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Branch Executive Meetings

are the Third Thursday of each month at 10:30 am.

Branch General Meetings

are the fourth Friday in January, March, June, September and November at 11 am and the third Thursday of May at 7 pm.

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*Deadline to submit for the next bulletin is always
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President



Greeting Comrades. Three years ago, with the election of our now Immediate Past President I thought my time for retirement had arrived. How wrong can one be? When the call went out for nominations this year there was no one ready or willing to run for President. The fallout of that would be the loss of our Charter, property and bank accounts. After 50+ years there would be no Legion in Richmond, no exercises, coffee, cards, barbeques or darts. In addition, the property and building would not be available for rentals. Branch 625 would cease to exist. It has been 38 years since I joined this Branch, and it just did not seem right to give all this up.

When you look around the area and see the expansion of Richmond from approximately 3500 to possibility 35000 over the next 10 years or so, the mind boggles as to the potential of our Branch. We have two acres of mortgage free commercially zoned property surrounded by residential housing.

We are a very senior aged membership full of ideas but not necessarily the knowledge or stamina to renew ourselves. It is obvious I wish I were 40 years younger. To survive we must change our approach to the community. We attract a faithful following in the senior age group, but we must reach the new family residents. We are passionately committed with volunteers to the annual Poppy Drive, Remembrance Day, Legion activities, and Senior's activities but need to learn and/or understand community marketing skills.

For the present we have a dedicated group of volunteers but there is a limit to how much they can continue to do and to work extra for what is to come. Our Committee Chairs are experienced and are remaining in their positions. With the appointment of the Immediate Past President as Chairperson and increasing the Executive Committee by two additional positions, it frees me to take on the positions of Public Relations and Marketing and to meet with community leaders to promote our facilities and activities.

Would you believe a search revealed we are not listed in any RVA web pages? The new residents do not know we exist.

Well, that is enough for a first report, I will keep you informed as we go along and remember the future is ours, we just must grab it.

Brian Goss

Last Post

*Helen Bourgeois
May 12, 2025*

We Will Remember....

Ways & Means

The **summer barbeques** returned on Friday, May 30th, 2025 and run every second Friday up to and including September 5th. Both weeks had over 95 tickets sold and we managed a profit on each one.

Thanks to Pat McGrath for taking the lead on organizing all the food, the food prep, kitchen help for serving & clean up and all the shopping she does as well. Sharon Murphy mans the bar once again this year, June Alford & Tony McGrath handle the ticket sales at the door and Eileen Kavanagh, Patricia Ham, Charlene Murphy, Bill Murphy, Ian Clogg, Alexis Milne, Bill Munro, Marilyn Munro, Angie Power, MaryLou Thurrott, Elizabeth Vickers and Wendy Virtue all help with the prep work (making dessert, getting the salad & potatoes, condiments etc. ready to go), as well as the serving and clean up in various combinations. We have 3 to 5 students each week as well. Brian Beyer, Will Frenken and Tom Louks handle the barbeques (Tom also orders & picks up the steaks). Not all the helpers are members either!

Since my summer schedule means that this year I will often miss the first 30 or 45 minutes each time, Tom McKay has moved outside and he & Johnny Villeneuve set things up out there and run the cooked entrees in from the barbeques.

Once again this year the Friday afternoon euchre players help set up the tables which is a huge help.

Thanks to everyone for making this event a success—hope I didn't miss anyone!

Past President

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the executive, committee chairs and all those who helped keep the Richmond Legion running over the past 3 years of my presidency. We hit a few bumps in the road but managed to keep overcoming the obstacles and making things work!

Thanks to Brian Goss for stepping up to be president for the next year.

Thanks also to all those who have agreed to return and keep doing what they have been doing for years.

We have 3 new members on the executive as well as one returning from the previous year and one moving from executive officer to executive. We also have 3 new committee chairs.

A big thank you to Elizabeth Vickers who has taken over as the Friday Afternoon euchre convenor—euchre is a huge part of our success.

See you at the barbeques!

Wendy Ryan



Friday Night Darts

The dart season wrapped up at the end of March 2025 and will return in mid-October. Watch your emails for more information.



Here are the stats from 2024-2025 -hope I got all the names right!

Regular Season Champs Team 2 - Roberta Hurman , Brian Thoms and Cathie Lytle
A Side Champs Team 4 - Geoff Kilabuk, Tim Lytle and Shauna Yourth.
B Side Champs Team 15 - Robert Harris , Sheri McQuade-Thoms and David Vickers
A Side Runners Up Team 3 - Tim Hershey, Matt Scott and Barb McGregor.
B Side Runners Up Team 13 - Rocky Drummond, Patricia Ham and Tom Southen
Ladies Most doubles Sheri McQuade-Thoms with 23
Men's Most Doubles Rod Bennett and Barry with 34
Men's High Score Tim Hershey – 160
Ladies High Score Christine Boudreault- 140

There was a tournament last year between Richmond & Barrhaven branch and Richmond came out on top and now home the trophy pictured on the right. The 2025 tournament is still in progress!

Thanks again to Cathie Lytle for heading up the dart league and to Sheri McQuade-Thoms and Roberta Hurman for all their help with the Christmas and end of year catering. Thanks to these 3 ladies all of the dues paid went to the Branch!

Cathie hopes to organize another golf tournament some time this summer or fall so watch your emails for details.



Youth Ed

Bill Murphy will be the Youth Ed Chair for the coming year and thank you Bill for doing this.

Bill took the time to attend the awards ceremony at South Carleton High School and present Sophie Dorais with her bursary letter confirming her \$1000 bursary. [He and Sophie are pictured on the right.

A \$1000 bursary was also granted to Olivia Virtue who graduated from Sacred Heart High this year.





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A Bit of Humour

Who Wants to be a Millionaire: My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have Sex?' 'No,' she answered. I then said, 'Is that your final answer?' ... She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes..' So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend." And that's when the fight started...

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself." And that's when the fight started.....

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And that's when the fight started..

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust." And then the fight started...

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day. I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back; now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible." My loving wife of 5 years replied, "And, can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?" And that's how the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started.....

My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect." And then the fight started.....

I rear-ended a car this morning...the start of a REALLY bad day! The driver got out of the other car, and he was a DWARF!! He looked up at me and said 'I am NOT Happy!' So I said, 'Well, which one ARE you then?' That's how the fight started.

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift... The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started.



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Alexis Milne	29-Sep
Patricia Ham	30-Sep

Foxy Tales

This bulletin was produced monthly for over 50 years and had changed very little in an attempt to honour the efforts of those who came before.

In previous years, when we had lots of events, many committee chairs as well as a Ladies Auxiliary and Club 55, there were a number of pages filled by others. The bulletin was 20 pages with about 4 being pretty static for the year, 5 or 6 being filled with committee and event information and another 2 or 3 with interesting articles and opinions from members. That left maybe 4 or 5 for me to fill. This is no longer the norm. As numbers in all areas decreased so did the contributions to the bulletin.

Now it is done quarterly with 3 1/2 static pages, maybe 3 filled with committee reports and 14 pages needing to be filled so now it is often less than 20 pages. We used to print 150 copies and half were left at the Branch for members to pick up with half being delivered by hand around the village and others being mailed out. Then computers, the internet and our website meant that most of our members could receive the bulletin on-line so only those requesting a printed copy received one and this was mainly those without a computer.

Rising costs means reducing the printed copies to those 5 or 6 people who do not have a computer and try printing them at home rather than outsourcing them.

If you do not receive a hard copy in September and don't have a computer please call me at 613-838-9696. If you have a computer but I don't have your email please contact me with your email so I can include you electronically.

If there is something you would like to see in the bulletin, please let me know.

If there is something you want to contribute to the bulletin, please let me know.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the bulletin, please let me know.

Wendy Ryan

ACTIVITIES



Barbeques 2025 : May 30, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22 and September 5, 2025. 4:30 to 6 pm.

Coffee: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10 am

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 am

Euchre: Fridays at 1 pm

Executive meetings: the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 am

General meetings: the fourth Friday of January, March, June, September & November at 11 am.

Annual General Meeting & elections: the third Thursday of May at 7 pm.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Richmond Fair Parade Saturday September 20th—please volunteer to be part of the parade—we need flag carriers!

"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things."— Albert Einstein

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."— Babe Ruth

"Money and success don't change people; they merely amplify what is already there." — Will Smith

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