted our lounge hours for the winter and will now be closed on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

We have had a bit of turnover in volunteers, with a couple new members stepping up to help.

The branch will be holding its Veterans Dinner on September 15th with just over 100 guests expected.

Respectfully,

Donna Bell
President

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**The Capt. A. Roy Brown, Branch 192
Carleton Place, Zone Report
8 September 2024**

Memberships

Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch #192 is seeing their membership renewals for this remain close to the previous year. We have 417 members in good standing with a lot our members renewing online and in Branch. Our Membership Chair in her 2nd term is doing an awesome job keeping us in touch with Command and coordinate/updating our nominal role when members renew in either situation. She also does a good job of keeping records current with transfers in/out and members passing.

Our membership Chair is Beth Hollihan, and her Assistant is Ian Grant.

Poppy

Our 2024 campaign is already in the planning; thanks again for our many volunteers being able to stand in the various venues around town to promote our

yearly Campaign. We are participating in the Poppy electronic boxes this campaign, with 2 boxes being strategically placed in our community. We have used some of our proceeds to assist Veterans and donated to our local Navy/Sea Cadets, who assist us during the Campaign.

Our Poppy Chair is Barry Pascoe and Poppy Coordinator is Brian Comeau.

Veterans Services

Our Veterans Services Officer has seen an average of 2 Veterans per month to help and assist with VAC services. We are always looking for Veterans to submit their names to be part of the Ottawa Senators Heroes Ridge, a worthwhile endeavour to honour our Veterans for their service, thanks to the generosity of Lepine Apartments.

Our newly appointed Branch Veterans Service Officer is George Wood.

Constitution and By-Laws

Nothing to report at this time.

Ways and Means

We just completed a Corn Roast on 24 August that had attendance numbers lower due to other events in the area on the same date (Almonte Celt fest and Smiths Falls Ribfest). We are having a rescheduled Pipe and Drums Tattoo on 15 September, honouring the 100th Anniversary of the RCAF (and the OPP), with the RCAF Pipe and Drums being our Duty Band. Our previously planned day of 23 June was cancelled due to inclement weather. We are planning a Harvest Dinner for the last Sunday in October. As well, our hall rental bookings should be starting for Christmas parties throughout the Holiday season.

Our Ways and Means Chair is Scott Kincade.

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Finance

The Branch finances are holding their own, thanks in part to our Catch the Ace online lottery (partnered with the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital). We just finished our Catch the Ace 4.0 at week #27 and the Jackpot was just over \$92,000.00 to the Winner from Russell, Ontario! We will be discussing at our Executive and General meetings in September, what we will do with our proceeds from the latest draw, once the proceeds are finalized and then split with our CPDMHF Partner.

Our newly elected Secretary/Treasurer is Jeff Bradley.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary just finished having a Vendors Crafts Market in conjunction with the Branch Corn Roast. It was attended by many who came for the Corn Roast. The L.A. are planning celebrations for their 100th anniversary, and our Branch will be having a sit-down dinner for our LA members in December. LA Sports have already started with our Branch hosting Euchre on 7 September and Darts on 21 September. They are busy with various functions and have been used

for many Celebrations of Life. These events will definitely help the L.A. with their income.

Our Ladies Auxiliary President for another term is Carole Pascoe.

Seniors

Planning a Christmas Seniors Dinner, assisting with our Poppy Campaign as always. Planning a Seniors Euchre tournament January or February on a Sunday, as most game days are on Saturdays. Planning has started for another High Tea Social in the Spring.

Our Senior's Chair is Diane Patenaude.

Sports

The Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch 192 various Dart Leagues keep our Branch busy Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our L.A. has drop-in darts on Tuesday nights. The LA are busy with their card fundraisers on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. We also have our Sunset Club cards group on Wednesday afternoons. Community Living group next door bring their residents on Thursday afternoons for an hour of darts in our bunker.

We hosted the Zone Washer Toss 31 May, which was not well attended due to many Branches NOT participating, and the District Washer Toss on 21 July 2024 which was a good day considering the weather forecast of rain.

Our new Sports Officer is Anne Patenaude, and her email address is: whitefangca@hotmail.com

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Overall

We have been very busy with new Executives taking positions in the Branch and LA after this year's elections. Although some of our Executive have been on the Executive Committee for many years, their stepping up to "NEW to them" roles, is what makes our Branch so successful.

We continue to rent out our Legion facilities for various functions like, Christmas parties, service club meetings, retirement parties, stag n does, birthday parties and Celebrations of Life. We continuously monitor our finances on a weekly basis, in efforts to adjust to the current situation as it changes.

Respectively Submitted,

Kevin Francis

Kevin Francis, President
Capt. A. Roy Brown, Br. 192
Carleton Place, ON

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Branch 240 Almonte President Report, Sept. 8th, 2024

Branch 240 currently has 421 paid members for 2024. We have to give a big thank you to Peggy Byrne our membership Chair for her hard work.

Fundraising continues with the Monthly Breakfast program on the 3rd Saturday of every month from September until June. We continue to do our Wednesday Wing night every Wednesday starting at 5:30pm. We also have a Fish Friday on the first Friday of every Month.

Our “Catch the Ace Almonte 5.0” Raffle is slowly building the current jackpot is just over \$21,000. We are partnering with the Almonte General Hospital/Fairview Manor Foundation again this year. This year we added a portable terminal where customers can pay cash and get

tickets. We recently committed to donating 25% of our profits to the Almonte Civitan Accessible Family Playground Project.

Our Annual Corn Roast will be back in two weeks September 21st, this is expected to be a major source of income, and all Branches are invited to attend. Our Annual Pig Roast was held this past June. And was very successful. We also operated a beer tent on Canada Day July 1st in Gemmill Park, even with a thunderstorm that passed through, it was a successful day.

A big thank you, to the Branches who helped with the Colour Parties at the North Lanark Highland Games in August. We held a small our Battle of Atlantic Service in May 2024, and we are planning to be hosting again in May 2025.

This summer we had a local contractor Richcon Homes offer to redesign and update our local cenotaph. With the cooperation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills. The new interlocking stones and flowerbeds have certainly cleaned up the area.

Thanks to a local elementary class from R. Tait McKenzie Public School and the help from MWO Mike Wiggins. They noticed that a local soldier who passed away from wartime injuries from WWI, was not on the cenotaph. After more research Branch 240 had the name of George Monterville added to the cenotaph.

Respectfully submitted,



President

Branch 240 Almonte

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BRANCH 244 PERTH-UPON-TAY

September 8, 2024

Sports:

Our Branch had a very successful year, going to the Zone and District in Darts, Zone, District and Provincials in Golf. And we're preparing for another year right around the corner.

Membership:

Our membership is presently sitting at 511 members. As we meet here today, our membership committed to hosting a BBQ to honour all membership pin recipients up to 35 years. 35 and over will be recognized at our Remembrance Day service.

Poppy and Poppy Trust:

We are just gearing up for our annual Poppy drive. Poppys and Wreaths have been delivered for this year.

Financial:

Our Branch is still mounting a slow but gradual climb from Covid. We now have Darts on Wednesday evenings and Cornhole on Tuesdays. We are trying to host a food night at least once a month.

Our Branch inspection is scheduled for Sunday, 22nd of September at 1:00 PM

Ivan Cole
President, Branch 244

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Lanark Legion Branch 395

Presidents Report

September 8, 2024

The Lanark Legion is doing very well. The Branch is financially stable and meeting all financial commitments. We are currently fund-raising to raise money to renovate the kitchen at the Legion. This is a slow process but we are making headway.

This year we have had several rentals and continue to promote the rental of the Legion Hall. The Canada Day Steak BBQ was a success once again this year. Community darts will be starting up soon in early October 2024. The Hunter Bash will be held on November 2, 2024, and this year there will be charge at the door for the kitchen renovation fund. The Band for New Years Eve has been booked and we are hopeful it will be as successful as last year.

The Legion changed their insurance company in June from PBI to the Cooperators and have saved over \$2000.00 in insurance costs.

The Legions still has some concerns re the number of Committee positions not filled. We do not have a Sergeant-at-Arms and a couple of Committee members hold 2 or 3 positions each. The Youth



Education Chairperson is hoping to encourage and engage more support from the local schools this year which has been a challenge in the past.

Membership is currently at 66 members and the Membership Chair and members continue to seek new members.

The Poppy Chairperson is gearing up for this year's campaign and the Remembrance Day Service will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024. Donations from the Poppy Trust Fund of over \$3000.00 have been made to various organizations that support our Veterans.

The Ladies Auxiliary have not been very active due to their declining numbers, but our relationship with them remains strong.

We continue to support the community and have made several donations to charities within the community and provided Bursary's to the two High Schools in our area.

Yours in Comradeship

Darleen Sargeant

President

Delegates: John Sweeney -1st Vice President
Robert Atkinson – Service Officer

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Royal Canadian Legion
West Carleton Branch 616
377 Allbirtch Rd
Woodlawn, ON, K0A3M0

Branch 616 West Carleton Report to Zone G-6 Council

Report for Sep 8, 2024

Branch 616 West Carleton is doing well and financially viable. We had an extremely busy and profitable spring.

Our usual summer veteran's luncheon was cancelled from the Perley due to the heat risk with their transportation for the veterans.

Our Meals on Wheels wound up for the summer in early June, and through the summer we have had the Branch, Seniors and Ladies Auxiliary host numerous Friday BBQs which have been well attended. This summer on Friday evenings a horseshoe league was started.

Our Canada Day event with the traditional pig roast and live music was well attended. Our St. Patrick's Day event was also a hit. We also held our traditional Triathlon and Turkey



Shoot darts events as well as a Children's Easter Party. The Sandhill Seniors have been very active, and we participated and hosted several events for the West Carleton Seniors games.

Sports attendance from our Branch has been strong, as it typically is. We had a ladies darts team finish 4th at the LA Provincials.

Membership stands at 207, with 93% renewals, however the total is up from the previous year with new members added.

A couple of Branch Regulation changes were passed and have been submitted to Provincial Command.

Elections were held in May with Executive fulfilled and all Chairs assigned. Thanks to Br 638 Kanata for officiating and Rob Madore for attending and conducting the installations. Subsequently one new Executive member has been appointed, and our Sergeant-at-Arms resigned which we are looking for a replacement.

We now have a bookkeeper contracted to assist the Treasurer with our finances.

respectfully submitted,

Kevin Johnson
President, Legion Branch 616

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ZONE G6 COUNCIL/CONVENTION BRANCH 638 KANATA

I am pleased to report Branch 638 has a new executive this year and I am proud and grateful for their support and willingness to step into the various Committee Chair positions and responsibilities.

At our Honours and Awards night this year we presented Ken Fleming, Branch Service Officer and Sports Chair with the Legionnaire of the Year; Brenda Grant, Secretary and Membership Chair with Meritorious Service Medal; Bruce Judge and Debbie Holden with Life Memberships and Gerry Dore with 55-year Service pin.

On June 6th (80th Anniversary) we held a very successful Veteran's Luncheon with 110 guests. Plans are already underway for next year.

Our President's BBQ on July 1st was attended by over 200 people with the food and cake provided by Sobeys Kanata. We were very proud to present them with a plaque of appreciation for all their support which hangs in their store for all to see. The cake was cut by Moira Green, who founded this event 30 years ago and Gerry Dore, our 55-year pin recipient.

New to our branch this spring is a coffee club for Veterans only held Monday mornings. Our Seniors coffee club on Wednesday mornings continues to grow.

Early Bird membership campaign is underway. We currently have 361 members, an increase from 308 members last March.

We were fortunate enough to give most volunteers a summer hiatus. However, we are busy gearing up for the return of our weekly Fish n Chips, darts, euchre, trivia nights and open mic on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in the lounge. Bingo and Catch the Ace have remained ongoing.

We were fortunate enough to have the funds and space to purchase a sea container for our overflowing storage needs and are busy planning what to store and what to purge! Once this has been completed, we plan to look at updating our branch with paint and new floors.

Overall, I believe Branch 638 is doing well and I thank everyone for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

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President
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