



ZONE G6 COUNCIL REPORTS

March 12, 2023

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The Royal Canadian Legion

District G – Zone G6

Ontario Provincial Command

Zone G6 Commander: Rob Madore

Good afternoon Comrades. Welcome to our Spring Zone Council and thank you to Branch 240 Almonte for hosting. I trust everyone is enjoying our snowy winter.

As most of us have experienced these past few years, most branch functions have been restricted due to Covid. limiting my attendance to your branches. Reminder, if your Branch is holding any function that you would like a representative from Zone, please let me know. If I cannot make it, I will forward it off to Deputy Zone Commander, Jim Wilson. I look forward to attending more functions this summer.

I am looking forward to our upcoming branch elections and wish best of luck to all that are running.

Yours in Comradeship

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rob Madore'.

Rob Madore

Zone G6 Commander



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DEPUTY ZONE COMMANDER'S REPORT MARCH 12, 2023

Good afternoon comrades.

When I accepted the position of your deputy zone commander a year ago I was worried about my wife's reaction as I did not discuss it with her prior to the meeting and as it happened my phone crapped out on me. However she is backing me whole heartily and enjoys being my personal driver when I visit some of our branches and attend conventions. With two other adults in our house and three children under the age of thirteen she enjoys these excursions away from home.

I have had the privilege of visiting every branch in our zone at least twice during the past year with either branch elections, branch inspections or zone sports. Each time has been a blessing as your reception has been great.

I look forward to working with Rob another year and feeling the warm hospitality I have received over this past year.

Yours-in-comradeship

Jim Wilson

Deputy Zone Commander, G6

Zone G 6 Council/Convention

L.A. Zone Commander

March 12, 2023

As the L.A. Zone Commander, along with my Deputy Zone Commander, Debbie Holden, we made an official visit to all eight auxiliaries in our Zone. We found all the books in good shape.

All auxiliaries are supporting their branches, through Veterans, their youth and their communities to the best of their ability.

One L.A and their branch are having a few problems, hopefully they can work things out.

Zone sports resumed this year after being shut down due to Covid.

I hope you have a very informative meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Madore
Zone G6 L.A. Zone Commander

Royal Canadian Legion Zone G 6
FINANCIAL STATEMENT as at February 28, 2023
Balance Sheet

Current Assets

Cash for deposit	0.00
Bank Account	5,773.76
Accounts Receivable	5,077.60

TOTAL ASSETS **10,851.36**

Liabilities

PP&E from Branches	1,615.60
PP&E to District	- 1,615.60
PP&E Carried Forward	1,440.41
PP&E from Branches	1,615.60
PP&E Expended	- 1,320.37

TOTAL LIABILITIES 1,735.64

EQUITY

Retained Earnings from Previous Year	8,260.50
Current Earnings	855.22
Total Equity	9,115.72

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **10,851.36**

INCOME STATEMENT

Revenue

Zone Per Capita Levy from Branches	1,846.00
Sports Fund Contribution	.00

TOTAL REVENUE **1,846.00**

Expenses

Mileage & Conventions	905.18
Guest Speaker Gifts	50.00
Bank Charges	36.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **991.18**

NET INCOME (LOSS) **855.22**

ZONE G6 YOUTH EDUCATION PUBLIC SPEAKING REPORT
MARCH 12, 2023

Good afternoon, Comrades,

The 2023 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition was held on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Branch #638, Kanata. The first since March 2020 due to the pandemic.

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. Unfortunately, despite the great efforts the Almonte legion made to promote its 2023 Youth Education Public Speaking competition, there was no interest. The total number of participants entered in the 2023 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking competition was 13. This number is just one less than the total number of 14 participants in 2020. Not too bad at all considering how things are starting to get back to a new normal and COVID19 still exists. There was participation in three of the four categories – Primary, Junior and Intermediate, but none in the Senior category.

In addition to this year's Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking competition pandemic challenge, there was a severe snow storm. Out of the 13 participant entries there were 2 no shows, unfortunately. I assume because of the inclement weather.

Category entry breakdown 13: Primary – 5 / Junior – 5/ Intermediate – 3/ Senior – 0.

Zone G6 2023 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition results are as follows:

Primary 1 st place:	Hailey Rickard “Lemurs”	Arnprior Branch #174
Primary 2 nd place:	Zoey Wall “Laura Ingalls Wilder”	Carleton Place Branch #192
Primary 3 rd place:	Norah Allen “My Big Sister”	Smiths Falls Branch #95
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Junior 1 st place:	Oliver Russell “Neurodivergent Brains”	Perth Branch #244
Junior 2 nd place:	Julie Rickard “Kindergarten”	Arnprior Branch #174
Junior 3 rd place:	Amelie Ritchie “Why Snow Jumping is a Sport”	Smiths Falls Branch #95
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Intermediate 1 st place:	Ava Regier “Sugar”	Arnprior Branch #174
Intermediate 2 nd place:	Eva Rose Reid “Etiquette to Promote Teen Professionalism”	Carleton Place Branch #192
Intermediate 3 rd place:	Annie Marshall “The one word that would change your life”	Smiths Falls Branch #95

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 25, 2023 at Br. #148-Renfrew, 30 Raglan St. S., Renfrew, Ontario K7V 1P7
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 22, 2023 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #245 – Merrickville.

The Provincial Public Speaking competition will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Branch #459 Stouffville, Ontario

On behalf of Zone G6, a very special thanks with much appreciation to Branch #638-Kanata for their generosity hosting once again the Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition providing the facilities, colour party, volunteers and the cost of the lunch

At this time, I wish to request approval of \$850.00 for the 2024 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition.

This is my report and I move its adoption.

Respectively submitted,

Lorraine Lapensée
Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Chair

Zone G-6 PP&E Spring Report 2023

Comrades All,

As usual I'd like to begin my report by thanking all the Branch Chairs for their commitment, cooperation, and dedication. WE had a total of 1285 entries with all branches participating. Last years total was 1745, so a bit of a drop. At District we have 5 firsts, 4 seconds, and two thirds. And at the Provincial level we had 1 first and 1 third. I'd say a good year for Zone 6.

This year's budget was the same as last year, \$1400.00, expenses were \$1320.37 so we came in \$79.63 under budget. At the appropriate time I will make a motion that a budget of \$1400.00 be approved for this year.

Earlier this year I submitted my resignation to Zone Commander Rob Madore. After 5 years I think it's appropriate that you get some fresh vision. It's been an honour and a privilege to serve with you all and for that I thank you.

I respectfully submit my report.

Fr. David Andrew

ZONE MEMBERSHIP REPORT MARCH 12, 2023

Covid is pretty well behind us now and most branches are back to normal. Our renewals are on track compared to last year but we are really going to have to step up in adding new members. We are at 43% compared to 2022 final figures.

Please find our zone membership figures below as of last Friday (March 10th). Please check with your membership chair if you disagree with these figures.

PAID MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 10, 2023

Branch	Life	Ord'	Ass'	Aff'V	Other	Total	Prev Yr. Yr	% Ren	% Last Spring
95 Smiths Falls	8	58	83	24	2	175	211	82.94%	67.15%
174 Arnprior	9	53	88	26	1	177	283	75.97%	73.31
192 Carleton Place	12	116	178	34	0	340	408	83.33 %	86.52
240 Almonte	7	91	256	39	1	393	399	98.50%	76.38
244 Perth-upon-Tay	10	110	245	50	1	416	496	83.87%	80.30
395 Lanark	1	9	27	18	0	55	60	91.67%	90.00
616 West Carleton	8	25	77	52	0	162	178	91.01%	85.99
638 Kanata	16	137	112	27	1	293	333	87.99%	92.10
Totals	71	499	1066	270	6	2185	2224	86.80%	
2022 Fall Figures	73	653	1148	306	5	2185	2207	98.24%	

NEW MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 10, 2023

Branch	Ord'	Ass'	Aff'V	Other	Total	Prev Yr	% Increase Renewals	% Last Spring
95 Smiths Falls	3	1	0	2	6	17	35.29%	76.02%
174 Arnprior	3	5	3	0	11	28	39.29%	9.52%
192 Carleton Place	0	2	1	0	3	52	5.76%	37.50%
240 Almonte	5	20	6	0	31	41	75.61%	46.15%
244 Perth-upon-Tay	1	5	4	1	11	45	24.44%	31.03%
395 Lanark	0	4	0	0	4	4	100.00%	57.14%
616 West Carleton	1	11	12	0	24	31	77.41%	36.84%
638 Kanata	2	7	2	0	11	19	57.89%	14.39%
Totals 2023	15	55	28	3	101	237	42.62%	
2022 Fall Totals	40	93	44	1	178			
2022 Spring Totals	11	35	17		63	210		

Jim Wilson

Zone G6 Membership Chair

Zone Sports Report March 12 2023

This year the District sports were held very early necessitating that we hold the zone events earlier than normal also Regular darts, Senior Darts, Euchre Crib had to be held before Early December and Mixed darts were held in February. This leaves a gap between early February and May with no sports.

Regular dart winner

Andy brown, Jake MacMillan, Bob Crogie, Jim barber	Br 244 Perth
Wesley Reid, Jodi Cook, Tyler Cook, Richi Gunhouse	Br 244 Perth
Ivor Morris, Scott Kincaide ,Ron Comeau,Jeff Gray	Br 192 Carleton Place
Todd Thompson, Justin Vance, Phil Ferguson, Jeff Grey	Br244 Perth
Andy Brown and Jake MacMillan	Br244 Perth
Doral Munroe and Derrick Munroe	Br 240 Almonte
Wesley Reid, and Jod I Cook	Br 244 Perth
Larry Kincade and Henry Joannis	Br 192 Perth
Single Jake Mac Millan, Rob Crogie, Justan Vance and Jodie Cook	Br244 Perth

Senior Darts Teams

Doral Monroe, Terry Munroe, Kevin Wright,	Br 240 Almonte
Andy Brown, Norm Dowdall, Jim Barber, Vaughn Lightowler	Br 244 perth
Ivor Morris, George, Goutier, Al Hendewitch Henry Joannis	Br 192 Carleton Place
Doubles Jim Wilson. Gord Johnson, Tom Watters, Colin Burrill	Br 616 West Carleton
Kevin Wright and Greg Smith Br 240 Andy Brown and Jim barber	Br244
Gord Johnson and Jim Wilson Br 616 George Guatier and Al Hendewich	Br 192
Singles Norm Dowdall Br 244 Perth, Jim barberBr244 Perth, Vaughn Lightowler, Br244 Jim barber Br 244	

Euchre

Jean lasenba, Toby Cassell, Wayne Foster, Tom McIntyre	Br 95 Smiths falls
Tom waters, Jim Wilson, Harriet Farrell, Gloria Wilson	Br 616 West Carleton
Jay Taylor, Gaetan Chartier, Ken Fleming, Debbie Holgen	Br 638 Kanata
Charlie Cook, Sue McLaughlan, Roger Burke, Kieth Ferrar	Br 244 Perth
Don Buker,Barry McGregor, Ross Richmond, Gary Lewis	Br 244 Perth
Brian Hebert, Mark Tyron, Dave Hichcock, Mike Jordan	Br 144 Perth

Mixed darts

Scott Bonnekamp, Michell harlow, Donna Flieler , Wayne Flieler	Br 616 West Carleton,
Bruce Robinson, Helen Smith, Cibdy Delehunt, Glen Beck	Br 616 West Carleton
Bruce Boss, Jill Boss, Wayne Barrertt Connie Cormier	Br 240 Almont
Kevi Franci, Cindy Boudreau, Elvis, Hemeon, Sue Mameon	Br 192 Carleton Place
Doubles	
Scott Kincaide and Laurie Graham	Br 192 Carleton place
Ron and Ivy Comeau	Br 192 Carleton Place
Donna Flielerr, Wayne Flieler	Br 616 West Carleton
Jeff Champ and Denyse Brisbois	Br 192 Carleton Place

Coming

Washer Toss on the May 27, 2023Br 616 West Carleton
Golf Lombardy Glen Smiths falls on June 10,2023

Horseshoes go direst to District

Again Thanks to The Branches hosting events and to everyone who participated a big thank you for supporting you branch and Zone Sports Program

Stan lasenba

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Zone G6 Council/Convention
Bursary Report
March 12, 2023

Sharon Murray, who was the District G Bursary Chair passed away last fall . Reta Behm has again taken on the role for the time being.

A directive was sent out from the Provincial Command Bursary Chair encouraging all Branches, Zone and District Bursary Chairs to publicize this program through our secondary and post-secondary schools in our area. If you have not already done so, please advertise the program, the best you can. It may be more advantageous to publish to the membership.

There have only been 16 applications so far for District G. These applications were reviewed for approval on Feb. 18Th, but I don't have any results as I was not able to attend the meeting. However, I know that West Carleton Branch 616 had 3 submissions with another one on the way.

Respectfully submitted

George Dolan
Zone G6 Bursary Chair

Smiths Falls Legion Br 95

Under the new executive including some younger Veterans stepping up to the plate the Legion is getting back on track. Our Thursday night Bingo is again in full swing with over 90 players each week. Our biweekly fish fry continue both take out and eat in are bring needed funds into the branch Celebration of life get together continue to keep the halls busy. Chase the ace has continued at a steady pace and enables us to donate over 50 thousand dollars to charities in our area. We have opened our bar on Saturdays and slowly we are getting a few patrons in to enjoy some social time. Fridays some lads have an ongoing euchre game and the pool table is busy. Monday night bid euchre continues to attract a good crown and Wednesday darts are active. Our Ladies Auxiliary were making 100 bag lunches for the Table Food centre since covic bur it has come to an end as the Food Hub has taken over and suppling hot meals once a week at Hanley Hall. The ladies claim to have made over 2100 sandwiches during that period. There still are many obstacles to over come such as the large increase in Insurance Premiums. The person who was doing our snow removal add during covic didn't charge us one year has had to quit as his insurance went sky high also. Just a sign of the times I guess. Again we have a younger Veteran who is chairing our Banner program with the help of other vets. All in all we are keeping our heads above water and with some of the younger veterans starting to take a kore active part It bodes well for the future.

Election Date May 01`,2023

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Branch 174 (Arnprior)

49 Daniel St. North

Arnprior, Ontario K7S 2K6

March 12, 2023

Good morning Comrades

The Arnprior Branch has been very active this past quarter with hall rentals and events. Burger Friday's and Open Mic nights continue to be quite popular and well attended. On March 10th we reached a new record of 106 burgers sold. None of this would be possible without our dedicated volunteers!

The branch was able to revive Monday Bingo thanks to the help of Branch 616, who lent us their bingo machine while we had ours' repaired. Bingo attendance numbers are not anywhere near what they were pre-pandemic. We will need to take a look at revenue vs cost before continuing with another year license when the current one ends in May.

Thanks to our house and grounds chair, our dishwasher has been repaired at a fraction of the estimated cost. We still have some maintenance issues to be looked at soon.

Membership is still down a little over last year. Our membership chair resigned due to health issues. We have had a couple transfers and new members join in the last month. It still seems to be taking a very long time to get cards and stickers once renewals and applications are completed.

Currently the branch is open four days a week, Monday for Bingo, Wednesday for darts, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Starting March 15th, we will start opening earlier on Wednesday.

We would like to request April 2nd or April 23rd as the date for branch elections.

Respectfully,

Donna Bell
President

The Capt. A. Roy Brown, Branch 192
Carleton Place, Zone Report
12 March 2023

Memberships

Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch #192 has seen a drop in membership renewals for this past year due to various reasons from lagging COVID-19 renewals to members passing away during the year. Previous year we had 330 members in good standing compared to 320 currently at this time. We have had more online enrolments than previously; however, we have had a lot of people say that they are still having trouble trying to renew their memberships online. Our Membership Chair has been awesome within our Branch to be in touch with Command to coordinate. We have had roughly 10 members transfer in and we are glad to welcome them into our Branch!

Poppy

Our 2022 campaign went well; thanks for our volunteers being able to stand in the many venues around town to promote our Campaign. We did not participate in the Poppy electronic boxes this past campaign. We managed to collect \$29,997.00 which was significantly more than in prior years.

Veterans Services

Our Veterans Services Officer has seen an average of 2 Veterans per month to help and assist with VAC services up until Christmas. However, she has not seen anyone since but is just a message or phone call away when needed by our Veterans.

She recently retired to civilian life and has enjoyed some time with family and friends while awaiting a call from our Veterans.

Finance

The Branch finances are doing well despite setbacks encountered over the past few years with COVID-19 and our Branch flooding.

On 20th December 2021, our Branch had a major flood in the basement. We have been dealing with insurance and all insurance work has now been completed. The problem found was the main sewer pipe that connects to the Town sewer system rotted out. We had a cost for this repair that was NOT covered by insurance - totalling approximately \$40,000.00! Our Catch the Ace online lottery partnered with the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital is doing extremely well. We are in Week 24 and the Jackpot is over \$75,000.00! Thank goodness our Catch the Ace lottery is doing so well as this helped pay for these repairs!! We also donated in December \$31,500.00 from our portion of Catch the Ace proceeds to local charities and organizations helping families in need. Donations through Christmas Food Baskets Campaign, our local Food Bank, Lanark Sea Cadets donation and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lanark County to mention a few.

Ways and Means

We are booked up with various events as people are opening up after COVID-19. We are having our St Patty's Day party, a Pipe and Drums Tattoo in June and have many different Branch events planned through the spring into summer. As well, our rental hall bookings are booked solid for weekends right into the Summer. This should bring in some good income.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary have a few events planned over the next few months. They are starting to get busy with catering functions and many Celebrations of Life. We have unfortunately lost quite a few members (recently and in the past few months), so these events will definitely help the L.A. with their income.

Constitution and By-Laws

Nothing to report.

Sports

If someone said, "We are noticing more people coming to play darts", that would be an understatement! The Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch 192 has a Monday Drop-In Dart League, our Ladies Auxiliary Dart League and Men's drop-in darts on Tuesdays, a Branch Singles "Premier" Dart League on Wednesdays, the Branch Mixed Dart League on Thursdays and drop in darts on Sunday. This definitely helps our Bar sales and the overall income for the Branch. Lastly, a shout out to our Branch Dart teams whom during the last District Mixed Dart Tournaments, we took 1st, 2nd and 4th place in Doubles and 4th place in Teams.

Overall

We have been pretty busy dealing with new problems and repairs for our building that is over 50 years old since the last report period.

We just re-opened our Branch FULLY to the public including the basement which recently opened once insurance repairs were completed. We are thankful to now be able to use the downstairs bunker, upstairs main hall and lounge. We continuously monitor our finances on a weekly basis, in efforts to adjust to the current situation as it changes.

Respectively Submitted,

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Peter Schaffer, CD
 President
 Capt. A. Roy Brown, Branch 192
 Royal Canadian Legion
 Carleton Place, On



Branch 240 Report, March 12, 2023

Branch 240 currently has 391 paid members for 2023, 98.25% of the 398 we had in 2022. We have to give a big thank you to Peggy Byrne our membership Chair for her hard work.

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 also have a Fish Friday on the first Friday of every Month.

We relaunched our “Catch the Ace Almonte 4.0” Raffle recently which has been very successful. We are partnering 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 this September, this is expected to be a major source of income and all Branches are invited to attend. Our Annual Pig Roast will be coming this June. We also will be operating a beer tent on Canada Day July 1st in Gemmill Park.

A big thank you, to the Branches who helped with the Colour Parties at the North Lanark Highland Games in August. There will be e-mails sent out to attend again this year. We have cancelled our Battle of Atlantic for 2023, and we are planning to be hosting again in May 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

President
Branch 240 Almonte

Perth Branch 244
Zone Report
06 March 2023

Membership

Membership renewals for 2023 are going well. Currently we have 396 renewed members in good standing which is an 80% renewal rate from last year. We have eight new members, and there were five members who transferred out and five transferred to our branch.

The method of online renewals is slowly increasing as well as members signing up for auto-renewal.

Poppy

The 2021-2022 Branch Status Report was completed and submitted as per regulations.

Branch 244 showed Income of \$61,696.25; Expenses of \$14,331.86; Disbursements of \$30,782.15; leaving a balance at 01 Jan. 2023 of \$54,046.74.

Highlights from this period include two Veteran Memorial benches created and installed at the Perth Cenotaph with a public Dedication Service.

Facilitated the Armour Corp family BBQ at the Branch in July.

The late HRH Queen Elizabeth's public Memorial Service was held at the Cenotaph in September.

Assisted the Banner Committee with Legion Week's Banner Golf Tournament.

Banner Day Parade/Open House BBQ and Indoor Concert.

November 2022 set the stage for the largest turn out for Remembrance Day Service and dinner for the Branch.

We ended December off with organizing and delivery 86 Christmas Fruit/Cookie Baskets with Christmas cards to veterans and dependants over 80 years of age living on their own and in retirement facilities.

What's next for 2023?

The Poppy Committee will continue to find new ways to support our veterans through financial support and hosting events that bring us together to remember the sacrifice of those who no longer remain with us.

The Poppy Committee's term will end in May after the elections. The new Poppy Committee will have new ideas and approaches to promoting Remembrance for our Veterans.

Veterans' Services

Nothing to report.

Financial Report

The branch is still with things basically the same as in the fall. Our general account is holding in the \$70,000.00 range. Hall bookings are increasing and the Tuesday night Cornhole League and Wednesday night darts continue to supplement the branch revenues. Charitable funds continue to accrue through the sale of Nevada and Catch the Ace tickets.

Things still look pretty good for the coming year.

Sports

Perth branch has had an amazing sports calendar year, dating all back to MAY 2022.. where Perth sent 2 members and won District in horseshoes and advanced to Provincials .. our cribbage program is very strong as well 1 team advanced to District for cribbage .. our dart program is very strong and we have exceeded all expectations as we put lots of effort into the legion darts for our branch .. we started in October with 20 member branch playoff to play down to top 8 to advance just to our Zone level .. Perth ended up winning the Zone and District championship in both Regular darts as well as Senior darts .. 3 District championships will be hosted by Perth in 2024 year .. as well as 8 members will be heading to Provincials in London and 4 senior dart players will be heading to Mississauga for Provincial championship .. we also sent 12 members to District for euchre after winning the Zone shoot as well .. Perth has had a terrific sports year and is well represented at Provincial level now .. We look forward to Golf Zones in the summer.

Overall

Overall, the Perth Legion is doing well. Our hall is busy during the week with Tai Chi and CPHC fitness classes. Fridays and Saturdays are busy with weddings, stag and doe, and celebrations of life.

Our New Year's Levy was a big success. We are having a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17th between 2 P.M. and 6 P.M. Everyone is welcome.

Report submitted by:

Bob Day, President
Branch 244 Perth

Lanark Legion Branch 395
Presidents Report
March 2023

The Lanark Legion is doing well. We are financial stable, meeting all our financial commitments and have had a successful year in 2022.

The Remembrance Day Poppy campaign and service was successful. The Remembrance Day service was held on November 11, 2022, instead of the Sunday prior. We had a good turnout and will determine when we will hold the service in 2023.

The Legion struggles with maintaining its membership. We get 3 or 4 new members and lose a couple due to our aging population. It is very difficult to get younger members to join the Legion. Our membership is at 57 members.

The Legion also struggles with our membership volunteering for Executive positions and Committee positions. They are 2 members on the executive carrying out the responsibilities of several positions. The Youth Education Chair has resigned and I am not sure we will be able to participate in Youth Ed in the future if we cannot find another Youth Education Chair.

Our membership does not want to participate in sports. The only time I we can get participation is when we host a sports event and the number of participants is limited.

We are fortunate to have members who sponsor musical fundraisers, which helps financially. Currently we have music fundraisers scheduled for April and June which are sponsored by a couple of members. We also plan to hold our Steak Bar-B-Que on Canada Day. The community dart league keeps us busy Thursday evenings in the winter but, other than that we are only open on Saturday afternoon unless there is a rental or a community group using the Legion. Our rentals have increased from previous years.

We do remain strong within the community and are well respected. Our relationship with the Ladies Auxiliary which is very small in numbers is good, and our relationship is strong.

We will be holding our election this year in May and are actively talking to our membership about the positions that need to be filled.

Yours in Comradeship

Darleen Sargeant
President

Delegates: Norma Melanson -Treasurer
Robert Atkinson-Service Officer

**Zone G6 Council/Convention
West Carleton Branch 616
President's Report**

March 12, 2023

Greetings Comrades. This will be my last report ever.

We have had a very successful Alfie Memorial Golf Tournament in Sept. thanks to Tom Watters and his crew.

Our Zone Commander gave the Branch a favourable report, thanks to all our volunteers, who keep the Branch operating in a fashionable manner.

We have three regular dart nights, which keep our members entertained and the bartenders hopping.

Thanks again to Kanata Branch for allowing us to encroach on their territory for the Poppy Campaign. We currently have a balance of \$29,000.00 in our Poppy Trust Fund.

We were able to return to our normal Remembrance Ceremony with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa leading the parade to the Cenotaph for the wreath laying ceremony, followed by refreshments in the Branch.

Our Entertainment Chair has again outdone herself by organizing the Halloween and Christmas parties.

I am happy to say that our Branch is very active in Zone Sports events. We sent one team to District Euchre and we had two teams qualify for District Mixed Darts as well as one Doubles team. The Ladies Auxiliary is also very active in Zone competition and are hosting Districts on April 1st.

We had our bi-annual joint meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary on Feb. 20th. The L.A. has been very active in the Branch and they gave a detailed report for same. Their Zone inspection was also favourable. They are also helping out with our Meals to Wheels dinners, which help us to keep the Branch afloat.

As of February 20, 2023 we have 159 members in good standing with one new proposal.

We are currently in the process of doing some extensive renovations to the tune of \$60,000.00, which will be paid out of our current bank account, no borrowing or grants required. Upcoming events include St. Patrick's Day with a band and Irish stew. The Teresa Wilson Memorial Dart Tournament will be held on March 25th. We have a pool tournament every two to three weeks, which is quite popular. Also our annual Good Friday Triathlon and Bunny Shoot are in the works as well as Zone Washer Toss.

Our Branch elections will be held at our Annual General Meeting on May 15th at 7:30 pm, with Kanata Branch officiating.

Yours in Comradeship
George Dolan

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As the Covid Pandemic slowly winds down, the Branch has patiently gained momentum in it's recovery.

All of the regular income activities are nicely coming back to life to the delight of our avid Bingo ladies and the regular Fish and Chip customers. Hall rental is getting busier and organized functions by Branch Groups are increasing with encouraging participation by members and visitors. A driving force behind much of this is thanks to our most recent VP and Sports Officer, Jim Hemlin. He is not only a keen golfer but is a gifted musician who has gathered an unofficial group of other gifted volunteer entertainers. They play regularly at various events and functions at the Branch.

His latest offering is Line Dancing which so many people have embraced in a very short time that the instructor has had to put a limit on participation because of overcrowding.

The LA is energetically participating with support to their own LA Functions, Branch Functions and outside contracted events, which keep the volunteers very busy. Thankfully they all contribute to the income which supports our generous donation record which makes us all proud of what we stand for.

We have benefited considerably by the some new additions over the winter. One is a new sign system which clearly indicates to all visitors and users of the Branch what upcoming activities are pending.

Another is a new and improved sound system which is much more flexible and trustworthy than the last, making everyone's communications easier and more understandable.

A more worrisome issue which will undoubtedly affect every Branch in the country, is insurance. The rise in cost is a real eye opener and a reason to search for other brokers if there are any to be trusted.

Bill Molnar

President

March 2023

District G

Greetings from District G and the elected officers.

Comrades, I know it has been trying times and some branches stepped up and go very creative, keep up the good work.

1. Make sure the Branch check on anything they use on their web site or from Facebook, it may have a copy rite and they could get sued.
2. Branch regulations,
Any branch sending in branch regulations, send one copy to Lisa at command and she will attempt to correct any mistakes and make sure they get passed on the first attempt.
3. Please change any literature to be gender neutral ie : (Chairman to Chair)
4. Claim against Aviva Insurance is moving forward, still no change.
5. AGCO, we can no longer use 100% of our loto but they have raised the amount from 2% to 20%.
6. The amount for repairs and new projects without reporting to housing committee at provincial command is raised from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00
7. No internet gambling permitted in branches, and no Texas Holden poker.
8. Please forward emails from command to membership, that is correspondence, and must be forwarded to the members at a general meeting.
9. AGCO, comrades check your licence date for renewal.
10. MSRB needs submissions, please let your branches know, comrades that helps to keep our per capita the same at provincial.
11. Please comrades, follow the chain of command, branch president, zone commander, district commander, provincial command, that is the proper chain at command.
12. Please post Ontario's Human Rights Code.
13. Comrades, Dominion has setup bulk buying through Entagra across Canada. That can save the branches money with reduced pricing and rebates.

Comrades, stay safe and good luck in the future.

Ken Heagle