

# **ZONE G6 COUNCIL REPORTS**

# **September 14, 2025**

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# Zone Commander's Report Sept 14, 2025

This is my first report as your Zone Commander. I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me and I hope that I do not disappoint.

One of my first priorities was to update our zone website. For instance George Wood was the membership chair, Mel Porter the veteran services chair and Betty Ann Pollock was the Ladies Auxiliary Commander. Everything is now up-to-date and I have asked all branches to update their information on their web-sites.

Kevin Francis, Terry Jacobs and I will be getting down to work shortly with the branch inspections. I will be sending all presidents the information we will require when we visit you.

Thank you to all of you who have stepped up and assumed Zone positions. Your work is very important. Thank you to Claire for her work on updating the Zone and Branch directories. We will probably make two more changes before the end of the fiscal year as branch positions change throughout the year. All presidents should now have a copy and we will forward them to the Zone chairs as well. We decided not to post emails and phone numbers of Branch Executive members for confidentiality purposes on the zone website.

Wishing you a prosperous meeting and a good year for our zone.

Yours-in-comradeship

Jim Wilson

Zone Commander, G6, RCL



# Ontario Provincial Command Deputy Zone G6 Commander Kevin Francis

#### Hello Comrades!

I would like to start by saying that I am looking forward to the next 2-year term, working with Zone Commander Jim Wilson, as Deputy Zone G6 Commander, and the entire Zone G6 team.

I am taking on the Constitution and Laws and Resolutions Chair positions during this timeframe.

Certainly, attending the various Elections this Spring, (as an observer), I got to see how our various Branches perform their elections. It is far from "uniform" within our Zone G6!

The next items for me, will be upcoming Branch inspections and the New Year's Levees.

These should be another great learning experience (above the Branch level), and I look forward to gaining more knowledge in our Legion processes.

Respectively Submitted,

Kevin Francis

Deputy Zone G6 Commander

# LA Zone G6 Commanders Fall Report 2025

September 14, 2025

Head Table, Guest, Comrades.

Since our last convention, I have hosted a Zone Convention which was held in Almonte. According to the Branches reports all eight Auxiliaries appear to be doing well.

I attended a SEO meeting in Newmarket in July.

I hosted a Zone meeting in Almonte in August.

I will be starting my official visits in October.

Ladies Auxiliaries sports started August 23, 2025, with Zone Euchre. This event was won by Branch 240 Almonte. Singles/Doubles Darts will be held on October 4, 2025, Cribbage will be held on October 25, 2025, Team Darts will be on November 29, 2025.

I would like to thank everyone for attending today and I hope everyone takes home something positive from this convention.

I would like to thank Debbie Holden my Deputy Zone Commander and Luanne Warren the Zone Sports Officer, making sure I had drives to all my meetings.

I wish everyone a safe trip home.

Elaine Madore

Zone G6 LA Commander

#### **Royal Canadian Legion Zone G 6**

#### As at September 14, 2025

#### **Balance Sheet**

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**Current Assets** 

Bank Account 7,726.33

TOTAL ASSETS 7,722.33

LIABILITY

Accounts Payable .00
PP&E Carried Forward 3,206.40

TOTAL LIABILITIES 3,206.40

**EQUITY** 

Retained Earnings from Previous Year 5,370.82
Current Earnings - 854.89
Total Equity 4.515.93

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 7,722.33

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#### INCOME STATEMENT

TOTAL REVENUE .00

**EXPENSE** 

Mileage & Conventions 842.89
Bank Charges 12.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 854.89

NET INCOME (LOSS) (854.89)

Submitted by:

Claire Husson

Secretary/Treasurer .../5

#### **ZONE G6 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**

	Branch 95  Smiths Falls	Branch 174  Arnprior	Branch 192  Carleton Place	Branch 240 Almonte	Branch 244 Perth	Branch 395 Lanark	Branch 616 W.Carleton	Branch 638 Kanata
<b>Branch Visits</b>	44		1		10		1	6
Retirement Homes	10		2		12			2
Long Term Care	12				4			
Hospitals	4							
<b>Provincial Visits</b>					2			
# Visits	2				10			
# Appointments	10							
Service Officer					2			
Assist VAC applic.	2		4				2	6
Assist Quality of Life	6				2		1	
Assist Legion applic.					6		1	
Home Visits						2		
Remem. Day Dinn								1
Annual Vets L/Dinn								1
Vets' Comforts								60
Financial Assistance								4
To Veterans	1		2		1			
To Widows	3				3			
Pro. Visits Advert.								1
Local Paper						3		
Branch								
Web Site	3				3			
Facebook	2				2			
Member of Poppy C.								
Other Activities	Feel fr	ee to answe	er these au	estions belo	w, or on a s	separate		
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Other Questions	help o							

#### Submitted by

**Sue McLean, Service Officer** 

# DISTRICT G ZONE G-6

#### **FALL COUNCIL/CONVENTION**

#### **14 SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### SENIORS REPORT

Out of 8 Branches in Zone G-6, 1 Branch provided a Branch Seniors Committee Report.

Branch 95 - Smith Falls – Nil report

Branch 174 - Arnprior – Nil report

Branch 192 - Carleton Place – Nil report

Branch 240 - Almonte - Nil report

Branch 244 - Perth Upon Tay-Nil report

Branch 395 - Lanark - Nil report

Branch 616 – West Carleton - Nil Report

Branch 638 - Kanata

Our Seniors Complimentary Coffee is one of the main focuses for our Seniors Committee. It is a time when we can all get together informally and enjoy friendly conversation and lots of laughs. We occasionally have a speaker usually from one of the Retirement Residences letting us know what service they provide to their residents, we have also had speakers on fraud, fall prevention, emergency services, and assisted living at home. The past few months have been just getting together and enjoying each other's company over a good cup of coffee and a few sweets. We support all the events happening at our Branch and enjoy helping as needed. There are usually twenty to thirty attending, and we encourage and welcome newcomers and stress that they do not have to be a Legion member to attend.

Joan Hemlin, Seniors Committee Chair, Kanata Branch 638

Yours in Comradeship,

Comrade Dennis Hearn Zone Chair - Seniors Committee

#### Zone G6 Youth Education Poster Poem and Essay Report

#### Good afternoon Comrades,

My name is Stephanie Quinn and I am the newly appointed zone chair for poster, poem and essay (PPE). I'm looking forward to working collaboratively with all branches in our zone to ensure we continue to support our veterans, their families, and remembrance programs in our communities.

As I am new to this position, I would like to confirm the name and contact information for all branch PPE chairs. Comrade Lapansee has shared the contacts she has for public speaking which may be the same contact. Please confirm if your branch chair has changed, if so, please provide an email address and name. Once I have contacts confirmed I will be sending out the updated information for PPE.

Br. #240 Almonte- Pat Muldoon

Br. #174 Arnprior-Stephanie Quinn

Br. #192 Carleton Place-Brian Comeau

Br. #638 Kanata-Brenda Grant

Br. #395 Lanark-Kirstin Quinn

Br. #244 Perth-Upon-Tay Marilyn Devlin

Br. # 95 Smiths Falls-Helen Wilkinson

Br. #616 West Carleton-Carolle Chevrier

Branch entries need to be submitted by November 30, 2025. 1st place winners need to be delivered to the Arnprior Legion. If a chair or branch is unable to deliver the entries to Arnprior please contact me no later than November 15 so that I can arrange pick up.

Judging at the zone level will take place Sunday December 7, 2025 at 1300h. If there is a branch that would like to host the zone judging please let me know. Otherwise, it will be held in Arnprior. I am currently seeking volunteers to serve as judges for the zone competition. If you or someone you know would be willing to assist, please reach out to me as soon as possible. Experience is helpful but not required—just a keen eye and a fair spirit!

Respectfully,

Stephanie Quinn Youth Education-PPE Chair Zone G6

#### Youth Education-Public Speaking Report

#### Fall Zone G-6 Council Sept. 14, 2025

I ask each Branch to confirm with Claire Husson, Zone G6 Secretary their Youth Education Public Speaking and Posters, Poems and Essays Chair/s for 2025-2026, providing the Chair's name, email address and phone number. Also, please confirm your Branch's YE Public Speaking Chair with me and the Posters, Poems & Essays Chair with Stephanie Quinn, Br. 174, Arnprior Branch. Below is a list of the 2025 Zone G6 Branch Youth Education Public Speaking Chairs and I ask each Branch to confirm the Chair remains the same or, if not, please provide the name, email address of the new Youth Education Public Speaking Chair for 2025-2026.

Br. #240	Almonte	Pat	Br. #395	Lanark	Kirstin
Muldoon			Quinn		
Br. #174	Arnprior	Stephanie	Br. #244	Perth-Upon-Tay	Marilyn
Quinn	-	-	Devlin		_
Br. #192	Carleton Pl	ace Brian	Br. # 95	Smiths Falls H	Helen
Comeau			Wilkinson		
Br. #638	Kanata	Brenda	Br. #616	<b>West Carleton C</b>	arolle
Grant			Chevrier		

# What Zone G6 Branch Youth Education Public Speaking Competition Chairs need to know:

- The 2025-2026 Youth Education Kits for both Posters, Poems and Essays and Public Speaking competitions are now digital and can be accessed using <a href="https://on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs">https://on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs</a>.
- 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, most of which are not dated so one must assume the forms online are the current 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.
- The <u>2026 Zone G6</u> Youth Education Public Speaking Competition will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at the Kanata Legion, Branch #638, 70 Hines Road, Kanata, Ontario.
- As soon as your branch has scheduled a date for your Branch Youth Education Public Speaking Competition, please forward to me the location, date and start and end times. The reason for this request is because all Zone Youth Education Public Speaking Chairs are required to provide a list to the Provincial Youth Education Committee Secretary of each Branch's YE PS competition date, times, Branch name, number and location 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.

- The <u>absolute deadline</u> to submit your Branch YE PS competition category winners for Zone G6 YE PS competition to me is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 3</u>, <u>2026</u>.
- Zone G6 YE PS competition location: Branch #638-Kanata, 70 Hines Rd., Kanata, Ontario Phone: 613-591-5570
- Dates and locations of the 2026 <u>District</u>, <u>Area and Provincial</u> competitions are: <u>District G Public Speaking competition</u> will be held on <u>Saturday March 28</u>, <u>2026</u>.

The location has not been confirmed.

If your Branch is interested in learning more about what is involved to host the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026
District G Youth Education Public Speaking competition/contest, please contact me at either

Imlapensee@sympatico.ca or call 613-831-8319 (landline) and I will do my best to answer your questions and/or contact Tyrone Seeley, District G Youth Education Chair at seelong1081@gmail.com.

It is a great opportunity to showcase your legion and to promote youth education public speaking!

Area Youth Education Public Speaking Competition will be held on April 18/2026 in District F.

Exact Location to be confirmed.

<u>Provincial Youth Education Public Speaking Competition</u> will be held on <u>May 2/2026</u> at Br#137 Napenee, District G.

- 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!

Youth Education Public Speaking participation among the branches in Zone G6 continues to decrease. 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 best to implement when and where possible.

#### Suggested best ways and means 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 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 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.
- 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 <a href="mailto:lmlapensee@sympatico.ca">lmlapensee@sympatico.ca</a> or 613-831-8319.

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

Lorraine Lapensée

Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Chair

### Membership Report to Zone G-6 Council

### Statistics as of September 14, 2025

Increase vs 2024
98.8%
96.9%
101.1%
92.3%
99.6%
98.3%
97.0%
113.7%
97.2%

Respectfully submitted

Kevin Johnson Zone G-6 Membership Chair

#### SPORTS REPORT TO ZONE COUNCIL

This is my first term as Sports Officer. There have been a few learning curves for sure. On the whole, I believe we had a very successful year with several of our Comrades moving on to Provincials.

Our annual Zone Sports meeting with Branch Chairs will be held in Carleton Place on Sunday, 28 September at 1:00PM. We will select the dates for all Zone Sports this season.

I so move my report.

Ivan Cole

Zone Sports Officer

#### Smiths Falls, Branch 95 Report to Zone 9 September 2025

#### Membership

The branch renewal rate has bounced back up this half of the year with our total membership now sitting at 216 members. We have had a reasonable number of new members this year.

#### Poppy

After a very successful poppy campaign in 2024, we were able to give out over \$50,000 to various veteran's programs. We ae now gearing up for the 2025 campaign, and expect this to be another successful year.

#### Veterans Services

Our new Veteran's Service Officer, Kim Sumara, has transitioned quite well into the position. She is dealing directly with 2-3 veterans each month in addition to coordinating the monthly veteran's coffee/breakfast gatherings. She is also working closely with District staff as the next District G Service Officer / Poppy Seminar will be held at Branch 95 on 4-5 October 2025.

#### Constitution and By-Laws

After much work, the proposed amendments to our Branch By-Laws we accepted by Ontario command.

We are currently in the final stages of updating our Branch Policy and Procedures, which should be passed within the next two months.

#### Ways and Means

At Branch 95 we have numerous events that bring in funds to the branch. These include: a weekly Bingo, the weekly Catch-the-Ace draw, Nevada (Pull-Tab) tickets, our monthly Jamboree, bi-weekly Fish Fry, plus a Canteen that is open during many events. All together these bring in most of our revenue, with further funds coming our bar and through hall rentals.

#### Finances

Overall, our branch finances are in good shape. Our three main lotteries brought in sufficient funds last year to enable us to donate over \$30,000 to local charities.

#### Ladies Auxiliary

Branch 95 Ladies Auxiliary are always very busy catering numerous Celebrations of Life, and special dinner events. As well, almost 100 % of our insurance premiums are paid by their generous giving back to the Branch.

#### Sports

Stan Lasenba, our pervious Sport Officer has now retired. It has been difficult to find someone to fill his shoes. We have recently found an individual who is interested in taking over this position and he will be working with our interim Sports Officer (Beep Dalgleish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President) to learn the ropes.

#### Overall

In general, the branch continues to function well. Like every branch we could always use more volunteers. This is the second year for most of the executive and I believe that we have been progressing the workings of the branch quite well.

Bruce Irvine President Royal Canadian Legion Branch 95 Smiths Falls

#### ARNPRIOR BRANCH 174 PRESIDENTS' REPORT SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS TOOK OFFICE ON JUN1/25 AND IMMEDIATLEY STARTED ATTENDING TO A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES. ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES IS MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDING, BOTH INSIDE AND OUT. THE OUTSIDE WILL BE POWERWASHED, PAINTED AND BRICK REPAIRED, WHILE THE INSIDE WILL RECEIVE MANY SMALL BUT NECESSARY REPAIRS. THE LOUNGE WILL RECEIVE A REAL FACELIFT. IT IS OUR GOAL TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR! THANKS TO GOOD MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING OF THE PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE WE HAVE SAVINGS TO HELP WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS.

THE PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE WISELY ADJUSTED THE BAR HOURS TO THE ACTUAL USE. THE BAR-LOUNGE AREA IS OPEN WED-SAT & FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. OUR OWN OPEN MIKE IS OFFERRED TWO FRIDAYS A MONTH ALTERNATING WITH A LIVE BAND TWO SATURDAY'S A MONTH. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

THE HALL IS A BIG PART OF OUR MONTHLY INCOME FROM RENTALS AND CATERING. UNFORTUNATLEY OUR KITCHEN STAFF IS CURRENTLY VERY SPARSE AND THE CATERING INCOME IS SUFFERING. ON AVERAGE, OUR FRIDAY HAMBURGER LUNCHES ARE STILL OPERATING AND DOING WELL. WE ALSO HAVE REGULAR GROUPS BOOK FOR LUNCHES IE SENIORS AT HOME.

ONE OF THE NEW COMMITTEES THIS YEAR - SPECIAL PROJECTS - JUST COMPLETED THEIR FIRST TASK EVER WITH A CEREMONY AT THE ARNPRIOR CENOTAPH ON SEPT2/25 TO COMMEMMORATE THE END OF WW II AND IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. IT WAS ATTENDED BY LOCAL DIGNATARIES, RESIDENTS AND OF COURSE THE BRANCH MEMBERS.

SPORTS AT THE BRANCH HAVE REALLY TAKEN OFF IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. THE SPORTS OFFICER ORGANIZED DARTS TWO NIGHTS A WEEK, HOLDS TOURNAMENTS FOR BOTH DARTS AND GOLF AND OVERSEES THE POOL PLAYERS – AFFECTIONATELY KNOW AS THE "CELLAR DWELLERS"! WE ALSO HAVE A SESSION OF PICKLEBALL EACH WEEK.

THE VETERANS SUPPORT OFFICER IS PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL VETERANS DINNER ON SEPT 21/25. THERE IS ENTERTAINMENT AND DARTS PLANNED FOR THE WEEK. NEW THIS YEAR, IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR MUSEUM, THE HALL IS DECORATED WITH VETERANS' POSTERS. WE ARE PLANNING A FURTHER CONNECTION WITH THE MUSEUM INCLUDING THEIR YOUTH GROUP.

MEMBERSHIP IS GOOD AND IS INCREASING SLOWLY. THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS AND VISITING GUESTS/MEMBERS WILL HOPEFULLY IMPROVE THIS YEAR. "./16

THE BRANCH COLOUR PARTY HAS BEEN RESURECTED AND TOOK PART IN THE LANARK HIGHLAND GAMES IN ALMONTE. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THEM AND OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS.

OVERALL, OUR BRANCH, THOUGH SMALL IN ACTIVE MEMBERS, HAS BEEN PRETTY ACTIVE THIS YEAR AND VERY AMBITIOUS SINCE JUNE. ALL IN ALL, WE ARE DOING WELL. THE EXECUTIVE WORK WELL TOGETHER AND THE SEASONED ONES ARE VERY HELPFUL TO EVERYONE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JANET TOBIO, PRESIDENT

BRANCH 174 ARNPRIOR

# CAPT A. ROY BROWN, BRANCH 192 Fall Report 14 September 2025

#### **Membership**

Branch # 192 continues to maintain a strong membership. Currently we are at 405 members in good standing. We will be starting to promote our early bird membership for 2026 very soon.

#### **Poppy**

Preparations for our 2025 Poppy Campaign are well under way.

#### **Veterans Service**

Our Branch Service officer continues to help assist our Veterans for assistance. The average is approximately 2 to 3 requests for assistance each month. These are for the most part, requests for assistance in filling out Veterans Affairs Canada forms.

#### **Finance**

The Branch finances are stable. We have had to close our Branch for a few weeks this Summer to do some much needed repairs to our old building. Repairing the flooring behind the bar, painting the main hall and bathrooms, etc. We are also looking at taking a loan of \$50,000.00 from Command to help pay for a much-needed kitchen renovation this Fall. Notice of Motion to be given at the end of September General meeting. More to follow on this.

As you may know we have partnered up with the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital Foundation the last 5 years for our Catch the Ace Lottery and will be starting back up with the next version of 6.0 this October. We are waiting for our Provincial license through AGCO and should have approval shortly.

#### **Ways and Means**

We just had our Annual Corn Roast at the end of August that was a huge success. As well as our Annual Tattoo this past June. We are planning on some functions throughout the Fall to help assist us in raising funds for our kitchen renovations.

#### **Ladies Auxiliary**

The Ladies Auxiliary have been pretty quiet over the Summer. They are planning to have their annual Harvest dinner in October. They continue to support our Branch as needed.

#### **Constitution and Bylaws**

We are in the process of having our Branch Regulations, Bylaws and Clubhouse rules all redone and submitted to Command for Approval. More to follow.

#### **Sports**

We have started our Ladies Auxiliary Dart League, as well as the Individual Branch Dart League on Tuesday evenings and the Branch Team Dart League on Thursdays. This will go from September to May. This will definitely help with our Bar sales and overall income for the Branch.

# **Overall**

Branch 192 is in good shape. We keep monitoring our finances on a weekly basis. We are very flexible to adjust to the current situation as it changes.

Respectfully submitted

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Peter Schaffer President RCL Br 192 Carleton Place, ON



#### Branch 240 Report, September 13, 2025

Branch 240 currently has 451 members for 2025. We must give a big thank you to Peggy Byrne our membership Chair for her hard work.

Fundraising continues with the Monthly Breakfast program on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6.0" Raffle will be kicking off soon. We partnered with the Almonte General Hospital/Fairview Manor Foundation again this year. This year we have added a portable terminal where customers can pay cash and get tickets.

Our Annual Corn Roast, will be back on September 13, 2025, this is expected to be a major source of income and all Branches are invited to attend. Our Annual Pig Roast was held in June and was successful. We also operated a beer tent on Canada Day July 1<sup>st</sup> in Gemmill Park.

A big thank you, to the Branches who helped with the Colour Parties at the North Lanark Highland Games in August. We hope to be hosting our Battle of Atlantic for 2026 in May. More info soon.

Respectfully submitted,

**President** 

**Branch 240 Almonte** 



#### Branch 244 Report, September 13, 2025

Membership: Is almost at 100% of last year. We are over 98%

Sports: We have a new Chair and he is looking forward to getting involved.

Poppy: Orders are in for Poppy's and Wreaths. Plans for November 11th are underway as well.

Banners: We will have 389 Banners going up during National Legion Week.

Fund raiser plans include the Annual Golf Tournament; Sponsors, Sale of 18 month calendars; Lasagne and Laterns dinner for families with Banners in town; 100-year-old Veteran to receive his Quilt of Valur; and Motorcycle parade through town passing by all the Seniors homes.

LA: We have always had a very strong relationship with our Ladies Auxiliary. Great bunch to work with.

Financial: Our Branch is doing fairly well.

We have monthly food nights; Veterans Breakfast (1<sup>st</sup> one 21<sup>st</sup> Sept); 2 Hall rentals – parties, meetings, Blood Doner And of course, our 31<sup>st</sup> annual Polar Bear Plunge. This year our Branch (244) will be the recipient of funds raised.

I challenge all Branches in our Zone to send a "Plunger" to participate.

Our Branch inspection is scheduled for Sunday 5, October 2025

I so move my report. Ivan Cole President Branch 244

#### **Lanark Legion Branch 395**

#### **Presidents Report**

#### **September 14, 2025**

The Lanark Legion is doing well although the months of July and August have been slow; the July 1<sup>st</sup> Steak Bar-B-Que was a success again this year. The Branch is financially stable and meeting all financial commitments.

We continue fund-raising to raise money to renovate the kitchen at the Legion. We applied for an Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Capital Grant, and having met all the requirements we did not receive the grant because they ran out of money. The OFT (Program Manager) has encouraged us to resubmit our application in March 2026.

We have been promoting the Legion Hall for rentals and have seen an increase in our rentals for this fall. The Hunter's Bash will be held in in November and Community darts will start up in October 2025.

The Legion does not have a Sergeant- at- Arms and some committee positions remain vacant.

The Lanark Legion will be participating in the Military Banner program this year. To date we have 33 banners to be posted. The Township of Lanark Highlands has been very supportive and will be take on the responsibility of putting up and taking down the banners.

Membership is currently at 62 members and the Membership Chair and members continue to seek new members.

The Youth Education Chair will be seeking support from the schools in the village again this year trying to increase participation in the Youth Education program.

The Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 11, 2024. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery at CFB Petawawa has been asked to join us again this year and we are awaiting their reply.

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 -1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

#### **Branch 616 West Carleton**

#### Report to Zone G-6 Council

Report for September 14, 2025

Branch 616 West Carleton is doing well. The typically quieter summer months are leading into plans for a busy fall.

We hosted a veterans luncheon this summer, including vets from the Perley. Our traditional pig roast was held July 1, as well as occasional Friday BBQs through the summer.

Membership is up to approx. 250.

Renovations are complete for our main hall and well received – paint, new ceiling, new windows, new dimmable LED lighting, new dart cabinets, new TV, the closing in of an unused patio door, and an in-ceiling speaker system.

Our Liquor License has been renewed, and we switched to Cooperators for our insurance which was over a 20% saving.

Our Sports Officer resigned, and this has been filled by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Johnson

President, Legion Branch 616

# Zone G 6 Council/Convention 14 September 2025 Kanata Branch 638 Presidents' Report

It has been a very quiet summer. Our Friday Fish and Chips was put on hold for the month of July and August mainly to give the Volunteers a well-deserved break, will resume 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

The Branch has had a very productive year since the Spring Zone Meeting. Upgrades include painting, purchase of new dart boards, a BBQ and general repairs.

It was a pleasure to attend with our Cadet Laision Officer four Cadet parades rounding out their year of training. I was very impressed by how the Cadet program instills responsibility and pride into our youth. I feel the money given is money well spent.

Our Complimentary Coffee Time is still very well attended. Several retirement homes provide the treats on a weekly rotation, a very nice gesture and is well appreciated.

The Branch Service Officer is a very energetic and dedicated Comrade he has advised and helped many Veterans this year. He goes above and beyond doing a fanatic job.

The bursary program was very helpful to give \$1000 to 23 students helping them further their education.

The Branch Early Bird campaign is well under way many have already taken advantage of the savings.

The Branch Membership numbers are 378 and increasing.

The only downside as I see it in our Branch is the inability to recruit new volunteers, hopefully that can be turned around in the near future

This concludes my report,

Yours in Comradeship

James (Jim) Hemlin, President

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