Prince Edward Branch #91



DECEMBER 2016



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Friendliest Branch in Western Canada

President's Report December 2016

Wow! it has been two years and what an interesting time as Branch President. I would like to take the opportunity to thank my Table Officers and Executive for the last 2 years. The members of the Executive worked very well together as a Team. Yes, we were met some challenges, but as a Team we overcame them. I feel we accomplished many things and have made your Branch even more successful than ever. We tried and succeeded to run your Legion as a business, renting our facility for member and outside functions. Our calendar, even today, is full for the next few months and we continue to have phone calls asking about our rentals.

I would also like to say thank you to our staff for your support and dedication to serving our members. Over the last 2 years we have worked well under the new union and as a Team.

Over the last 2 years our Membership dropped with a lot of prior members not renewing and some transferring out. But even with this, we've had some success and getting new members daily and lots of transfers coming into our Branch. This says a lot about our Membership committee for the hard work they have done in recruiting and getting past dues paid. The big question is why a member in good standing would not renew their membership. We have not figured this out yet as we are the friendliest Branch. This problem in the New Year has to be addressed and figured out so we do not keep going downward in our membership numbers. If you have the answer please let us know of your ideas

In the past 2 years we have had some up and downs around our Kitchen and as of the last few months I believe we have turned that around with the hire of our new cook. Also, in past years Cde. LeBlanc has put in countless hours of volunteer time doing the Ways & Means and has given so much of her time to make our Branch a success. Please pass on your thanks to her for her support and hard work, as do I. Now, where are we as we move forward with Ways & Means is a tough question to answer with Cde. LeBlanc

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stepping down from the position as Chair . It will be a hard losing such an asset and hopefully one of our members will step up in 2017 to take on this responsibility.

Our future as a Branch, as I see it, is great if we keep going the way we are. My hope is we stay strong and take the steps to build a new building for the members of Branch 91 and the community. What that means is the big question, but we are starting to have some meaningful discussions with professionals to get some guidance and understanding of the steps needed to move forward. This past week I have met with Mayor Stu Young to ask where he sees the Legion in the future and what he thinks we should do for a new building. From this meeting we have been given a couple of names to contact to see if something can be worked out. Our hopes are big and we hope yours are too. Stay tuned for more news to come

Branch 91. It is because I see this as a challenge to make our Legion a better place for all. I want our Branch to be even more successful and be the leader for other Branches to follow. We need to learn more about how to market ourselves more successfully. We need to make known within our community that we are here as a Legion and not as the silent partner as some think. We need to be the leader for Veterans of today and yesterday. I think we have some hurdles to get over to make the community believe this is our Mission in the Royal Canadian Legion, but I believe we can do it. We have to get past the stigma of the general public thinking all the Legion is, is a bunch of old men sitting drinking beer. We need to keep letting the public know that anyone can join our Legion. As mentioned previously, we need a new Branch and I would like to see this happen, sooner than later. I hope I can have your support for another 2 years as your President of Branch 91.

Okay, the question is why I want to run again for President of

Please be aware of the closures over the Christmas Holidays and

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that our Kitchen will be closed from the December 24 to January $\mathbf{2}^{\text{nd}}$

With Christmas coming up and our Branch being extremely busy I would like to take this opportunity now to wish you and your family all the best throughout the Christmas Holidays and the New Year.

Norm Scott President



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR GIFT WRAPPING IN THE WESTSHORE MALL

If you can fill a 2 hour shift, please let the office know what day and time you are available.

This is a fund-raising event for our Branch, so please help us out!

GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

NOMINATIONS WILL STILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR 2016 MEMBERSHIP CARD

COME AND VOTE IN YOUR 2017 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.





THE EXECUTIVE AND STAFF OF BRANCH #91 WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL MEMBERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!



BRANCH HOLIDAY HOURS



December 24 11:00 - 6 pm

December 25 Closed
December 26 Closed

December 28—31 Normal Hours

January 1/16 Lounge Closed

January 1/16 - New Year's Levee in the auditorium /

Noon-2:00

ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

Elections are happening December 19th. The four Table Officers and six Executive members "at large" positions are up for election. If you would like to run, please see Betty Hartwig, the Nominating Chair, or Sandy in the office for a Nomination Form. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the General meeting in December.

5. NOMINATIONS

- 5.1 At least three (3) months prior to the election meeting, the Branch Executive Committee will either appoint (a) a Nominating Committee of three (3) members, or (b) a Chairman, who will then appoint two (2) other members who combined, will form the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee members should have signified they do not intend to stand for office. However, after being stood down, any member of the Nominating Committee can be nominated from the floor.³
- 5.2 At the November General Meeting the Nominating Committee shall present a list of suitable candidates for office. These candidates must be voting members in good standing who are not employed by the Legion. This shall not prevent any nominations of similar candidates from the floor at that General Meeting or at the election meeting that will be held in December.⁴
- 5.3 As appropriate and as per subsections 6.2 and 6.3 of these By-Laws, nominations from the floor for the offices of Branch President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Treasurer; and, six (6) Executive members "at large" will open at the November general meeting and remain open until immediately prior to balloting for each office at the December general meeting.
- 5.4 To accept a nomination, a member is required to have held membership in The Royal Canadian Legion for a period of at least one (1) continuous year

Note the "dollar" amounts are not shown in the By-laws. This is so that dues can be set by the membership from time to time without the Branch having to obtain consent to a change in it's By-laws from Command.

The Notice of Motion serves to inform all members of the pending change in dues.

Most Branch by-laws will say it is the "general" meeting that must appoint or elect the Nominating Committee/Chairman. However, with giving the Executive Committee the power to make these appointments it is incumbent upon the Executive to ensure they do not end up in a "conflict of interest" position. An example of a perceived conflict of interest would be the appointment to Nominating Chairman of (a) the spouse of the current Branch President (b) paid employees (c) current members of the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee may <u>not</u> include any of its members' names on the list.

- immediately preceding the day of election and must be a member in good standing.
- 5.5 For a member to be eligible for nomination to the office of Branch President, the member must have served at least one full term on the Branch Executive within the three years immediately preceding the elective year.
- 5.6 If a nominee is unable to be present at the election meeting, he must have signified in writing, his willingness to stand for the office for which he has been, or is being nominated.

6. ELECTIONS

- 6.1 At the November General Meeting the President shall appoint an election committee consisting of a returning officer and as many scrutineers as the President deems necessary, these appointments to be ratified by the General Membership.
- 6.2 At the December General Meeting, on "even" years (ie: 2012, 2014, etc), the election of officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Branch shall take place in the following consecutive order: President; First Vice-president; Second Vice-president; Treasurer; and, six (6) Executive members "at large". The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President and Treasurer shall serve for a two (2) year term. The six (6) Executive members "at large" shall serve for a one (1) year term.
- 6.3 At the December General Meeting, on "odd" years (ie: 2013, 2015, etc), the election of six (6) Executive members "at large" shall take place, all of whom will serve for a one (1) year term.
- 6.4 The ballots shall be counted by the plurality system and no ballots shall be destroyed until so ordered by the general meeting.⁵
- 6.5 In the case of a tie vote for any office, a second ballot shall be called for.
- 6.6 The Branch Executive Committee shall consist of the President; Immediate Past-president; First and Second Vice-presidents; Treasurer and, six (6) Executive members "at large".
- 6.7 All Executive Committee members identified in subsection 6.6, must be voting members in good standing who are not employed by the Legion.
- 6.8 The newly elected Executive members shall be installed at the earliest convenient time after January 1st of each year following the election.

A plurality vote means the candidate receiving the highest number of votes is declared elected. For multiple office such as the Executive Members, the number of officers required that receive the most ballots in one vote are to be declared elected.



Friday Night Jamming ...

7pm-12 in the Legion Lounge



... starting with Light Jazz, blues and Pop, and work it up to Crunchy Classic Rock and even Heavy Metal!



Kitchen open until 9pm...
We supply the sound gear,
drum kit, guitar amps, bass
guitar, and mics, keyboard is
available. Bring your guitar though...
break a
string!

IN THE LOUNGE IN THE LOUNGE NEW YEAR'S EVE



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CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

DECEMBER 14th

Sign up at the bar before December 10th

Bus leaves the legion at 6pm for a fantastic tour of Victoria's Christmas light tour.

Langford Legion # 91 761 Station Ave 250 478-8365



DECEMBER EVENTS IN HISTORY

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01 Dec 1972	MCpl Lessard PPCLI Killed UNFICYP
05 Dec 1977	Sgt Demers Logistics Branch Killed UNEFME
2008	WO Wilson RCR Killed ISAF
2000	Cpl McLaren RCR Killed ISAF
	Pte Diplaros RCR Killed ISAF
06 Dec 1917	Halifax Explosion Kills 1900 injures 9000
1956	Sgt Provost R22E Killed UNCMAC
07 Dec 1941	HMCS Windflower Corvette K155 Sunk
0, 000 1, 12	Canada Declares war on Japan
08 Dec 1941	Battle of Hong Kong Begins
09 Dec 1956	Maj Gower QOR Killed UNCMAC
1961	Cpl Oliver RCCS Killed UNEF
13 Dec 1999	Sgt Jouberet R22E Killed SFOR
2003	PO2 Morrisette RCN Killed SFOR
2008	Cpl Hamilton RCR Killed ISAF
	Pte Curwin RCR Killed ISAF
	Pte Jones RCR Killed ISAF
15 Dec 1953	Pte Clements PPCLI Killed KOREA
17 Dec 1939	1st Can Div arrives in Scotland
1953	Sgt Boudreault R22E Killed KOREA
18 Dec 2010	Cpl Martin R22E Killed ISAF
19 Dec 1915	1st Aerial victory by Canadian Pilot Capt Bell-Irving
20 Dec 1943	Battle of Ortona Starts,
1975	Capt Crawford Med Br PPCLI UNFICYP
23 Dec 2009	Lt Nuttall PPCLI Killed ISAF
24 Dec 1944	HMCS Clayoquot Minesweeper J174 Sunk
1974	Cpl Blais Admin Branch Killed UNEFME
	Cpl Edwards LOEB Killed UNEFME
25 5 4044	Cpl Miller RCHA Killed UNEFME
25 Dec 1941	Battle of Hong Kong ends
1964	LT Edmonds CIC Killed UNFICYP
1994	Cpl Smith Can Airborne Reg Killed UNAMIR
26 Dec 1985	Cpl Hudon Logistics Branch Killed UNDOF Pte Freeman RCR Killed ISAF
2008	
27 Dec 1943 28 Dec 2008	Battle of Ortona Ends
20 DEC 2000	WO Roberge R22E Killed ISAF Sgt Kruse CER Killed ISAF
30 Dec 2007	Gnr Dion 5th Art Reg Killed ISAF
2009	Sgt Mick CER Killed ISAF
2009	Sgt Taylor RCA Killed ISAF
	Cpl McCormack PPCLI Killed ISAF
	Pte Chidley PPCLI Killed ISAF
	TO OTHER TOTAL

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We seem to be speeding through the year at full throttle. Thinking of friends and family we should have called. Friends we have lost contact with over the years.

Often so busy - trying to catch up with work, chores and homework. So easy for reflection to become sadness - or even grumpiness. (I miss my friend Grumpy.) The world seems to be caught in a downward spiral, real happiness often a distant memory. Yet, our spirits are lifted by the bright Christmas lights, carols, decorated trees and presents - a time of joy and giving. A time for "Good tidings of great joy"(Luke2: 10)

"For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of *His* government and peace

There will be no end," (Isa 9:6.7a)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke2: 14)

May you rejoice in the "reason for the season,"

Blessings & Merry Christmas!

Cecil, Denise and girls.



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Meritorious Service Medal Awards

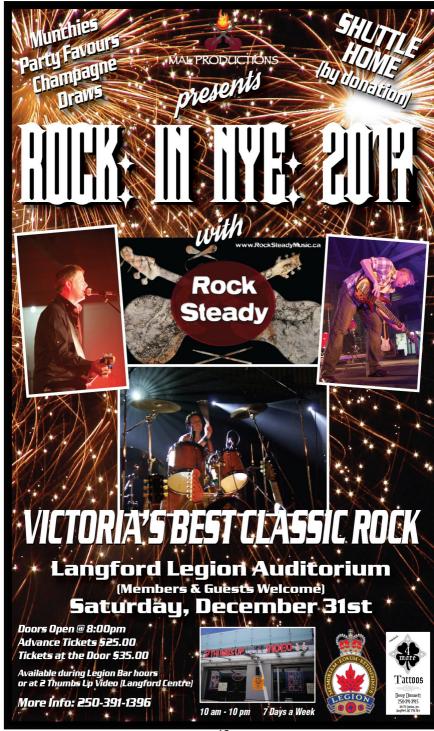
On November 11th Cde. Harry Groom was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal



L to R—— Cde. Brian Shackleton, Maj Gen Herb Pitts, Cde. Harry Groom, President Norm Scott, 1st Vice President Terri Orser, Cde. Russ Murphy, Langford Mayor Stu Young



Cde. Harry Groom with Branch President Norm Scott



Initiations

Membership Chair Cde. Ken Cruickshank assisted by Sgt at Arms Bob Bourdage initiated 11 new members to our branch on November 26

Ordinary Members

Larry Andresen, Wayne Hunt, Dwight Fudge



Associate Members

Doreen de Leeuw, Mike Eberle, Judy Collibs-Hale, Darren Knight, Dianne Mayzes



Initiations

Affiliate Voting Members

Florence Ferguson, Robin Richardson, Russ Trace



Please make our new members feel welcome when you see them in the branch

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #91 Ladies Auxiliary

We held our meeting on November 10th with 18 members and 1 guest. We were very proud to initiate Millie Vandale as a new member.

Lynnda, Pat H, Maralyn, Gail, and Bea helped at the November meat draw and Trudine and Rita with a couple of Branch functions. Carol, Lynnda, Trudine and Gail helped with the Poppy Campaign Daffoni Pendleton laid the wreath for the LA at the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Pat Hanscom laid the wreath for the LA Zone. At our meeting we were very pleased and honored to present our President Carol Lumb with her Honor Certificate.

The next time I write this report I will be able to share what we did over our Christmas season.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas with family and friends.

Respectfully Submitted
Trudine Wilson



KITCHEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 4-9 PM SATURDAY 2-6 PM

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
4	5 Regular Menu	6 Hot Turkey Sandwich w/fries \$8.95	7. Spaghetti & Meatballs \$8.95
11	12 Regular Menu	Fish Burger w/fires or salad \$9.95	14 Seafood Pasta \$9.95
18	19 Regular Menu	Beef on a bun w/fries or salad \$8.95	21 Vegetable Marinara Linguini \$8.95
25 KITCHEN CLOSED	26 KITCHEN CLOSED	27 KITCHEN CLOSED	28 KITCHEN CLOSED



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
1 Stuffed Pork Loin	2 Fish & Chips	3
w/veggie & Baby	1 piece \$9.95	Hotdogs
Roast Potato	2 pieces \$11.95	\$4.95
\$8.95		
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Veal Cutlet	Fish & Chips	
w/mashed potato	1 piece \$9.95	Hotdogs
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DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
HAPPY! HAPPY! MUGS OF DRAFT BEER/ MONDAY - SATU SUNDAY	/HOUSE WINE - \$4.50 RDAY 4 - 7 PM			
4	5	6	7	
Sunday Shuffleboard - 11 am Youth Darts - 2 pm	Drop-In Darts 1 pm	Drop-In Shuffleboard—1 pm Drop-in Crib: 7 pm	Drop-in Pool: 1 pm	
11	12	13	14	
Sunday Shuffleboard - 11 am Youth Darts - 2 pm	Drop-In Darts 1 pm	Drop-In Shuffleboard—1 pm Drop-in Crib: 7 pm	Drop-in Pool 1 pm Executive Meeting - 5:30 pm	
18	19	20	21	
Sunday Shuffleboard - 11 am SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD XMAS DINNER KIDS XMAS PARTY NOON - 3 PM Youth Darts - 2 pm	Drop-In Darts 1 pm GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM	Drop-In Shuffleboard—1 pm Drop-in Crib: 7 pm	FIRST VINTER	
25	26	27	28	
Afferry Christmas BRANCH CLOSED	BOXING DAY BRANCH CLOSED	NO Drop-In Shuffleboard NO Drop-in Crib	<u>NO</u> Drop-in Pool	

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Drop-In Shuffleboard 1 p.m. Drop-In Pool 7:00 pm	Drop-in Pool - 4 pm FRIDAY JAM 7—Midnight	Meat Draw 3 pm
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15	16	17
Drop-In Shuffleboard 1 p.m. Drop-In Pool 7:00 pm	Drop-in Pool - 4 pm FRIDAY JAM 7—Midnight	XMAS Meat Draw Ticket Sales-Noon First Draw - 1 pm
22	23	24
Carpet Bowling—9:30 NO Drop-In Shuffleboard Drop-In Pool 7:00 pm	Drop-in Pool - 4 pm FRIDAY JAM 7—Midnight	NO Meat Draw Today Carol Sing in the Lounge with Wayne Peters 4 - 6 pm
29	30	31
NO Carpet Bowling NO Drop-In Shuffleboard Drop-In Pool 7:00 pm	Drop-in Pool - 4 pm FRIDAY JAM 7—Midnight	NO Meat Draw Today

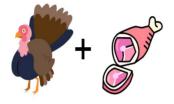


SET THE DAY ASIDE!

CHRISTMAS MEAT DRAW

Langford Legion Branch 91
761 Station Avenue

Saturday, December 17th 1 - 5 p.m.



30 Turkeys

30 Hams

Plus all our regular draws!!

The Branch opens at 11 am so grab a friend and come early, get a good seat, and have lunch before the draws start!



NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE

Open to the Public

Friday
January 1, 2017

NOON—2 pm

Drop by and greet your Comrades and friends at the start of the New Year



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CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG WITH WAYNE PETERS

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infor@mandalahealthcenter.com

Kitchen Closure during the XMAS Holidays

The kitchen will be closed from December 25 to January 1st

It will reopen for regular hours on Jan 2nd

POSITION OPEN

The Branch is looking for a hard-working, responsible person to take over the Ways and Means Chair position. This is a fast-paced work environment where you need to be able to juggle several balls at one time. This includes catering for special events, (shopping, ordering, maintaining supplies, etc.), meeting with clients to discuss menus, etc. For full position responsibilities, please see the President in the office.

KITCHEN HOURS

MONDAY to FRIDAY
4 pm — 9 pm
SATURDAY
2—6 pm



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Legion Sports Playdowns

Time is fast approaching to get ready for the 2017 Legion Sports events.

Although we do not yet have all the information as to where Provincials and Nationals will be held, we need to move forward in getting members qualified for the Zone Round.

Qualifying dates/times for Cribbage and Darts are shown below. All players must be a member in good standing (current 2016/2017 dues <u>paid</u>) of Branch 91 to participate in these events

If you are interested in trying out for either of these sports, please put your name on the respective Sign Up Sheets on the bulletin board in the Games room.

CRIBBAGE

WHEN: Saturday, November 12, 2016

START TIME: 9:00 a.m. at Langford Legion, Branch 91 in the Lounge

Winners will advance to the Zone Round in Lake Cowichan (Date TBD)

DARTS

DATE:Saturday, November 12, 2016

START TIME:11:00 a.m. at Langford Legion, Branch 91 in the Games Room

Winners of this event will advance to the Zone Round in Nanaimo (Date TBD)

Questions regarding these events can be directed to Bea LeBlanc when you see her at the branch or leave a message at the office and she will get back to you.



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Last Post

Sadly, we announce the passing of:

Cde. Bill Stevenson Cde. Anne Drewniak

