

ZONE G6 FALL COUNCIL REPORTS

March 08, 2020

Branch 95 Smiths Falls

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Good afternoon Comrades. Welcome to our Spring Zone Council/Convention meetings and thank you to Branch 95 Smiths Falls for hosting. I trust everyone is enjoying our mild spring.

This year I had the pleasure of attending New Years Day Levee's in Kanata, West Carleton, Arnprior and Almonte. I thank each one for the warm welcome and look forward to attending the other branches this upcoming New Year.

Along with Deputy Zone Commander Ken Manwell and Zone G6 Financial Advisor Terry Jacobs, we visited all Branches for our annual inspections. Great reports from all Branches. New this year we passed along the remarks from District and Provincial. If you did not receive your branch remarks please let me know. I will be sending out forms for this years inspection in late August.

I am looking forward to attending branch elections this spring and working with returning and new elected officers. Good luck to all that are running.

I also attended the PEC meetings and Zone Commanders workshops in Aurora in November,

Yours in Comradeship

Zone G6 Commander

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Deputy Zone Commander's Report

Date: Feb 01,2020

Firstly, I would to thank all Zone G6 branches for their preparedness in their financial reviews that we undertook this past fall. All our branches show that they are in very good shape. Keep up the great work.

Myself and Branch #95 Ladies Auxiliary President attended Carleton Place, Perth and Smiths Falls branch levees on Jan 01st,2020. They were very well attended with great entertainment at each branch and I would to thank all the branch presidents for their hospitality.

Respectively Submitted

Ken Manwell

Deputy Zone G6 Commander

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**L.A. ZONE COMMANDER'S REPORT
MARCH 8th, 2020**

Head Table Guests and Comrades All:

It is with pleasure that I submit this report on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary in Zone G6. I attended a Ladies Auxiliary Zone Commander's meeting last September in Newmarket which is held every two years.

My official visits with the seven auxiliaries are completed and I am very pleased that all are working well with their branch and are very busy with fundraising functions and supporting the veterans and their branch.

I attended a 75th Anniversary and Honours and Awards Dinner in Almonte on February 8th. The President and Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary Ontario Command were also in attendance. Congratulations Almonte.

This year the Biennial Convention is being held in Kingston. Ontario Command Ladies Auxiliary is hoping to put out a cook book as a fundraiser along with the raffle of baskets from each Zone. I am hoping that we have a large turnout from Zone G6 as Kingston is not very far for travelling.

Yours in comradeship

**Marilyn Devlin,
L.A. Zone Commander G6**

Royal Canadian Legion Zone G 6
Balance Sheet As at February 29, 2020

ASSETS

Bank Account 7,137.69

TOTAL ASSETS 7,137.69

LIABILITIES (882.24)

PP&E Carried Forward (882.24)

TOTAL LIABILITIES

EQUITY

Retained Earnings from Previous Year 9,037.78

Current Earnings (1,017.85)

Total Equity 8,019.93

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 7,137.69

INCOME STATEMENT June 01, 2019 to February 29, 2020

REVENUE

Zone Per Capita Levy from Branches .00

Sports Fund Contribution .00

TOTAL REVENUE .00

Expenses

Web Hosting 238.40

Guest Speaker Gifts 50.00

Bank Charges 36.00

Mileage & Conventions 693.45

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,017.85

NET INCOME (LOSS) (1,017.85)

ZONE G6 YOUTH EDUCATION PUBLIC SPEAKING – MARCH 8, 2020

Good afternoon, Comrades,

The 2020 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition was held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Branch #638, Kanata. For the seventh 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 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. This year Perth was in a position to host a Youth Education Public Speaking competition after two years of not being able to. Welcome back!

The interest in public speaking continues to decrease. The rotating school strikes and teachers' work to rule did have a significant impact on the total number of participants at the branch levels. I ask everyone to do what they can to keep the public speaking competitions alive by considering different ways to increase community awareness of the Youth Education Public Speaking program. Your suggestions are welcome.

The total number of participants entered in the 2020 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking competition was 14 with one no show; a decrease of one participant from last year, but still had participation in each of the four categories.

Category entry breakdown 14: Primary – 4 / Junior – 6/ Intermediate – 3/ Senior – 1.

This was the second year 3rd Place winners were recognized at the Zone G6 level.

Zone G6 2020 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition results are as follows:

Primary 1 st place:	Tess MacDonald "More Plastic More Problems"	Arnprior Branch #174
Primary 2 nd place:	Corbin Whyte "The Exciting World of Lego"	Lanark Branch #395
Primary 3 rd place:	Michael Vander Byl "My Big Crazy Family"	Perth Branch #244

Junior 1 st place: Place	Livia Kruszelnicki "Public Speeches"	Carleton Branch #192
Junior 2 nd place:	Celia Foster "Guide Horses for the Blind"	Smiths Falls Branch #95
Junior 3 rd place:	Wyatt Sparling "Life as a Harry Potter Fan"	Arnprior Branch #174

Intermediate 1st place:	Abby Spencer “The Impact of a Smile”	Smiths Falls Branch #95
Intermediate 2nd place:	Marissa Kidd “How Social Media Impacts Our World”	Arnprior Branch #174
Intermediate 3rd place: Place	Simon Salisbury “Losing”	Carleton Branch #192
Senior 1st place: Place	Delaina Anderson “Being a teen in the 21st Century”	Carleton 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 28, 2020 at Br. #638-Kanata, 70 Hines Road, Kanata, Ontario K2K 2M5

Times: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration for Primary and Junior
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration for Intermediate and Senior

Area “F” and “G” Competition to be held April 4, 2020 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #580 – Grafton in District “F”, 10240 Highway 2, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4J8 905-349-2148. Registration for all categories will be at 12:00 p.m. and speeches at 1:00 p.m. The Provincial Public Speaking competition will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Branch #426 Newmarket, 707 Srigley St. Newmarket, Ontario.

At this time, I wish to request approval of \$800.00 for 2021 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

Zone G-6 March 8, 2020

PP&E Report

Comrades I'd like to begin by thanking all the Branch PP&E chairs for their cooperation in meeting deadlines. We had a total of 1344 entries which is one more than last year (1343). The Zone had 13 first prizes which were sent on to District. There we received 2 firsts, 4 seconds and 1 third. Our firsts were sent to Provincial where we received one first and one second. My budget last year was \$1300.00 which I would respectfully ask be increased to \$1400.00 for this year. At the conclusion of this report I will make that motion. We haven't increased prize mounts for a good number of years, but expenses are going up.

I would ask that all Branch chairs please make sure the entrants name is legible and your Branch is clearly identified. It can be a bit embarrassing when the name is misspelled on the award certificate. All entries along with prizes (monetary, medals and certificates) will be delivered to Zone Convention in Smiths Falls. And have been! Lastly, I'd like to thank my predecessor, Joan Walters, for her help and guidance.

I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. David Andrew, Chair,

Zone G-6 Youth Ed. Posters, Poems and Essays.

Zone Sports Report March 2020

We are holding our own in cards as this year our numbers are about the same as last year. Senior Darts, Regular Darts were up in number of participants. We continue to have Branches that seldom if ever participate and this is an ongoing concern. It seems as if some Branches do not realize the benefit of the Legion Sport Program. Attracting members was always a side benefit and also gave members a chance to meet members of other branches which often gave insight into how others were doing and ideas were exchanged that benefited all Branches.

Following are the list of winners since October.

Cribbage Held In Lanark

Kevin Francis, Tricia Madore, Linda Pond, Les North	Br 192
Debbie McIntyre, Jill Boss, Vickie McDougal, Jason Boss	Br 240
Barry McGregor, Don Buker, Don Lewis, Gary Lewis	Br 244
Jim Wilson, Tom Watters, Dianne Keyes, Harriet Farrell	Br 616
Jodi Cook, Charles Cook, Roger Burke, Dennis Hoile	Br,244
Nancy Cameron, Dennis Rintoule, Sandy Mahar, Denyse Brisbois	Br.192

Regular Darts Held in Almonte

Teams Westley Reid, Andy Brown, Jodi Cook, Bill Don	Br,244
Gord McIntyre, Carl Bowman, Lawrence Wark, Paul Brundage	Br,240
Max Green, Jim Chapman, Derek Bowden, Brenda Logan	Br.240
Ivor Morris, Scott Kincaide, Dan Timmins, Alan Hendewich	Br.192

Doubles

Phil Ferguson, Todd Tompson	Br,244	Andy Brown, Bill Don	Br 244
Doral Monroe, Derek Monroe	Br.240	Vaughnan Lighttower, Rich Gunhouse	Br 244

Singles

Max Green, Br.240 Scott Kincaide Br. 192, Jodi Cook Br 244 Todd Thompson Br.244

Senior darts Held in West Carleton

Teams

Eric Curry, Tom Watters, Rob Gallant, Jim Wilson	Br 616
Ivor Morris, Scott Kincaide, Kevin Francis, Alan Hendewich	Br.192
Doral Monroe, Vickie Donnelly, Terry Monroe, Dave Edmon	Br.240
Max green, Jim Chapman. Carl Bowden, Brenda Logan	Br 240

Doubles

Kevin Francis, Alan Hendewich Br,192, Scott Kincaide, Ivor Morris Br.192
Carl Bowden, Brenda Logan Br.240 Tom Watters, Eric Curry Br 616

Singles

Max Green Br 240 Alan Hendewich Br 192, Kevin Francis, Br.192, Terry Monroe Br.240

Euchre Held in Smiths falls

Charlie Cook, Roger Burke, Sue Mclaughan, Mary Tryon	Br.244
Peter Patenaud, Dianne, Dianne Patenaud, Ernie Nolan, Darleen Arthur	Br,192
Dale Bowes, Gary Fournier, Brian Hebert, Dave Hitchcock,	Br244
Doona Keyes, Gloria Wilson, John Keyes, Jim Wilson	Br 616
Doris James, Carole Pascoe, Elin Jensen, Dianne Rintoule	Br. 192
Barb Davidson, Deb Russett, Richard Fitzgibbon, Marion Fitzgibbon	Br. 240

I Submit my Report

Stan Lasenba Zone

Sports Officer



**Royal Canadian Legion
2020 Spring Zone G6 Council/Convention
Zone G6 Poppy Chairman
March 8, 2020**

Good Morning Comrades,

Once again it is a pleasure to present a consolidation of reports received from the Branch Poppy Chair's in Zone G6.

The following is the Zone G-6 Poppy starting balances (Sept31, YYYY) for each Branch for the past 4 years.

Branch		2019 \$	2018 \$	2017 \$	2016 \$
Almonte	Br 240	29,650.94	29,911.25	23,753.34	20,145.90
Arnprior	Br 174	31,575.67	20,148.93	19,639.23	18,171.33
Carleton Place	Br 192	26,577.17	14,963.51	22,314.21	21,798.98
Kanata	Br 638	20,460.43	21,334.14	21,985.49	23,098.40
Lanark	Br 395	2,396.19	2,301.94	491.72	663.94
Perth	Br 244	29,819.48	30,254.80	32,165.95	24,703.52
Smith Falls	Br 95	43,963.52	44,304.52	43,192.45	40,332.92
West Carleton	Br 616	12,665.29	10,077.82	6973.50	4,993.21
Branch Totals		197,108.43	173,296.91	170,514.89	153,908.20

Observation and Comments:

Why are some Branches holding such large amounts of funds in their Poppy accounts?

Why not use these funds earlier to support Veteran's and Veteran's approved programs?

Poppy Campaign efforts, comments and feed back:

- 1) Poppy Campaign still comes with many varying challenges – Lack of Volunteers, Lots of effort with little rewards to a regular hand full of volunteers, Small Branches versus Large Branches, etc.
- 2) Success comes with a good campaign strategy and plan – Pick your (battles) sitting locations based on traffic (Costco, Major Grocery Stores, ** LCBO **, Walmart, etc.), train your volunteers, dress for the occasion, use the Cadets, Veterans, Legion Executive Team, get those members out.
- 3) District should offer a training workshop on how to organize an effective Poppy Campaign and how to engage volunteers.

Now an update on the Poppy Trust Report (2019)

The requirements for the Annual Poppy Reporting for 2019 were presented at the Poppy Chair Seminar Last Fall, however, there was still a lot of misunderstanding and confusion from several Branches. Many reports are being submitted incomplete and level of accuracy not acceptable.

Observations and recommendations:

- 1) Training should be mandatory for all (New and Old) Poppy Chairman, the Branch Treasure and / or anyone else that is involved with pulling numbers together required for the Annual Poppy Reports.
- 2) The Poppy Campaign Reporting Packages needs improvements - Should be clearer and easier to use.
- 3) The Poppy Reports required for submission must be simplified and automated, so calculations are carried out on entry - Make it easier for those asked to prepare the reports. KISS approach, yet complete and accurate.
- 4) Annual District Training for Poppy Chairman needs improvement - Run a formal workshop that will focus on how to complete the needed forms. Possibly use a model Branch as the case study.
- 5) Branch Annual visits to evaluate Poppy Report should be conducted and carried out as a joint event with the annual Branch Audits each year - This was done in 2018 and there was great success of getting the information needed and getting it on time.
- 6) Ideally, it would be beneficial to have the Poppy Reporting built into and part of the Branch Audit package. (KTBWOS)
- 7) Each Branch should be graded on these submissions as part of the Branch Audit.
- 8) Branch Presidents should be accountable for the Poppy Financial outcomes and reporting.
- 9) Branch Poppy Chairman owns the responsibility for the poppy financial reporting process. Ensuring that "ALL" the required forms are completed accurately and are submitted on time as requested.
- 10) Branch Treasure is responsible for supporting the Poppy Chair in completing Poppy financial forms with accurate and complete information

The Poppy Campaign and Annual Poppy Financial reporting are critical to our Legions. All those involved in coordinating these efforts must make time and take their roles seriously. If not, then pass on the baton to someone that has the time and willing to make a difference.

Thank you to all the Branches for their cooperation and support to Poppy Campaign and for their efforts to our administrative challenges and governance requirements.

Respectively submitted



Chair Poppy Zone G6 Bogdan Procyk 613-878-8701 ... 10



ZONE G6 SENIORS REPORT

Reporting Period is from September 2019 to March 2020
and covers 7 of our 8 branches

1. We have eleven (11) Retirement homes within our zone, fourteen (14) Private Retirement Homes and nine (9) Nursing Homes.

- 4) Seniors within our Zone take place in the following **Branch Sponsored** activities:
(a) darts, (b) euchre, (c) bingo, (d) social club, (e) dancing, (f) basic computer training, (g) veteran services, (h) prime time in Kanata, (i) fish fry every Friday (Kanata), (j) Club “60” Vet Coffee Break, and (k) horseshoes.

- 1) The following transportation (excluding taxi cabs) are available for Seniors within our Zone: (a) Old Forge Volunteer Drivers, (b) rides to the mall (car pooling), (c) McNabb Breaside Home support, and (d) rides to Diabetic Clinic. Some retirement homes have their own buses.

4. Also, the following community programs are available within our Zone:
(a) Meals on Wheels, (b) Dining Programs, (c) Health Clinics, (d) Telephone Reassurance, (e) Recreational Programs, (f) Foot Clinics, (g) Dementia information, (h) 'Heart to Home' meals available to Veterans and (i) Soup for Seniors.

Respectfully submitted

Gerry Dore
Zone Seniors Chairman

Smiths Falls Branch #95 Presidents Report

Date: Feb.01,2020

Branch # 95 would like to bring greetings and a warm welcome to all comrades for attending the Zone council meeting being held at Branch #95.

We had very good financial review from the Zone & District Commanders. Thank you branch executive for doing a great job.

We at Branch #95 are continuing to do very well with our bi-weekly fish fries and weekly bingo's.

We had a very successful Remembrance Day Service. Everything went according to plan. Also it was very attended by the general public. We also had a great number of the Petawawa Arm forces who also attended our Remembrance Day activities.

Our 2019 poppy campaign was again another great success. We brought in over \$42,000. Thank you poppy committee, Jean, Helen & Claire for your tireless two plus months of putting together a great campaign.

I can't say enough about our Ladies Auxiliary who provided an awesome dinner for our Veterans Dinner that was held in the evening of Nov.11th. Again thank you ladies for your awesome support to the branch.

As of mid-December we no longer have any paid bartending staff. All bartending is now done by volunteers.

We also had a very successful Santa Claus Parade for the Town of Smiths on Sat. Dec.14th that branch #95 host on an annual basis.

We also had an very well attended Branch Levee held on Jan.01st,2020. We were very proud on this day to give out to 17 local charities a total of \$25,500 of donations from our Catch The Ace, Bingo & Lottery Funds.

On our membership, as of Feb.01st, we have 180 members in good standing and we have another 60 members who we are contacting on an ongoing basis to renew their 2020 membership. They have been coming in on a daily basis to renew.

We will be hosting the District G convention - April 17th to April 19th, 2020..

Respectively Submitted

Ken Manwell
Br.95 President

The Royal Canadian Legion

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February 28, 2020

Report to Zone Council

Good Morning Comrades;

Donna Bell, 1st Vice President will be attending this meeting in my stead.

We are suffering through the usual winter slump but with the hall bookings in the future months, we should fare out well.

We continue to have very successful Mic nights and Saturday entertainments on alternate weekends.

With the great help of many donations and volunteer hours, we have been able to renovate our Lounge. This project has been ongoing during February and is now near completion,

Our Branch Elections will be held Sunday, April 26, 2020 and we look forward to having Almonte conduct them again this year.

Yours fraternally,

Peter R. Walsh

President

Branch 174, Arnprior

Carleton Place Branch 192
Zone Report
08 March 2020

Membership

Branch # 192 continues to maintain a strong membership. For the year 2020 we currently have 384 members of which 327 are paid up. In the last 2 months we have seen 2 transfers and 8 new members.

Poppy

Our 2019 Poppy Campaign went very well. Our total amount received was approximately \$32,000.00. This is an increase from the last two years. Thanks to our great volunteers and the town of Carleton Place.

Veterans Service

Our Branch Service Officer continues to help assist us and our Veterans. Since September she has assisted 11 members for the following:

9 members with Initial appointments

1 member received claim submission and provided recommendations; and

1 deceased members' spouse with the CAF Dependant Pension paperwork, VAC Dependent and SDB.

Finance

The Branch finances are doing well. A new Finance Committee has been formed and we are constantly looking at ways to save money and spend wisely. We continue to pay off our loan from RBC. And we are looking at placing 10% down on the Principal this Summer. We started Catch the Ace last September and it has taken off with a vengeance. We are partnered up with the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital Foundation and it has been a huge success. We now can only sell 384 tickets per week due to our Municipal license and we sell out each week. We are now in the process of getting our Provincial license through AGCO. This will take a few months but we are looking forward to it. Things are looking good.

Ways and Means

Our Ways and Means committee continues to come up with ideas to attract a good and steady turn-out for activities. The monthly Breakfast has been going well with an average of 150 people attending per month. As well, our Trivia nights have been a great success. We still continue to have to plan our own Legion events well in advance due to all the rental bookings we are receiving. We will be holding another Tattoo this summer with the Almonte Pipes and Drums to raise funds for the band. More to follow.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary are kept busy with various catering functions, fashion shows, craft & bake sales, a fall harvest dinner last October, 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 a very good relationship with the branch and enjoys working together with the Branch on many projects. The LA continues donating funds to help pay with our renovations and upkeep of the building. Last week they just paid to have the electrical in the kitchen to be upgraded.

Constitutions and Bylaws

The New Branch Regulations have been reviewed, approved and posted in the Branch. Nothing else to report.

Sports

We are having a good year with our sports. We had teams playing Darts, Euchre, Cribbage, and Golf. And teams placing to move on to District and Provincial. We have the West Dart League on Wednesday nights and this is becoming quite popular. Darts is a major sport for our Branch as we have different Leagues – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. All and all everyone is having fun with the sports events in Branch 192.

Overall

Branch 192 is in good shape. As mentioned, we are continuing to improve on our old building and improving the efficiency for running it. As we save up money, we constantly prioritize what needs to be done to keep our building in the best shape possible. Once our first lottery of Catch the Ace has ended, we will use this money to help fix things that desperately need it within the building.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Schaffer
President
RCL Br 192
Carleton Place, ON



Branch 240 Report, March 8, 2020

Branch 240 currently has 348 paid members for 2019, only 96.9% of the 359 we had in 2018. We have had a slow start this year, we currently have 279 paid members for 2020. 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 egg rolls 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 sixth draw continues to bring in revenue. Currently sitting just under \$4000 for the winner.

Our 9th Annual Pig Roast, will be back this year in June instead of 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 1st. We are planning on hosting a Corn Roast in September for Legion Week.

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 2020. Donations again this year would greatly be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

**President
Branch 240 Almonte**

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 244

Perth Upon Tay

Presidents Report March 2020

I am pleased to provide a summary of the performance of our branch since my report last fall. As I was unable to physically attend last fall I am unable to attend this Council meeting due to the fact that my job requires me to work on Sunday's. However, the strength of a branch is determined by the strength of it's members and more importantly it's executive members who are there to assist the President and work as a team to run the branch . To that end, my executive members are a President's dream and my First and Second Vice Presidents will be attending this meeting to represent Branch 244.

Financially, our branch continues to grow in a very positive upward position since our albeit scary position it was in a couple of years or so ago. Our latest treasurers report shows us with a healthy balance of over \$50,000 in our general account and all of our bills paid. We have been able to invest \$10,000 in GIC's with another \$10,000 about to be added. The proceeds from Catch the Ace are in a large part the reason for our financial success combined with a growing number of hall rentals, bar sales and overall increase in members supporting us on a daily basis. To that end we have been able to increase our financial support to our community and we are being well received and supported by our local businesses and the media. Catch the Ace donations to date include \$2,000 to GWM hospital, with further donations to Parkinsons, Kid's Help Phone, Del Harper Memorial Ball tournament, Saltos Athletics and over \$10,000 to provide 72 bins filled with recess equipment to six local elementary schools and 2 local high schools for grades 7 and 8.

Our membership numbers are finally on the rebound as well. Since last fall our paid up membership now stands at 478 which is 87% of our renewal target and our total membership stands at 532 with a number of new members in recent months. The combination of an active executive with other members supporting our drive to be financially sound while fostering a spirit of having fun has made our branch a much more lively place with a positive atmosphere.

This past years Legion week was an outstanding event with more fun filled and memorable moments than there have been in decades. Our Public relations chair (Sue Doran) has been doing an outstanding job coming up with so many great ideas to promote our Legion and bring awareness to the public about the most important reason we exist.....for our Veterans. To that end, she spearheaded the planting of a beautiful flowering tree as a tribute to our Vets and the installation of a commemorative bench in memory of our long term Vet Eric Devlin who we lost just over a year ago. In addition we had an Emergency Services appreciation dinner which was very well attended and ended with a very informative presentation by guest speaker Dr. Manuela Joannou about her passion...Project Trauma Support which is gaining a lot of traction for PTSD. The week ended with a stop over from the Soldier On Motorcycle and Car Rally and live entertainment in our lounge. The week was one that will be remembered for years to come. Sue has an even bigger week planned for this fall with a the installation of plaques featuring pictures of Veterans from our community being sponsored by their families and relatives. The plaques will be installed throughout our downtown core with the cooperation of the town who have kindly agreed to install them and take them down for a 5 year commitment with no cost to the legion. With plans for a parade, dignitaries and so much more this years Legion Week looks to even surpass last years excitement.

Our branch continues to do well in sports with an ongoing group doing well at cribbage, darts, euchre and other events as they come up.

Our Veterans Services officer continues to do a great job trying to reach out to Veterans in need.

Our Poppy Chair continues to do an outstanding job and our Poppy funds are in good shape. Stacey has a great handle on all aspects of how to promote Poppy sales and how to put those funds to good use. We look forward to seeing that trend continue.

Our Sick and Visiting Chair, First Vice Bob Day is doing an outstanding job visiting our sick and shut in Veterans and members and putting a smile on their faces with every visit.

In closing I have one message to put forward. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 244 is back! We are firing on all cylinders with a common goal to have fun while striving to support the aims and objectives of all Legions. As Eric Devlin always said at the end of his reports....HOY HOY!

Yours in Comradeship,

Jim Boldt
President
Branch 244, Perth

Branch 395 Lanark

March 2020

Presidents Report

The Branch remains financially stable. In October 2019, a music fundraiser was held and it was sponsored by a member of the community. We have 2 other music fundraisers scheduled for March and April 2020. One is sponsored by a member of the community and the other by a Legion member. We are in the process of trying to schedule addition music fundraisers to help raise money for the Legion.

Once again, we had a very successful Hunters Bash in November 2019 and a fun New Year's Eve dance. The levy on January 1, 2020 was not very well attended.

In September 2019, once the retaining wall in our backyard at the Legion was fixed by the contractor, we had a chain link fence installed which was a financial hit to our budget

In September 2019 we started Catch the Ace at our Legion and although it is small in comparison to other Legions, it is going well. The Township of Lanark Highlands has agreed to give us our lottery license free for one year which started in December 2019. We will be using our portion of the proceeds to fix up the Legion hall.

Membership is at 54. This is a drop of 11 from last year. Hopefully this number can be raised as we are always trying to recruit new members.

The Ladies Auxiliary is small but supportive of the Branch.

The Legion's Executive is a very supportive group and help wherever required. The Branch is a respected organization within the community, and provides support wherever it can within the Village of Lanark. Last year we donated over \$2000.00 within the community.

Respectfully Submitted

Darleen Sargeant

Delegates:

First Vice President – Robin Black

Second Vice President – Norma Melanson

Service Officer/Poppy Chairman – Bob Atkinson

Zone G6 Council/Convention
West Carleton Branch 616
President's Report
March 8, 2020

Good morning/afternoon Comrades. The Branch has been very active since our last meeting, providing for our veterans and the community.

We kicked off Legion Week with our Honours and Awards presentation to Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary members, followed by dinner. Our dart leagues got underway, and Tom Watters and his crew organized a very successful fundraising golf tournament.

The Branch received a favourable Zone inspection report due to our finances and Zone Sports participation. We hosted the L.A. Zone Team Darts, Zone Seniors' Darts (our branch got 1st place in teams), District Euchre and L.A. District Darts and Zone Washer Toss are upcoming. Kudos to the Branch and L.A. Executive.

With the support of our Ladies Auxiliary, our T.G.I.F. Dinners continue to be a favourable item on our agenda. Other successful fundraisers include the Branch Christmas Party, the old Sled Run and Hall Rentals; all of which are greatly needed for building repairs and equipment repairs/maintenance. Other activities included a Halloween Party, the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Christmas Party, the Children's Christmas Party, and the Seniors' Dinner and Dance.

Thanks to a successful Poppy campaign, we were able to donate \$7,400.00 to the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation, and \$2,500.00 to the Centurion Sea Cadets who were instrumental to our campaign. Other donations have been approved for presentation at the upcoming District Convention. Kudos to everyone who participated in our Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Ceremony.

Our Branch and Ladies Auxiliary memberships are on the rise, which will hopefully provide more volunteers. We are not as fortunate as some other branches, who have all volunteer bar staff/janitors, but with our busy schedule and government regulations, we might not be able to cope with the work load. We currently have five regular paid staff plus volunteers in order to operate our busy branch.

'Nuff said. See you at the District Convention.

Our Branch Executive elections will be held on Monday, May 25th at 7:30 p.m., hopefully with the help of Kanata Branch.

Respectfully submitted

George Dolan
President

Zone G 6 Council Meeting

Branch 638 Kanata

President's Report

Branch 638 Kanata continues to enjoy financial stability due to multiple sources of income, however, we continue to closely monitor our resources and prepare for unforeseen expenditures such as new stove and refrigerator replacements this year. Although the stove was in good working order, we needed a more up-to-date one due to increased usage. We were pleased to donate our old stove to the Orleans Branch. Our membership is 300 and continues to grow.

We have a large Executive Committee 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, Treasurer, Sgt At Arms and various special positions report directly to the President. Everyone in the Branch is a volunteer; we do not have paid staff. We also enjoy a very good relationship with the Ladies Auxilliary.

Our current focus is on showcasing the Branch and outreaching to our community. We provide free meeting space to the Kanata Rotary Club, the West End Civitan Club and many other community not for profit organizations. Some of our activities include Bingo, Chase the Ace, Fish and Chips, Coffee Club, Cards, Darts, Seasonal Dinners and Dances, Potluck and Movies, various drop-in activities and an annual Charity Golf Tournament. We have a very active Colour Party supporting our Branch and other Branches when requested. We are also supported by The Highland Mist Pipe Band

All in all, we are a very happy and welcoming Branch.

Respectfully Submitted 19 February 2019

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President Branch #638 Kanata

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