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## *March 2022*

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### **President's Message**

As we approach our last general meeting prior to the Annual Election meeting, I won't do a complete report covering the time frame since the pandemic started until the after the first Zone meeting this month. Our Branch is somewhat different as we don't have daily bar hours and as a result have not been open on a regular basis. During the closing we took advantage to refresh and renovate the hall and grounds. When allowed, we were open for exercises and coffee hour following the Provincial, City and Legion regulations.



We have had full hall events for the past 3 several weeks: Cards have begun again; coffee hour and exercise groups have been busy and rentals have picked up.

If January had been as the Province had said, we were hoping to have a modified schedule for darts beginning in January. However, the latest schedule has our Branch starting up the combined Dart/Washer Toss League in April to run through the summer and at least one and hopefully two golf tournaments.

We received permission to have a General meeting and the first, in two years, was held in March but attendance was reduced due to a snow storm. We have continued with our executive meetings, online, outdoors when possible due to weather and indoors with proper vaccinations, masking and separation. We successfully survived the pandemic financially as we own our hall and property and have no paid employees.

We have received support from the local community as they have always supported our Legion in good and tough times. Now we are beginning a membership drive, as Richmond is supposedly growing from 4500 to approx. 12,000 over the next five years.

A heartfelt thanks go out to all members who stuck with us as we weathered the pandemic and we look forward to seeing you more often as we get back to normal with events such as our barbeques.

***Brian Goss***

***The next General meeting is on Thursday May 19th, 2022 at 8 pm.***

***This is the Annual General Meeting & Election Night.***

***We need people to join our executive committee, as well as a Veterans Service Officer,***

***Branch Regulations Chair , Public Relations Officer and Ways & Means Chair.***

***See page 10 for more information.***



Club 55

The next meeting is on May 5th, 2022 at 11 am - please try to be there for this important meeting.

*Joanne Heinbuch*

**ATTENTION ALL VETERANS**

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What do we learn  
from cows, buffalos  
and elephants??

It's impossible to  
reduce weight by  
eating green grass  
and salads and  
walking.

Me: "I am  
surprised at how  
winded I am by this  
exercise"

Personal Trainer:  
"This was the tour  
of the gym"

**So a burglar  
broke into the  
house...I put  
the red dot on  
his chest and  
the cat did the  
rest...**



### **Membership Report**

Spring is here again, and the COVID restrictions have almost come to an end, so it is time that we all brought forward some ideas to increase our membership.

At the present time we have 108 members which is down from 126 at the end of 2020. We need to continue bringing in new members in order to keep our Legion running in the years to come.



I will be planning a membership drive at the Legion when the warmer weather gets here and will provide details as the time grows nearer. If you know of anyone who would like to join our Legion please pass the info on to them.

With the COVID restrictions being lifted we are gearing up for some activities, but need people to make it all happen. As always anyone that would like to join can contact me or go online at [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca) and enroll.

Please make sure that you tell them to select Richmond and District Legion Branch 625. There has been some confusion as there are branches in Richmond Quebec and Richmond BC.

***Boyd Dulmage, CD***

#### **Last Post**

**Peter MacArthur**

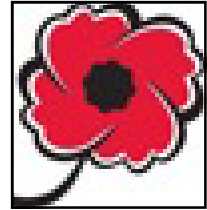
**January 19 2022**

***We Will Remember Them...***

Peter will be laid to rest on Sunday, June 12, 2022 in St Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery on Fortune St in Richmond, at 1 pm. A Celebration of Life will take place following the internment at the Richmond Legion. Please mark your calendars.

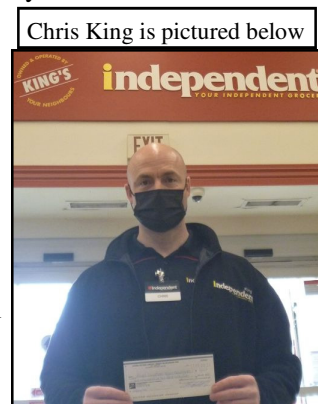
## **Poppy Report**

With the housing expansion of the Richmond and Munster areas, it was decided to eliminate permanently the door-to-door campaign. Due to COVID restrictions in-store tagging was also not implemented in 2021.



In 2021 we tried a different approach and sent a letter to each of the businesses in the Richmond & District area of responsibility who had not yet given a business donation. Other businesses received a letter thanking them for their support with a reminder that we would again be seeking donations and distributing poppy boxes. As a result we did receive some new business donations but surprisingly the majority of the businesses chose not to support the Poppy Campaign.

King's Your Independent Grocer was a tremendous supporter and in lieu of donation boxes and in store tagging, they initiated donations at the customer check out registers. As a result they collected \$1,595.00 in donations. Wendy Ryan took on an unplanned role, which was organizing and the sale of RCL Lawn Signs. These Lawn signs proved to be a popular item and were in high demand. This year we were loaned two Poppy Tribute Boxes, for tap and pay transactions. One was placed inside the Richmond LCBO, while the other was used at the Richmond Christmas Market. The results of these are not yet in but hopefully they will be expected soon. Boyd Dulmage arranged for our presence again at the Richmond Christmas Market. A Poppy Tribute Box was taken in addition to any leftover Lawn Signs. The signs sold quickly and the Tribute boxes greatly assisted in fundraising as many shoppers did not carry cash. We were assisted by members of the Snowy Owl Air Cadet Squadron from Kanata who sold poppies and stood by at the table. On the same day we were invited to attend the Richmond Royals Jr. Hockey Game, where Boyd and several Cadets attended the opening ceremony and the 50/50 draw, where the winnings were donated to the Poppy Fund. The winner of the 50/50 also donated his winnings to the Poppy Fund. The total cash collected for this one day was \$2,141.00. I would like to thank this year's volunteers: who assisted with collecting the business donations, and distributing the Poppy Boxes, Tom Louks, Gerry Blair, Bill Murphy, Bob Leighton, and Keith Thurrott. The volunteers who counted the cash donations, Brian Goss, Pat McGrath, Tony McGrath, Sharon Murphy and Judy McKenzie. Not to forget Wendy Ryan, Boyd Dulmage and the Snowy Owl Air Cadet Squadron for their contributions to this year's campaign.



Youth Remembrance Contest: Elizabeth Douville contacted the area schools and received 209 pieces of artwork, poetry or essays as part of the Remembrance Contest. Elizabeth and other branch members then made some difficult decisions but eventually were able to decide on each category's winners. These branch winners have since been submitted at the zone level. Thank you Elizabeth for ensuring that the next generation remembers.

**11 November 2021:** In 2021 we were able to commemorate Remembrance Day closer to the way we had prior to the arrival of COVID-19. With the lifting of some health restrictions we were able to include some guests, a student bugler from South Carleton High School and the military sentinels. As a precaution we required participants to wear face coverings and to socially distance.

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There was no singing, no parade, nor reception following the service. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and as such we saw a much larger turnout of Legion members, military personnel and spectators than was anticipated.

I would like to thank 33 Service Battalion who provided the guard, the trumpeter Andrew Cameron a grade 12 student at South Carleton High School, and the piper Hugh Dimock who served as an officer with the Black Watch of Canada prior to learning the bagpipes. Also Jeff Mosher from Stittsville who brought his 1943 Ford GPW (Jeep) and David George who kindly videotaped the Ceremony, which is available to view on youtube under Richmond Legion Branch 625 Remembrance Day Service 2021.11.11. I would also like to thank our Branch members John Villeneuve and Tom Louks, for their assistance in setting up, Boyd Dulmage, Brian Goss, Oscar and Joyce Clench, Jack Lemyre, Deacon Louis Seward and Pastor Dan Guther for participating in the Ceremony.

This year a limited number of wreaths were laid: Silver Cross Mother - Comrade Joyce Clench escorted by Comrade Oscar Clench Canada - Member of Parliament Pierre Poilievre Province of Ontario - Member of Provincial Parliament Goldie Ghamari City of Ottawa - Councillor Scott Moffatt Fallen Comrades - Comrade Oscar Clench 33 Service Battalion - Hon Col Peter Holt escorted by Captain Greg Warne For all Veterans - Branch Service Officer Comrade Jack Lemyre R.C.L. Branch 625 - Branch President Comrade Brian Goss Following the ceremony the public lined up at the Cenotaph and placed poppies, painted stones, and other items in remembrance.

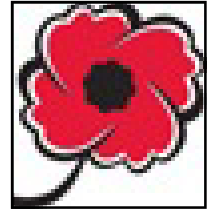


Thank you to all who turned out to participate and supported last year's ceremony. Photos of the service are available for viewing on the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 625 Richmond & District facebook page. Some issues pertaining to the 2021 service were brought to light, the predominant one being that there were problems with the quality of the sound.

*Eric Booth, CD*



## *Youth Report*



### WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

The Remembrance Contest winners from our Branch have been judged at the Zone Level and 5 of our 7 winners have taken an award this year.

I visited our 3 schools first week in March to hand out the plaques and financial awards.

Devyn Flanders, Grade 11, is Best in Branch as he took a first place. The other 4 students captured 2nd place and have their poem and posters and essay back in their hands.

Devyn's Senior Poster from our Legion went forward with 13 other 1st Place winners for judging at the Division Level of Eastern Ontario.

The Division results were sent out end of February. Devyn's name was not there. But then I took a closer look. NOBODY in G5 won anything! No one? Our G5 entries from Zone got lost in the mail. - distressing, disturbing, disappointing.

If the entries are found, Devyn's poster will hang on our front wall. I am hoping for the best.

Masks are still in place for all indoor photos, but there were big grins underneath.

Check out our winners.

Devyn Flanders



*Elizabeth Douville*

Eden Aisley O'Hoski



Oscar Drummond



Samuel McEwen



Grayson Michelakos





### **SGT-AT-ARMS REPORT**

Greetings everyone, it has been a long winter but spring is upon us.

With the COVID restrictions going away, I am actively seeking 4 to 5 members to become part of a ceremonial colour party. This would be for General Meetings, Graveside Services, Remembrance Day and other functions that we may be called upon.



When a member of the Legion passes away, the family can request through the Branch President to have a Legion Graveside Service. A veteran who passes away and is not a member of the Legion can still have a graveside service if the family requests.

If any members are interested please feel free to contact me, or if you know of anyone that would like to join the Legion and take part in this ceremonial duty we would welcome them.

There is a small amount of military drill that is involved, but instruction and practice time will be available.

***Boyd Dulmage, CD***

### **Notable Dates**

April 9th Battle of Vimy Ridge 1917

May 8 VE Day (Victory in Europe) 1945

May 21 National War Memorial unveiled 1939

May 28 Tomb of The Unknown Soldier 2000

June 6th D-Day (Invasion of Normandy) 1944



### **Important Information**

Our general meeting on May 19th, 2022 is the Annual General Meeting which includes the annual treasurer's report, annual reports from various committees summarizing the happenings from the past 12 months and also the annual Branch elections.

The elections are when the Executive Officers and the Executive Committee members are voted into office by the general membership to serve a 1 year term.

The Executive Officers are the President, Vice President (and at one time we had a 2nd Vice President), Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt-at-Arms (not all branches elect a Sgt-at-arms but it is an elected position at our branch).

The Executive Committee is comprised of 4 to 6 members of the branch who attend the monthly Executive meetings and help steer the future course of the Branch.

Fact: Without a President the Branch is unable to continue operating and the Charter is revoked and our assets are turned over to the Zone.

Comment: without a Veterans' Service Office and Poppy Chair there is really no point in having a Branch since the whole point of the Legion is to serve veterans and their families.

You are supposed to be a member in good standing of the Branch for 1 year before you can serve/run for an executive position - which makes sense since you really need to know how the Legion operates before you can be expected to run things.

The best way to learn how the Legion operates is to take part in the General meetings so you can see how the meetings are run and how the committee reports are made and to become part of one of the committees to see what is involved in that particular area and to sit on a variety of committees over time to learn as much as you can. Hopefully this will lead to you becoming a chair of a committee and eventually moving into an executive position.

You do not have to jump in and take a committee right away and you never have to be a committee of one - you can help with any committee you are interested in and you can have as many or as few members of your committee as you want or need.

For the most part committee chairs and their members are free to run the committee as they see fit within general Legion guidelines but they do have to report to the executive any financial transactions and approval from both the executive and the general membership is required for any expenses.

There is consideration being given to changing the summer General meetings to an evening timeslot to try to accommodate our members who are working during the day to make it easier for newer, young members to attend.

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It has been said many time over the past few years that our many of our current Executive officers and Executive members and committee chairs have been in place for many years and none of us is getting any younger. In order to keep the Richmond Legion going we need our younger members to step up and help in any way they can.

There are many resources on-line at the various Legion websites to find out about the workings of the Legion but please remember that not all branches run exactly the same way so feel free to talk to any of the Executive or committee chairs to see how we do things at our Legion.

On page 2 of this bulletin there is a list of Executive Officers and committees, please take a minute to look them over and see if you might be interested in any of them. **Here is a brief recap of what some of them entail - heavy on the brief!**

**President** calls meetings, chairs meetings and oversees the administration of the Branch.

**Vice President** fills in for the President at meetings when needed and gains experience with the intention of moving up into the Presidents position.

**Secretary** records the minutes of the meetings, receives correspondence from Zone, District, Provincial and Dominion Commands and distributes it accordingly. Ensures the records of meetings, motions etc are kept in accordance with Command guidelines.

**Treasurer** is responsible for ensuring fiscal responsibility is maintained, records are in good order and financial rules and guidelines for spending are kept, ensures bills/invoices are paid on time and money owing is received. Monthly reports are made at the Executive meetings and at any General meetings.

**Sgt-At-Arms** organizes and trains individuals to be part of our colour party; leads the Legion colour party in the local parades; maintains order at meetings; leads Legion services for funerals.

Note that the above people at our Branch do a lot more than this!

**Bar:** our bar is not open on a daily basis ( we are not what I call a bar branch) - it is open for specific Legion events and hall rentals if required. The bar manager maintains needed bar supplies, organizes the bar tenders (who need the Smart Serve course to serve) and oversees the bar income and expenses.

**Branch Regulations** have to be maintained and approved in accordance with Provincial Command rules and any changes to our current regulations have to be approved at a General meeting and then sent on with specific documentation to Provincial Command for approval. Regulations are changed very rarely if it can be avoided.

**Bulletin** provides updates and reports from various committees and notice of upcoming events etc.

**Bursary** contacts the local high schools to inform them of the available funding gather applications for post secondary students' requests for funding, reviews and approves applications along with 2 or 3 other members and get approval from the branch for those bursaries that are granted.

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**Cenotaph** - ours is located in the Memorial Park located on the corner of Perth & McBean Streets and this person ensures the cenotaph is in good condition and ensures required maintenance is carried out. Note that is the cenotaph itself not the park that is our responsibility.

**Hall Rentals** shows the hall to those interested in renting it, completes the hall rental contract, makes sure the renter is aware of the terms and conditions, confirms if a bar is wanted, and arranges for bar tending, collects the rental fees, arranges access to the hall etc.

**Membership** collects annual dues, recruits members, notifies Command of deceased members, handles transfers in and out and keeps members lists up to date.

**Memorial Boards** are located in the 5 local cemeteries and lists the site of the grave of any veteran buried in that cemetery. The boards are updated once a year prior to November 1st.

**Poppy** organizes the annual Poppy Campaigns and the annual Remembrance services in Munster and Richmond. This committee has several members and lots of parts to it that I will not go into here.

**Property** is responsible to maintain the Legion hall and grounds - not to actually do the maintenance but to make sure everything is in good repair and bring it to the attention of the executive when repairs, replacement and updates need to be made.

**Public Relations** is getting word out about what is happening at our branch. We currently have 2 local papers, a Facebook page and a website. Notices can also be posted at local businesses.

**Veterans Service Officer** is there to assist any veteran whether a member of the Legion or not, to access services and benefits available to them from various sources including the Federal Government and the Legion. This is a very important part of the Legion.

**Sports:** organizes and runs various sports at the Branch, Zone, Provincial levels if we have the competitors available. The only sport we did for the past several years was the Friday night darts but our new sports officers plan on having a dart/washer toss league, golf tournaments etc.

**Telephone** is simply called those 5 or 6 members who do not have email to keep them updated.

**Ways & Means** is a committee that organizes events to raise money to support our Branch. More details on this one will be coming soon.

**Youth** is the liaison with the local schools and organizes the annual Remembrance Contests for poetry, posters and prose competitions that are eligible for Branch, Zone, District, Provincial and Dominion competitions.

Most of these are committees of one but as committee chair you are free to have others be part of your committee.

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As I said this is a VERY brief recap/outline of some of the committees at our Legion. Please feel free to reach out if you would like more information.

Again it is important to point out that without a President there is no Richmond Legion and without a VSO and Poppy Chair there is not point to having a Legion - you might just as well have any old social club!

Most of the current committee chairs have agreed to stay on for another year but **we do need the following help at a minimum:**

**Branch Regulations** - a good fit for someone who is detail oriented!

**Veterans Service Officer** - it would be a good fit for a veteran since military know-how is helpful.

**Public Relations** - someone with some get up and go maybe?

**Ways & Means** - this chair is under review and we hope to come up with some new ideas for this one to make it less intimidating

**Bar tenders** are also needed.

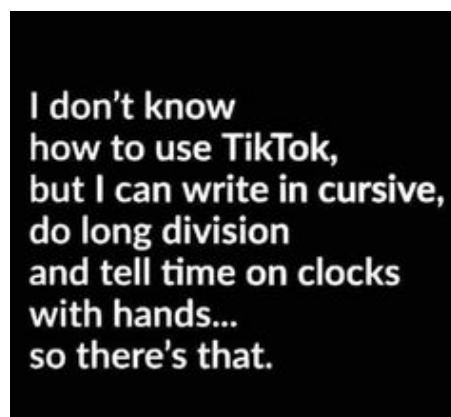
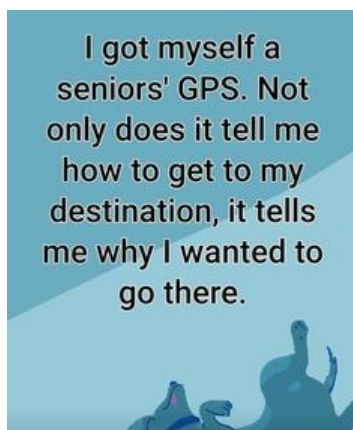
We do have a candidate for president and our vice president has agreed to stay on for one more year.

Please reach out to me or our Branch President Brian Goss or any of the committee members whose contact information appear on page 2 of this bulletin if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions .

Please come to the General Meeting on May 19th, 2022 at 8 pm.

Hope to see you there.

*Wendy Ryan*







Carol Brown	02-Apr
Gerry Blair	06-Apr
Jack Lemyre	12-Apr
Clara Baker	14-Apr
Pat Laninga	16-Apr
Bill Cook	20-Apr
Sharon Murphy	27-Apr
John Olsen	26-Apr
Betty Brown	09-May
Iain Clogg	10-May
Donald Buck	11-May
Carolyn Becking	17-May
Rick Rabb	17-May
Joan Frost	22-May
Mavis Lewis	25-May
Gisele Moore	25-May
Don Hall	30-May
Wendy Ryan	04-Jun
June Craig	07-Jun
Susan Grant	10-Jun
Josee Levesque	18-Jun
Johnny Villeneuve	18-Jun
Patricia McGrath	19-Jun
Keith Thurrott	30-Jun

**A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" The reply, " Call for backup".**

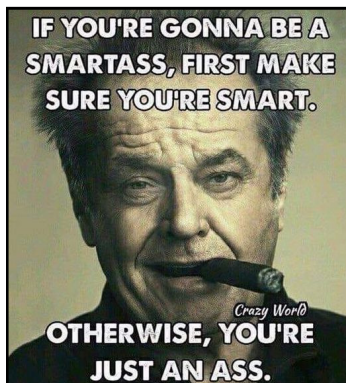
**If anyone gets a message from me about canned meat, don't open it.**

**It's Spam.**

**I made a huge to do list for today.  
I just can't figure out who's going to do it.**

Crazy World

**IF YOU'RE GONNA BE A SMARTASS, FIRST MAKE SURE YOU'RE SMART.**



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**OTHERWISE, YOU'RE JUST AN ASS.**

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### **MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES**

**Branch Executive Meeting is Thursday, April 21, 2022 and May 19th, 2022 at 11 a.m.**

**Branch General Meeting is Thursday, May 19th, 2022 at 8 pm.**

**Club 55 Meeting is Thursday, May 5th, 2022 at 11 am.**

**Coffee:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10 am

**Exercise:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 am

**Euchre:** Fridays at 1 pm

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