ZONE G6 SPRING COUNCIL REPORTS March 10, 2019 Branch 638 Kanata

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Welcome Comrades all to the Spring Council and Convention of 2019. I'm quite happy to see that you have taken time out from playing in the snow or shovelling it, whatever the case.

Right after the Fall Council, the D/Commander, Branch Advisor and I began the Branch Inspections which ended in record time on 15 Oct 2018, much to the delight of the District Commander. Only one Branch caused us some concern. A Branch Advisory Team was put together to meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the problems and suggest remedial action to solve these problems.

I managed to attend the Service Officer Seminar on 29 September but could not attend the Poppy Seminar the next day due to a prior commitment. On 14 October the BAT joined the Executive Committee meeting at Branch 174 Arnprior to assist with suggestions and advice on possible solutions to their problems. Next on the schedule was the District G Council in beautiful downtown Hawkesbury. There were a number of guest speakers who imparted some very informative facts and figures.

Now it was back to the Branch and get in the groove for the Poppy Campaign. I hope all the branches had a successful Campaign. After this event, the Xmas season was quickly approaching. Everything went over to slow mode as far as Legion business was concerned. On Christmas day we lost a long time avid Legion member and Zone Poppy Chairman and a friend, Comrade Eric Devlin. I attended his funeral on 29 December.

Myself and the D/Zone Commander split the New Year's Levee visits. I visited Kanata, West Carleton, Arnprior and Lanark Branches. Attendance at the Branches varied from well-attended to scarce. On 16 January 2019 I was invited to Branch 638, Kanata to watch Comrade George Pollack accept the Volunteer Medal from the office of the GG.

In February, I experienced some dissension in the ranks at Branch 95, Smiths Falls. Two strong personalities were butting heads and I hope that has been repaired. On 2 March I will be attending the Zone Public Speaking in Kanata. The BAT will be back in Arnprior on 3 March to check on their progress.

It has been a pleasure, for the most part, to have been the Zone G-6 Commander. It was a learning experience and I really appreciate the cooperation that I received from the Branches. My appreciation goes to the District Commander Dave Cormier for his assistance when needed. To all of you individuals out there who offered advice and assistance, my heartfelt thanks. To the Executive Council, I couldn't have asked for a better crew...you kept me on the straight and narrow. I hope that you stay on and assist my replacement. I made new friendships which I hope will be enduring. Many thanks again!

I will NOT be running for anything except my car at the end of this meeting. It will be back to my Branch who have already designated me for a few things. It has been a pleasure. Respectfully

Bob Atkinson Zone Commander



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District G – Zone G6 Ontario Provincial Command Zone G6 Depurty Commander: Rob Madore 38 Mill Street Apt : A, Almonte, ON, KOA 1A0 Home Phone; 613-256-3055 Email: rob_madore@msn.com

Good afternoon Comrades. Welcome to our Spring Zone Council, and thank you to Branch 638 Kanata for hosting. I trust everyone is enjoying our snowy winter weather.

I again attended all Branch inspections this past fall. Looks like we have some improvements to be made for this year's inspections. I also had the pleasure of attending New Year's Levee at Branch 192 Carleton Place, Branch 95 Smiths Falls, Branch 244 Perth and Branch 240 Almonte. Thank you for your hospitality.

If nominated I will stand for the position Zone Commander. Good luck to all that will be running for positions within your branch, and thank you. Without your dedication your branch and our zone wouldn't be where it is today.

Yours in Comradeship

Rob Madore

Zone G6 Deputy Commander

Royal Canadian Legion Zone G 6

Balance Sheet As at February 28, 2019

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank Account Accounts Receivable	8,202.25 4,718.70
TOTAL ASSETS	12,920.95
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Per Capita from Branches PP&E Carried Forward PP&E from Branches PP&E Expended	1,572.90 307.60 1,348.20 -1,300.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,928.70
<u>EQUITY</u>	
Retained Earnings from Previous Year Current Earnings Total Equity	10,224.20 768.05 10,992.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	12,920.95

INCOME STATEMENT June 01, 2018 to February 28, 2019

REVENUE

Zone Per Capita Levy from Branches	1,797.60
TOTAL REVENUE	1,797.60
EXPENSES	
Web Hosting Honours, Awards & Recognition Bank Charges Mileage & Conventions	207.40 23.30 36.00 762.85
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,029.55</u>
NET PROFIT	768.05

L.A. ZONE COMMANDER'S REPORT MARCH 10TH, 2019

Head Table Guests and Comrades All:

Good Afternoon, I am pleased to submit my report on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary Zone G-6.

I attended the Ladies Auxiliary Ontario Command Convention held in Frankford last September representing Zone G6. Six auxiliaries were represented from our Zone. There were 37 Zone Commanders in attendance. The province is divided into 9 districts, consisting of 243 auxiliaries, having a total membership of 8,623 of which 1,254 are life members. In the past year the ladies auxiliaries have raised a total of \$5,900,957.87 and spent a total of \$5,727,755.84. Ontario Command is quite pleased that we have not spent more than we brought in. Most of the auxiliaries are struggling and in the past 2 years we have lost 15 Auxiliaries and 500 members. If this pattern keeps up there will be no Ladies Auxiliary across Ontario so we need to have a recruiting program, if each person can bring in one new member we will be in fine shape.

The Leave the Streets Behind program: we have 644 veterans out of which there are 60 females in 136 communities. Since this inception, over \$3 Million dollars have been raised.

There is now a new program which is Service Dogs for Veterans suffering from PTSD. The new Ontario Command Officers are: President Debbie Olmstead; 1st Vice President Kathy Moggy; 2nd Vice President Sharon Crown; 3rd Vice President Kathey Putnam; Chairman Brenda Deacon and Kelly Scott is the new Sports Officer.

Zone G6 Sports Officer Tricia Madore resigned and Comrade Luanne Warren from Almonte stepped in to take her place.

I have made all my Official Visits last fall expect one in December due to my husband's illness. My Deputy Zone Commander filled in for me. We found that most auxiliaries are getting along with their branch but some are experiencing interference from them. We hope that all will be sorted out. We have one auxiliary with only 6 members, but they are keeping up by having card games once a week.

At this time I would like to thank everyone that attended Eric's wake and funeral and also sent cards and donations.

Yours in comradeship,

Marilyn Devlin, L.A. Zone Commander G-6

ZONE G 6 POEMS, POSTERS AND ESSAYS CONTEST

SPRING COUNCIL/CONVENTION – MARCH 2019

This year (2018) Zone G6 Branches had a total of 1,343 entries this is up by 125 entries from the previous year.

The Zone Judging was held at Kanata Branch 638 on Dec. 09, 2018. Thanks to my team of judges.

In the Zone competition, we had 13 first place entries which were forwarded on to District. We also had 11 second place entries and 7 third place entries.

At the District level, Zone G6 ended up with 2 first place entries and 3 second place entries.

The packages going back to the Branches at Kanata. Zone council meeting will include all posters, poems and essays which were submitted with prizes (monetary, medals and certificates) for both Zone and District winners.

Thank you,

Johanna Walters Zone G6 Chair Youth-Ed Posters, Poems and Essays

ZONE G6 YOUTH EDUCATION PUBLIC SPEAKING - MARCH 10, 2019

Good afternoon, Comrades,

The 2019 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition was held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Branch #638, Kanata. For the sixth consecutive year Branch #638's generosity as branch host prevailed once again providing the facilities, colour party, volunteers and the cost of the lunch. On behalf of Zone G6, I wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to Branch 638.

Of the eight Zone G6 branches five branches hosted a public speaking competition. As in the past four years both the Kanata and West Carleton Branches did not have participants due to the Ottawa School Boards' heavy curriculum and/or lack of volunteers. For the second year Perth did not host a public speaking competition due to lack of volunteers. Special thanks to Lanark and Smiths Falls legions and their Youth Education Public Speaking Chairs for accepting students from Perth Legion schools. The total number of participants entered in the 2019 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking competition was 15 and all were in attendance

Category entry breakdown 15: Primary – 4 / Junior – 5/ Intermediate – 5 / Senior – 1.

This was the first year 3rd Place winners were recognized at the Zone G6 level.Zone G6 2019 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition results are as follows:Primary 1st place:Mayla KozuskaMayla KozuskaArnprior"Scottish Dancing"Branch #174

Primary 2 nd place:	Sophie Clancy "Plastic"	Smiths Falls Branch #95
Primary 3 rd place:	Myles Reid "Sounds we Make"	Carleton Place Branch #192
Junior 1 st place:	Logan Deugo "Phoenix Guide Dog"	Almonte Branch #240
Junior 2 nd place:	Aaron Sinclair "Words of Advice"	Smiths Falls Branch #95
Junior 3 rd place:	Lindsay Truelove "History of Catch Phrases"	Lanark Branch #395

Intermediate 1 st place:		Skyla Bonell "Being Short"	Arnprior Branch #174		
Intermedia	te 2 nd place:	Charlotte Morris "Middle Children"	Smiths Falls Branch #95		
Intermedia	te 3 rd place:	Joryn Erwin "How Times Have Changed"	Carleton Place Branch #192		
Senior	1 st place:	Christian Erwin "Middle Child Syndrome"	Carleton Place Branch #192		

Each speaker received a certificate and medallion for participation and 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd Place received a plaque and cash award of \$40.00, \$30.00 and \$20.00 respectively.

This year's District Public Speaking competition will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019at Br. #353, Eganville, 57 Veterans Way, Eganville, Ontario K0J 1T0, 613-628-2802Times: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.Registration for Primary and Junior12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.Registration for Intermediate and Senior

Area "F" and "G" Competition to be held April 6, 2019 at Br. #550, Cobden, 43A Main Street, Cobden, Ontario K0J 1K0, 613-636-7914.

The Provincial Public speaking competition will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Br. #479, Niagara Falls, 5603 Spring Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 1P7 905-354-4331.

Although most of us can appreciate the importance of developing public speaking skills, the interest in public speaking appears to be decreasing. I ask everyone to do what they can to keep the public speaking competitions alive. Your suggestions are welcome.

At this time, I wish to request approval of \$800.00 for 2020 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition.

This is my report and I move its adoption.

Lorraine Lapensée Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Chair



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Zone G6 Honours and Awards Report

10 March 2019

Zone Commander, Head Table, Guests, Comrades:

The following Council members are eligible to receive awards and I would ask the "guest speaker" to assist the Zone Commander in presenting the medals and bars.

George Dolan	Youth Education Bar (Bursary)
Gerry Dore	Veterans' Service Bar and Seniors Bar
Claire Husson	Secretary Bar
Bruce Judge	Past Officer Medal, Zone Bar and Public Relations Bar
Barry Pascoe	Past Officer Medal, Zone Bar and Sgt-at-Arms Bar
Bogdan Procyk	Past Officer Medal, Zone Bar and Poppy Bar
George Wood	Membership Bar, Honours & Awards Bar
Rob Madore	Past Officer Medal, Zone Bar and Deputy Commander Bar
Bob Atkinson	Zone Commander Medal and Lapel Pin

At this time I would like to thank all the council for their work over the past term and I hope you will continue to serve the Zone over the next term.

Respectfully submitted,

George Wood Honours and Awards



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District G - Zone G6 Ontario Provincial Command George Wood Immediate Past Commander Membership - Honours & Awards Email: george.wood097@gmail.com http://zoneg6legion.ca/ Zone G6 Membership Report

10 March 2019 Zone Commander, Head Table, Guests, Comrades: I have been trying to forward all the emails I get from District and Dominion Command on membership matters. Hopefully your membership chairs are sharing pertinent information with members. I would like to highlight a couple of points as follows.

"The Legion is pleased to offer currently serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members with a free one-year Legion membership, including a subscription to Legion Magazine and access to the Member Benefit programs. Our Veteran Welcome Program, available to all Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion, is a great way to get to know the organization."

If you know of a veteran who is not a member, this would be a great way to get them interested in joining the legion. They can apply by going to the Legion website at http://www.legion.ca/welcome where they can download and complete the Veteran Welcome Program Registration Form . Your branch Membership Chair can also download copies and assist any veteran that doesn't have access to the internet.

Dominion Command emailed a survey to 280 of the "free membership" mentioned above that did not renew after their one year was up and it is interesting that only 48 of the email recipients responded. Why, I do not know but the answers below are revealing.

Q1a. Summary of reasons they did not renew

15% Financial reasons 17% Did not receive reminder 17% Forgot 40% Other Q1b. Summary of explanations o 25% Not relevant - 8/32 o 25% Inconvenient/expensive - 8/32 o 19% Bad experience – 6/32 o 15% No reminder - 5/32 Q2. Summary of reasons they accepted the free membership 37% It was free and offered - 14/38 29% To connect and belong - 11/3818% To help and support -7/3816% To learn about the organization -6/38Q3a. Did they visit a Legion Branch 62% Yes

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Q3b. Summary of experiences at a Legion Branch

32% Good/pleasant - 9/28

25% Not relevant (people, activities) - 7/28

18% Not welcomed -5/28

14% Unpleasant environment/decor – 4/28

7% Location too far - 2/28

4% Frustrating, poorly organized – 1/28

Q4. Did they know they could transfer to a local Branch

78% Yes

22% No

Q5. Suggestions to improve

19% Relevant activities, resources, member base - 6/31

19% Improve renewal reminders and processes – 6/31

16% Leadership, advocacy – 5/31

10% Warm, welcoming environment – 3/31

10% Closer location – 3/31

As can been seen, there were a number who indicated a "bad / unwelcome" experience. It would appear that we, as current members, must improve how our home branch treats all new members so they feel welcomed and part of a great organization.

At this time I would like to let everyone know that it is my intention to let my name stand for the position of Deputy Commander of District G at the upcoming District Convention. If successful, I will not be able to continue as Zone G6 Membership, Honours and Awards Chairman. So if anyone is interested in either or both of these positions, please let the Zone Commander know.

Finally, I ask for your support in my endeavour at the District Convention.

I so submit my report.

George Wood Membership We have completed 4 events with participation down in cards but Senior darts and Regular Darts had a good turnout. We have a problem as there are 3 branches who seldom if ever participate, in one case they were the host club. There was an ineligible player at one event and was suspended until 2020. It is imperative that Branches check for eligibility before signing the entry forms. Results

Cribbage

Tom Watters, Jim Wilson, Harriet Farrell, Donna Keys Gloria Wilson, Arleen Morrow, Kevin Johnson, Bernie day Lorraine Leblanc, Gerry Houston, Jill Boss, Edith Leishman George Dolan, Sheila Dolan, Shelly Mason, Bogie Procyk Don Buker, Barry MacGregor, Gerry Lewis, Don Lewis Don Vandusen Ken Manwell, Donavan Pretty, Wayne Foster

Darts Team

Wesley Reid, Andy Brown, Jodi Cook, Bill Don Max Green, Jim Chapman, Derek Bowden. Brenda Logan Brian Comeau, Ron Comeau, Peter Schatter, Glen Spence Doubles Westley Reid, Jodi Cook Lawrence Wark, Randy Armstrong, Chad McDermid, George Dolan Andy Brown, Bill Don Singles Dan Timmis Westly Reid JODI Cook Andy Brown

Senior Darts

Al Hendewich, Ivor Morris, Kevin Francis, Ron Comeau Boggie Procyk George Dolan, Shiela Masson, Rob Gallant Bob Atkinson, Bob Giles, Jack Churchill, Paul Shane Max Green Jim Chapman, Brenda Logan, Carl Bowden Brenda L:ogan, Carl Bowden Al Hendewich, Ivor Morris Sheila Masson, Boggie Procyk George Bourgunion Ansom Edmunds Max Green Jim Chapman Tom Watters Al Hendewich Br 616 West Carleton Br, 616 West Carleton Br 240 Almonte Br 616 West Carlton Br 244 Perth Br 95 Smiths Falls

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Euchre

Dale Bower, Gary Fournier, Brian Hebert, Dave Hitchcock Charlie Cook, Roger Burke, Mary Clapp, Mary Tryon Dianne Pattenaud, Ellis Jansen, Peter Patenaud, Bev Mitchell Larry David, Marina David, Kevin Johnson, Wayne Bahry Donna Keyes Gloria Wilson, Joh Keyes, Jim Wilson Doris James, Helen Lancton, Ernie Nolan, Darlene Arthurs

I submit my Report

Stan Lasenba Zone Sports Officer Br 244 Perth Br 244 Perth Br 192 Carleton Place Br.616 West Carleton Br 616 West Carleton Br 192 Carleton Place

Zone G6 Council/Convention Bursary Report March 10, 2019

On Feb. 5Th, the District Bursary Committee reviewed 24 applications for the Provincial Bursary. All of them were approved, including the six from our Zone.

Please ensure that the new Bursary Application Forms dated Jan. 2019 are being submitted forthwith.

Respectfully submitted George Dolan Zone Bursary Chair



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Zone G6 Council / Convention Report Zone G6 Poppy Chairman March 10, 2019

Good Day Comrades,

It is a pleasure to be here representing the Branch Poppy Chairs. I am now into my 2^{nd} year as the Zone G6 Poppy Chairman and still enjoying it. The role has been interesting, and it's been fun working with the Branches this year. However, I have one regret, that there is just not enough time in the day to provide the Branches the support they deserve.

The Poppy Inspections got off to an early start last year with the first inspection completed on Oct 4, with six more being completed in early December 2018 and a final one in January 2019. Although the process was much better than the previous year there was still some confusion regarding how to fill out the requested forms. General observations indicate that those who were having difficulties either did not attend the Poppy training seminar last fall or did not take the time to read the instructions provided. Other than that, there were the usual challenges of scheduling and coordinating visits with the stakeholders. I 'Thank' all the Branches for their cooperation and patience in this exercise and their help in completing the Branch Poppy Trust Fund Inspections and providing the revenue numbers needed for this report.

As for the Poppy campaign last year, I am pleased to report that the Branches were able pull through once again and to make it another successful year for Zone G6. Even with the challenges experienced recruiting sitters for various locations most Branches exceed their revenues as compared to the previous year. With the Branch numbers not all up to-date from the 2018 – 2019 campaign results, I am forecasting that we will be reporting an additional \$5K, possibly more to last year's campaign revenues.

		Poppy Campaign Revenues							
Branc h	Location	201	6-2017	20	17-2018	-	18-2019 o-Date	Branch 3 year verage	Branch Chairman
Br 95	Smiths Falls	\$	33,884	\$	37,796	\$	38,941	\$ 36,874	Jean Lasenba
Br 174	Arnprior	\$	28,962	\$	25,900	\$	26,428	\$ 27,097	Janet Tobio
Br 192	Carleton Place	\$	23,622	\$	31,207	\$	22,428	\$ 25,752	Brian Comeau
Br 240	Almonte	\$	17,772	\$	16,355	\$	17,300	\$ 17,142	Denny O'Connell
Br 244	Perth-Upon-Tay	\$	29,155	\$	24,712	\$	27,000	\$ 26,956	Stacey Niceliu
Br 395	Lanark	\$	1,588	\$	2,781	\$	2,689	\$ 2,353	Norma Melanson / Bob Atkinson
Br 616	West Carleton	\$	18,633	\$	15,460	\$	18,300	\$ 17,464	Bogdan Procyk
Br 638	Kanata	\$	79,776	\$	83,628	\$	86,000	\$ 83,135	Doug Rowland
Zone G6	TOTAL	\$	233,393	\$	237,839	\$	239,087	\$ 236,773	

It is well known that our Poppy campaigns come with a variety of challenges most of which have not changed from previous years. The availability of volunteers or the lack of them is still on the top of the list. Branches just don't seem to have a well thought out solution for this problem yet. Unfortunately people are just not willing to sign up and commit to spend time in supporting the Poppy campaign. Everyone just seems to be too busy with other commitments and priorities. Possibly Branches are not aggressive enough on pulling on the volunteer base that exist within their membership rosters. Thus, as usual the brunt of the work related to the Campaign and general Poppy Fund administration is left to the regular group of volunteers which is a skeleton team in most Branches to carry the load. For those that do pitch in and help, the Branch Poppy Committees are very grateful and extend their gratitude. Without their support the campaign results would not be where they are.

I extend my many thanks to and congratulate the Branch Chairs, Poppy Committees and Volunteers for a job well done.

Respectively submitted

Bogdan Procyk

Chair Poppy Committee, Zone G6

RCL West Carleton 377 Allbirch Road RR#1, PO Box 261, Woodlawn, Ontario K0A 3M0

Zone Service Officer Report

Reporting Period – From <u>September 2018</u> to <u>February 2019</u>

1.	1. Number of Branch's in the Zone <u>8</u>	
2.	2. Number of Branch's this Report Includes	<u>7</u>
3.	 Number of Veterans visited: a. Retirement Homes <u>139</u> b. Nursing Homes <u>71</u> c. Hospitals <u>21</u> 	
4.	 Number of times the Provincial Veteran Service Of Zone? 	ficer visited your
5.	5. Number of Veterans/Widow/Widower who made ap Provincial Veteran Service Officer <u>15</u>	ppointments to be seen by the
	 From the Provincial Officer visit, how many Veterar assist in the filling out of: Legion Application for Claim (green) Veteran Affairs Application <u>8</u> Quality of Life How many home visits were made to assist Vetera 	<u>17</u> <u>11</u>
	with forms or benefits?	38
8.	 How many cases within your Zone was financial as granted to: a. Veteran b. Widow/widower 	sistance (from the Poppy Fund) <u>11</u> 8
a. P b. E	 What method did you advertise the visit of the Prov Paper Email Bulletin Board 	vincial Veteran Service Officer?

10. Are you a member of the Poppy Committee? <u>Yes</u>

11. What other activities does your Branch do for Veterans, Widows, or Widowers?

- a. Euchre
- b. Darts
- c. Luncheons
- d. Dinners

Branch 95 Report – March 2019

In September we witnessed the arrival of our LAV III. On 7th September Keith Anderson and I were interviewed by the Ottawa Citizen for an article regarding the LAV III Afghanistan Veterans memorial. On 10th September we had our annual Zone Commanders inspection. Thanks to our Financial Review Commirrww for their comprehensive report and recommendations that the Branch followed up on, we passed the inspection without any observations. Our big event of the month was the dedication of our Afghan Veterans memorial on 16th September that was attended by 18 Afghanistan Veterans plus a large contingent of the Veterans Motor Cycle club. On the same day we moved to Centennial Park to rededicate the main Cenotaph by adding three WWI names to the monument. Following we returned to the Branch to enjoy a lunch and view a WWI exhibit from the National Museum on loan from the Toronto Museum. At the end of September we hosted the District V.S.O. Seminar and the District Poppy seminar.

On 26th October we presented the first poppy to Smiths Falls Mayor Shawn Pankow and initiated our most successful Poppy Campaign ever. Thanks to Jean Lasenba and her team for an extremely well organized campaign nearly 40k was raised.

In November our Service Officer organized a Remembrance ceremony for five retirement homes. November 11th ceremonies were well attended with approximately 2000 town's people attending. A total of over 300 wreaths and crosses were layed. Also in November I accepted the resignation of our 2nd Vice due to health problems. The 3rd Vice was elevated to 2nd Vice and I appointed Ken Manwell as 3rd Vice and he was approved at the December General meeting. On the negative side we had a blockage in our sewer system that resulted in a \$5,000.00 dig and repair.

In December Christmas baskets were prepared for all Veterans in retirement homes, thanks to our ladies for coordinating. Also in December we had our Santa parade with a total of 70 floats in the parade and breakfast with Santa were well attended.

January 2019 started with our Levee which was attended by over 200 people filling the Lancaster room. A special presentation was made to the Hospital Foundation for \$26K thanks to the combined efforts of the Kinsmen Club, Rotary club, Ladies Auxiliary and Branch95. That day we welcomed our Deputy Zone Commander Rob Madore and his family, service medals and certificates of appreciation were presented to Branch volunteers.

In General our Branch finances are in good shape.

Our bi weekly fish & chips nights and our Thursday Bingo are the main source of funds for the Branch.

A committee has been formed to bid on the District convention for year 2020. Meetings have been held and subcommittee plans are being prepared.

Submitted

James R. Jenkins C.D. President Branch 95



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February 26, 2019

Report to Zone Council

Good Morning Comrades;

Like a lot of other branches in Canada, Branch 174 has been going through a slump in our business.

We have been working very hard and are keeping our heads above water. Our General Fund may not have a huge balance but our bills are paid up to date and we do not carry a line of credit or loan of any kind. Our building is paid for with no mortgage.

Our Veteran's Appreciation Dinner was a great success with 63 veterans attending with their spouses and care givers.

The Remembrance Day service was very well attended at the Cenotaph and at the luncheon in the Branch. Lauren Hall entertained in the Lounge.

December was a very busy month in our hall with rentals and Christmas Dinners. Thanks to our great volunteers these meals were very well received.

Our Levee was also well attended and this year we provided entertainment from our open mic night entertainers at no cost to the Branch. We had door prizes and raffle prizes as well as a 50/50 to raise money for the Branch. Buffet luncheon was served and was provided by volunteers.

We have entertainers in our Lounge 3pm to 7pm every second Saturday and hold open mic nights 7pm to 10pm every second Friday on the opposite weekend. We have a small group of dart players who come in every Friday evening.

The winter weather has been keeping customers at home and as a result January and February have been slow months. We hope to see an improvement with Spring on its way. Our hall is booked up very well until the end of June with only a few openings.

Our elections will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019. We look forward to Almonte conducting these elections once again.

Our Executive and General Meetings are being held March 10 at the Branch and when asked, no one from the executive committee was willing to attend the convention. It is very hard to get people interested in Legion functions outside of the Branch.

Yours fraternally,

Peter R. Walsh President Branch 174, Arnprior

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Carleton Place Branch 192 Zone Report 10 March 2019

Membership

Branch # 192 continues to maintain a strong membership. Over the past year we have had 36 new members, 15 transfers, and we are up over 75 percent for 2019 renewals. Overall, last year we maintained our current membership and add 10%.

Poppy

Our 2018 Poppy Campaign was a very successful one with a total income of approx. \$27,673.00. We recently had our Poppy Trust Fund Committee meeting to discuss the disbursement of funds. We wouldn't be able to raise this amount unless it wasn't for our great volunteers and the Town of Carleton Place.

Veterans Service

Our Branch Service officer continues to help assist us and our Veterans for assistance. The average used to be approximately 2 to 3 requests for assistance each month. These are for the most part, requests for assistance in filling our Veterans Affairs Canada forms. However, just recently we have had to cancel bringing in Patricia Royle for our Veterans due to lack of interest.

Finance

The Branch finances are doing well; however, I would like to see us make a little more money so that we can continue to improve our old building. Our Finance Committee is constantly looking at ways to save money and spend wisely. As of the first of March we are increasing the prices of our alcohol beverages by approximately .25 / beer, wine glass, cooler, etc. which will bring a domestic beer to \$4.25 which is still minimal compared to other restaurants and bars within Carleton Place. We continue to pay off our loan from RBC. This summer we will also be purchasing another \$7000.00 GIC to invest with helping pay off our loan. This is our second year and we still plan on doing this every year for the next 3 years so that we can pay off our loan early. Things are looking good.

Ways and Means

Our Ways and Means committee Chairman recently resigned due to moving away, so this position has been vacant for the last two months. However, a few of us continue to come up with ideas to attract a good and steady turn-out for activities. The monthly Breakfast continue to bring in good crowds and is a very good event. We still continue to have to plan our own Legion events well in advance due to all the rental bookings we are receiving. At the election in April we have a person that will be taking over this position and look forward to the new ideas they bring.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary are kept very busy lately with various catering functions, fashion shows, craft & bake sales, and the many funerals that they cater among other things. Their sports are self sufficient, supporting themselves with weekly euchre parties, darts, bake sales and sport tournaments. The Ladies Auxiliary has an excellent relationship with the branch and enjoys working together on many projects. The LA continues to help donating funds to help pay with our renovations and upkeep of the building.

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Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions

The New Branch Regulations have been reviewed, approved and posted in the Branch. As well, our Branch is bringing forth a Resolution that,

"Canada Border Services Agency (CSBA) Officers serving for not less than two years, be included in Ordinary Membership (206) Category."

<u>Sports</u>

We had a good year with our sports. We had teams playing Darts, Euchre, Cribbage, and Golf. Our Dart Leagues all started up in September and will be finished at the end of May. We are having a new Dart League on Wednesday nights and this is becoming very popular. This now has Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons for different dart leagues. All and all, everyone is having fun with the sports event in Branch 192.

<u>Overall</u>

Branch 192 is in good shape. As mentioned, we are continuing with the renovations for our old building. As we save up money, we constantly prioritize what needs to be done to keep our building in the best shape possible. However, we are dealing with one issue reference our Lottery License with the Town of Carleton Place. Every three months we apply for our Lottery license. Since our last application it was noticed that our use of Lottery funds was approved but it was dated 2002 and has never been updated. This allowed us to use 67% in total from Lottery funds to help pay with maintenance and repair costs on the building. We are now in the process to build our case that this percentage should not change. More to follow; however, I did want to bring this to the attention of other Presidents.

Respectfully submitted

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Peter Schaffer President RCL 192 Carleton Place, ON



Branch 240 Report, March 10, 2019

Branch 240 currently has 359 paid members for 2018, only 99.2% of the 362 we had in 2017. We have had a slow start this year, we currently have 280 paid members for 2019. While this is a cause for concern, we are gaining new members to replace those lost by deaths and transfer. Our problem is renewals.

Fundraising continues with the Monthly Breakfast program on the 3rd Saturday of every month from September until June. We continue to do our Wednesday Wing night every Wednesday starting at 5:30pm. We have included chicken fingers and eggrolls to our menu.

We also are continuing the "Catch the Ace" Raffle which has been very successful. Our first draw had the winner taking in over \$7000. Our fourth draw continues to bring in revenue. Currently sitting just under \$4000 for the winner.

Our 8th Annual Pig Roast, will be back this September, this is expected to be a major source of income and all Branches are invited to attend. We also will be operating a beer tent on Canada Day July 1^{st.} We will also be hosting an open washer's tournament on Aug 3rd at Gemmill Park with beer tent and BBQ.

A big thank you from our Sgt of Arms, to the Branches who helped out with the Colour Parties at the Battle of The Atlantic parade in May, and at the Highland Games in August. There will be e-mails sent out to attend again this year. Also a big thank you to the Branches that donated to Battle of the Atlantic with your support we will be hosting again in May 2019. Donations again this year would greatly be appreciated.

Our Washer players did well in winning the Provincials in Doubles last July, and this means that Branch 240 will be hosting the Provincial tournament again this August. Respectfully submitted,

President

Branch 240 Almonte

Perth - Upon - Tay Branch 244, Presidents Report.

Comrades:

I'm very pleased to announce that all is well in the Perth Legion. We are in a very positive financial position, thanks mainly to "Catch The Ace" program. We have over 430 paid up members now, and many do have an interest and are involved in Branch matters. Our Branch elections will be on Monday, 27 th May, 2019, 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to a few new members in the make up of our new executive for a two year term. Catch the Ace has brought a number of new members into the organization, and the reinstatement of others from the past, only by their weekly visits and seeing our comradeship within.

The Branch has been very busy since last fall with special events, lounge and auditorium rentals. The fitness class has two sessions on both Mondays and Fridays and many of these people are now aware of the Legion.

We had 34 teams partake in double darts in Feb., and The Soldier on Dart Tournament is 12 -13- 14 April. We will be hosting District euchre 16 March and District Cribbage in January, 2020. We have two teams returning to day (March 10) from Mississauga, Provincial Cribbage and Provincial Darts. Our Wed.night dart league has 24 teams and another 8 teams on Tuesday night. Obviously our Sports program is doing quit well.

We have been short on chairmanship for several committees, and hope to fill those vacancies in our next term. I would like to thank both Lanark and Smiths Falls Branches for accepting our Perth students who wished to participate in Public Speaking this past month.

A major event coming to Lanark County on 28-29-30 March is "Docs on Ice" This is group of Doctors, 800, and Medical students,100, who will make up about 56 hockey teams. They will be playing in Perth, Lanark, Smith Falls and Carleton Place. In years gone by, they have left about \$120,00.00 in the communities the have been in. They support PEP Seniors

Therapeutic Centre, Project Trauma Support, Lanark County Therapeutic Riding Program, The Table Community Food Centre, Perth Firedogs Youth Program and more. This group has grown over this past 35 years and raised over one million dollars for charity. Many hockey Hall of Fame and T.V. personalities will be in attendance. Perth Legion has been chosen as one of their centers of operations and there will be others with in the area as well. The local media will have far more details and information as this event draws near. I suspect some of you may have knowledge of this, and for all involved, it appears to be a favorable fund raiser for the the aforementioned organizations.

Your in Comradeship,

Barry Boyce.

Branch 395 Lanark

February 2019

In August 2018, the elected President resigned his position from Branch 395, and the First Vice President, Darleen Sargeant assumed the role of President. The Branch struggles with trying to get members to fill the vacant positions, and to have members participate on committees.

The Branch however remains financially stable. We continue to have slow patronage on bar days and our Birthday Saturdays. The November Hunters Bash was a success. However, rentals have not been as plentiful during the winter months.

The New Year's Eve dance along with Community Darts during the winter months and the good management of our resources continue to keep our cashflow stable. Our partnership with the Lanark and District Fish and Game Club has also been very successful.

Membership is at 60 and hopefully this number can be raised as we are trying to recruit new members.

The Ladies Auxiliary is small but as supportive as can be of the Branch.

The current Executive, although small in numbers, is very supportive of the Branch and we continue to remain a respected organization in the Village of Lanark.

Respectfully Submitted

Darleen Sargeant President

Delegates:

Zone Commander – Robert Atkinson

Treasurer – Norma Melanson

Zone G6 Council/Convention West Carleton Branch 616 President's Report March 10, 2019

Tom Watters organized a fundraiser golf tournament, which took place Sept. 8th. Thank you to all who attended.

We kicked off Legion Week with the traditional Honours and Awards and Pig Roast. Our ladies' and men's dart leagues got under way, which is greatly needed for the Branch coffers.

Our 50th Anniversary Dinner on Sept. 29th was well organized and attended thanks to our Executive. Thanks to Rob Madore for attending on behalf or our Zone.

All of the eight participants in the Food Handler's Course were certified.

Our Branch's Zone inspection was held Oct. 4th. We received a favourable review from our Commander.

We have been fortunate to have some profitable hall bookings. Unfortunately some of them are solemn affairs.

Our members are very active in Zone Sports events. Three teams advanced to District in cribbage; one doubles team advanced in darts; one doubles and one team advanced in Senior darts; and two teams have advanced in euchre. Kudos to Stan Lasenba for all of his organization.

The Branch hosted about 20 Perley Vets for an early Christmas dinner, entertainment and gifts on Nov. 17th. A children's Christmas party was held on Dec. 9th and a Branch Christmas party on Dec. 22nd.

The New Year's Levee was well attended. Zone Commander Bob Atkinson presented Arleen Morrow with a Scrapbook Plaque.

We had one first, one second and one third place winner in the Zone Poster and Literary Contest. The number of entries was up slightly this year. Unfortunately there is little interest in the Public Speaking Contest.

Our membership status at year end was 164, and a new life membership was awarded as of Jan. 29, 2019.

The Branch continues to have a good rapport with the Ladies' Auxiliary, perhaps due in part to the fact that some Auxiliary executive are also Branch executive. The Sandills Seniors and the Branch also continue to support each other.

As part of our community initiative, the Branch provides facilities for youth to play horseshoes and a meeting place for our local Girl Guides, who made Valentine cards for the Perley residents.

Through trial and tribulations our Branch Regulations Certificate of Review No. 3 was awarded on Feb. 11th.

The annual Old Sled Run with over 120 participants on Feb. 17th was again a great fundraiser. Breakfast and lunch was served to all. Kudos to the organizers of this event.

Mother Nature has been relentless this winter, which requires more effort to keep our property in suitable condition.

The annual Ladies' Dart Tournament is scheduled for March 23rd. The contact is Harriet Farrell, (613)-806-1789.

Last but not least, I am taking this opportunity to acknowledge the diligence of our executive and staff; as you can see the Branch is quite active.

Respectfully submitted George Dolan President

Zone G 6 Council Meeting 10 March 2019

Branch 638 Kanata Presidents Report

Branch 638 Kanata continues to enjoys financial stability due to multiple sources of income, one of which is our recently revived Catering Coordinator committee designed for internal and external catering. However, we continue to closely monitor our resources and prepare for unforeseen expenditures such as the new Refrigerator purchased in early February and a new stove being delivered later in March.

Our membership continues to grow monthly. We have recently created a special Branch Integration committee to review how we integrate new members into our branch to make best use of the talents they bring with them. Our Executive Committee consists of 21 members covering all aspects of the branch activities and facilities. Our organization structure is The President, three Vice Presidents, and Committee Chairs reporting through their designated Vice President. The Secretary, Treasure, Sgt At Arms and various special positions report directly to the President. Everyone in the Branch is a volunteer as we do not have payed staff. We also enjoy a good relationship with the Ladies Axillary, and community groups using our facilities free as their base and meeting place, such as the Kanata Rotary Sunrise Club and the Civitan Service Club.

Our focus continues to be on showcasing the Branch by actively outreaching to the community and local businesses. Our activities include: Sunday Bingo; Chase the Ace; Friday Fish and Chips; Coffee club; Cards; Darts; Seasonal Dinners and Dance; Potluck and Movies; and various drop-in activities. We are also planning on doing some joint activities with the Rotary Club sharing in the exposure and revenue. We continue to have a very active Colour Party supporting our Branch activities and other Branches when requested.

We are moving forward with a positive outlook building awareness of the Legion and our Branch through local community associations, clubs and businesses.

Our election date for new term is April 17, 2019 starting at 7:30pm at the Branch 638.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce Judge President Branch 638 Kanata