

May 2017

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 99



THE ENLIGHTENER

Branch 99 Belleville



IMPORTANT DATES

Branch Elections – 8th May 2017

Mother's Day – 14th May 2017

Victoria Day – 22nd May 2017

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Branch Hours

Monday to Thursday – 11:30 am to 11 pm

Friday – 11 am to 1 am

Saturday – Noon to 6 pm

Sunday – Special Events Only



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Branch Elections!

On Monday, **May 8th** at 7 pm RCL Branch 99 will be conducting Branch Elections. Nominations are now being sought for Executive positions within the Branch. Please give a thought to participating in the Branch Executive. Your involvement within the Branch is highly encouraged.

The Election Process

After the opening of the meeting at 7 pm, the Zone commander will take over to conduct the voting. The vote will be decided by ballot or by acclamation if there is only one candidate. Usually the six elected members are nominated, either by nominations on paper signed by the nominator or by calling for nominations from the floor. Each nominee is asked if he accepts the nomination. If there are more than six then ballots are used to choose the six high numbers. The President is selected by acclamation if there is only one nominee. If there is more than one then ballots are used. The same applies for vice Presidents but if one fails to make first vice, the he drops down to run for second vice etc. . The new members are installed in office and after this, the normal general meeting is completed. During the meeting the President will ask that the used ballots be destroyed.

The Enlightener

The Enlightener is published 10 times per year with the express permission of RCL Branch 99 Executive.

Individuals who would like to submit articles and photos for the Newsletter are to submit them to the following e-mail address:
steveburr100@gmail.com.

Please note, the editor reserves the right to edit any submission to fit with the newsletter's formatting & content rules.

Advertising space is available for businesses interested in supporting the Legion. Please contact the editor at the e-mail address provided above.

On-line copies of the Enlightener are available at our website: **mylegion.ca/web/**. Just click on the Enlightener tab and scroll down to the issue you wish to view.

Editor: Steven Burr

Wi-Fi

RCL Branch 99 now has Wi-Fi in the Club Room. Please see the Bar Staff for the password.

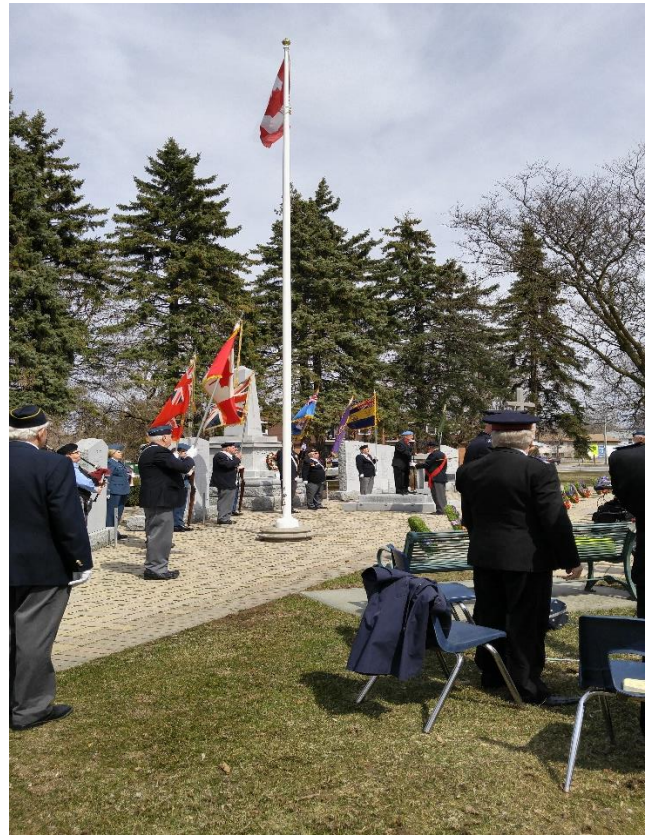


VIMY Parade

Under a partly cloudy sky and warm temperatures, Vimy's 100th Anniversary Commemorative Service was held at Belleville's Cenotaph Memorial Park on Station Street. A small crowd came out to pay their respects. Wreaths were laid by the Mayor Taso Christopher and our Member of Parliament Neil Ellis. Following the Service, a reception was held at ANAVETS Duke of Edinburgh Unit 201.



The Colour Party marches on (above).
Veterans & dignitaries seated (right).





Sick & Visiting

Janis Drummond

I sent a sympathy card to Mrs. Elizabeth Penney on the loss of her husband Matthew. He was a Korean War Veteran. I also sent a sympathy card to Brian Rosebush on the loss of his Mother Phyllis. I am happy to report Gail Reid is home and out & about. A card was also sent to Kenny Chambers.

If you are ill we wish you a speedy recover.
If you are well please remain so.



Members of 608 Air Cadet Squadron stand vigil.

Community Giving



Andy Anderson presents Drew Brown of the BGH Foundation with a cheque for \$5,000.



Angela Walsh of Quinte Vocational Support, Reds Diner receives a cheque for \$500.



Patrick Comeau of Cops, Kids & Fishing receives a cheque for \$350 from Andy Anderson.



Andy Anderson presents Susanne Quinlan of the Gleaners Food bank with a cheque for \$2,000.



Major Ratcliffe Brown of the Salvation Army receives a cheque for \$1,000 from Andy Anderson.

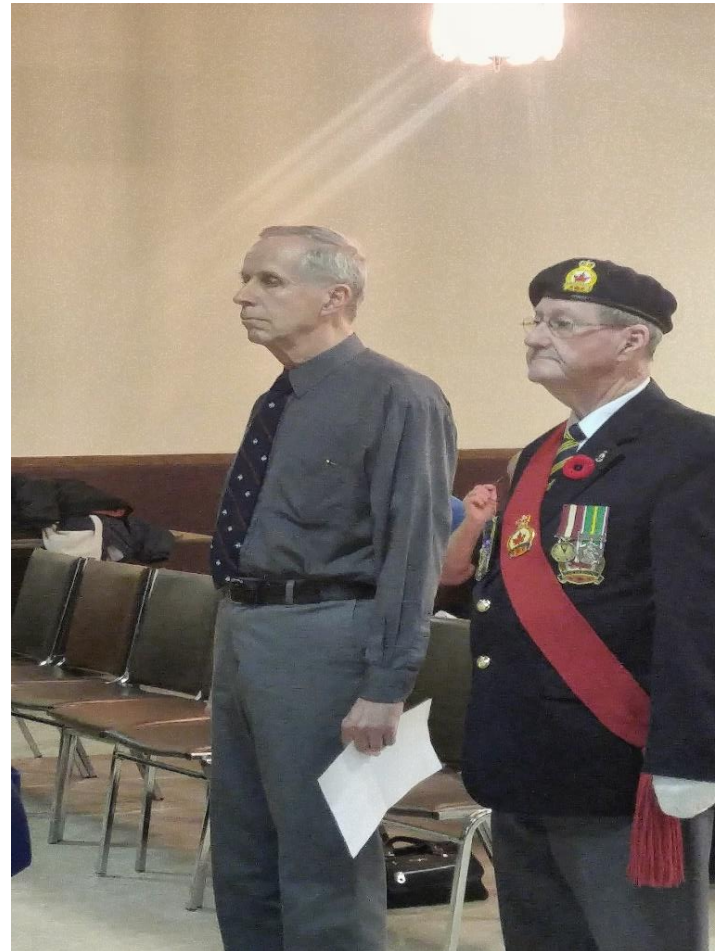


The last shipment of medical appliances to the Christian Blind Mission who collect, refurbish and send overseas to impoverished countries in Africa. RCL Branch 99 will no longer hold or lend out medical appliances.

Membership

Mary Presley

Membership renewals are going well, we currently have 377 members in good standing for 2017. If you have not renewed your membership, please do it as soon as possible to avoid receiving a reminder letter from Dominion Command in April. Also, you have to be a member in good standing to vote in our coming elections on May 8th.



Larry Pohjola (left) was initiated at the April 10th General meeting. Don MacPherson (right) keeping a watchful eye as the Sgt-At-Arms.

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards - 2017

RCL Branch 99

Robert Reid	40 years
Gail Reid	35 years
Mary Presley	15 years
Donna Vickers	15 years
Frank Freeman	5 years
Cory Presley-Perry	5 years
Natasha Presley-Perry	5 years

Poppy Fund

Marvin Schmidt	30 years
Alexander Tosh	20 years
Alma Tosh	20 years
Linda Bunnett	15 years
Roscoe Cummings	15 years
Joe Drummond	15 years

The awards ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 7th at 7:30 pm, the Banquet Centre.

Did you know?

"Balls to the Wall" - Early aircraft throttles had a ball on the end of the lever, in order to go full throttle the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel, hence the term "balls to the Wall" meant going very fast.

Join us Saturday, June 10, 2017
for our Annual Poker Run!



\$35 entry includes BBQ
\$15 per passenger includes BBQ

Registration at 10am
Kickstands up at 11:30am

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Prizes for top 3 hands
Door prizes
50-50

Entertainment from 2 to 6pm



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Entertainment

Ralph Collins

Friday, May 5th, 2017

Moon Sugar

Quinte's go-to Dance/Party band. Show starts at 7 pm. Everyone welcome (age of majority event).

Friday, May 12th, 2017

Freddy Vette & his Rhinestone Plowboys

Fifties & Sixties Rock & Roll. Show starts at 8 pm. Tickets \$20. Everyone welcome (age of majority event).

Branch Summer Hours!

RCL Branch 99 will be going to summer hours as of the 8th of May. Hours to be posted in the Branch.

The Legion Café Change of Hours

The Legion Café will be closed during the summer except for Friday evening.

Humour Haunt

A hooded robber burst into a Winnipeg bank and forced the tellers to load a sack full of cash. On his way out the door, a brave Winnipeg customer grabbed the hood and pulled it off, revealing the robber's face.

The robber shot the customer without a moment's hesitation. He then looked around the bank and noticed one of the tellers looking straight at him. The robber instantly shot him also.

Everyone in the bank, by now very scared, looked intently down at the floor in silence.

The robber yelled, "Well, did anyone else see my face?"

There are a few moments of utter silence in which everyone was plainly too afraid to speak. Then, one old Scotsman named Dave from Winnipeg tentatively raised his hand and said, "My wife got a pretty good look at you."

The Legion Café

**Open Monday to Wednesday &
Friday**

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Closed Thursday

Menu

Sandwiches

Egg Salad	\$4.00
Toasted Western	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato	\$4.00
Grilled Cheese	\$4.00
Smoke Meat on Rye	\$5.00
Add Fries & Coleslaw	\$8.00 (Combo)

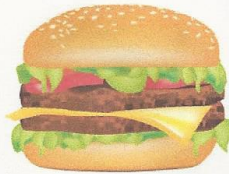


Soup of the Day \$2.75



Burgers & Hot Dogs

Hamburger	\$4.00
Bacon Cheeseburger	\$5.00
Cheeseburger	\$4.50
Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Hot Dog	\$2.50



Extras

Fries	\$4.00
Poutine	\$5.50
Onion Rings	\$4.00
Gravy	\$0.50



Daily Specials Too!

Shuffleboard

Bob Boyle

The 3rd Annual Greg Browning Open Men's Single Memorial Tournament was held at Branch 99 on March 25th with the following results:

First Place – Dennis Gibson (Lakefield)
Second Place – Steve Tait (Peterborough)
Third Place – Brian Rosebush (Belleville)
Fourth Place – Mike Kent (Peterborough)

The 3rd Annual Bud MacDonald Open Doubles Memorial Tournament was held at Branch 99 on April 15th with the following results:

First Place – Jack & Darlene Liddle (Lakefield)
Second Place – Bob Boyle & Dave Findlay (Belleville)
Third Place – Ken & Katrina Brown (Picton)
Fourth Place – Mike Joyce & Tommy Givens (Belleville)

All tournaments are now over for the season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Volunteers for their great help. Without these people, these events don't happen.

The Ultimate Shuffleboard Challenge is now over for another year and again with much success. Our Wednesday Shuffleboard will continue throughout the summer months. I would like to see more female players get involved with this great game. Join in on our Friday Open Shuffleboard from 2 pm to 3 pm. This will get you out of the sun for a few hours!



Honours & Awards

Mary Presley

Our 90th Anniversary Dinner including Honours and Awards will be held on Sunday, June 11th. Cocktails at 12 noon, Roast Beef Dinner at 12:30 followed by Honours and Awards at 2 pm. The dinner is open to all comrades and guests. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Dress will be Legion Dress, Business Suits and/or sports coats or blazers. No BLUE JEANS.

The entertainment for the afternoon will be Jeff Murray, DJ, and is open to the public (Age of Majority). The entertainment will start at approximately 3 pm.

Hope to see everyone to help us celebrate this great event. CHEERS TO 90 YEARS.


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Volunteers Wanted!

Steven Burr

Volunteers are being sought to assist RCL Branch 99 with our various programs including the Charity Bingo, Canteen, Public Relations, Youth Education, Entertainment, Sports, and Colour Party etc. Please contact the Committee Chair listed above in the area that you are interested in. Without your support RCL Branch 99 cannot continue promoting Remembrance, supporting Veterans and the various local charities. Please get involved!

RCL Branch 99

Events Calendar – May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Euchre 1 pm	3 Shuffleboard 12:30 pm Snooker 1 pm	4	5 Roast Beef Dinner 4 to 6 pm Moon Sugar 7 pm Snooker 1 pm Shuffleboard 2 pm	6
7	8 Branch Elections 07:00 pm	9 Euchre 1 pm	10 Shuffleboard 12:30 pm Snooker 1 pm	11	12 Fish & Chips 4 to 6 pm Freddy Vette 8 pm Snooker 1 pm Shuffleboard 2 pm	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 Euchre 1 pm	17 Shuffleboard 12:30 pm Snooker 1 pm	18	19 Spaghetti 4 to 6 pm Snooker 1 pm Shuffleboard 2 pm	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23 Euchre 1 pm	24 Shuffleboard 12:30 pm Snooker 1 pm	25	26 Fish & Chips 4 to 6 pm Snooker 1 pm Shuffleboard	27
28	29	30 Euchre 1 pm	31 Shuffleboard 12:30 pm Snooker 1 pm			



Canadian Trivia

A drafty, 240 metre tunnel connects the castle to its hunting lodge and stables, including the garage, potting shed, stalls and carriage and tack rooms. But during WWII, it was the gateway to a Top-Secret intelligence operation. The Allies Anti-Submarine Detection Investigation Committee (AS-DIC) used sonar equipment to detect the location of German U-Boats. After its production site in London, England was bombed, the decision was made to set up shop in Canada. William Corman, a Canadian Engineer, was tasked with finding a suitable Headquarters. He chose Casa Loma. He famously said "Who would suspect a freakin' castle?" AS-DIC worked in the stables, using the tunnel as a thoroughfare. At the time, Casa Loma served as an event venue, hosting weekly dance parties every Friday. Only a handful of people knew about AS-DIC, in those days. The people working on it came in at scattered hours to avoid raising suspicion. Maintenance signs were posted at the tunnel entrance to keep the public out. The signs worked like they were supposed to.

60th Wedding Anniversary

Bob and Joyce Morris will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this June. An open house will be held at their home on the 24th of June starting at 2 pm. Please bring chairs and your choice of beverage to 181 Power Road, Shannonville.

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