



ZONE G6 COUNCIL REPORTS

March 10, 2024

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The Royal Canadian Legion

District G – Zone G6

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March 10, 2024

Good afternoon, Comrades. Welcome to our Spring Zone Council and Convention and thank you to Branch 244 Perth for hosting. I trust everyone is enjoying our short warm 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. I visited Branch 638, 616, 174 and 240 for New Years Day Levee's.

I will be attending the District Convention in Kingston next month and hope to see you all there.

I also attended the Zone Commanders workshop and PEC meeting in Aurora in November. 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.

Elections are just around the corner, I wanted to thank each one of you, who have stepped up to help make sure our Legions are here to help. With 6 new presidents in the Zone this past year, there has been some growing pains. I look forward to attending each election and wish everyone luck who is running for positions.

Yours in Comradeship

Rob Madore
Zone G6 Commander



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DEPUTY COMMANDER'S REPORT

My report once again will be brief. Not much has changed since we last met in September. I will not be attending this council / convention as my wife and I hope to arrive near Florida sometime this evening. We have not had a vacation in 10 years. I could not convince her that our trip to Aurora at provincial executive in 2022 should count.

I attended branch inspections last fall and they all went very well. I had the privilege of attending the New Year's levee at branches 244, 95 and 192. I was given the offer to attend the Polar Bear Plunge in Perth but I wisely declined (I will have to check with my cardiologist on whether it would be a good idea or not).

I look forward to another great year and wish all branches success on their upcoming elections.

Jim Wilson

Zone G6 Deputy Zone Commander

L. A. ZONE G6 COMMANDER

Report March 10, 2024

Since our last meeting, I held one special Zone meeting for all L.A. Presidents and Secretaries.

My Deputy Zone Commander accompanied me on official visits to all the Auxiliaries. I am happy to say that all the Auxiliaries are doing well, supporting their Branches, their Veterans and their communities.

I will be attending one Honors and Awards presentation in March.

Our Zone G6 convention will be held in Smiths Falls on Sunday April 21, 2024, and our Provincial Convention will be held in Newmarket, May 25th – 28th.

L.A. Zone Sports was well attended this year.

Zone Euchre – 10 teams participated, with all 10 teams advancing to District.

Zone Singles Darts – 39 participated, with 14 advancing to District.

Zone Doubles Darts – 31 teams participated, with 11 teams advancing to District. West Carleton placed first and will host District Singles / Doubles next year.

Zone Cribbage – 12 teams participated, with 11 teams advancing to District.

Zone Darts – 17 teams participated, with 12 teams advancing to District in April.

I hope you all have a highly informative meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Madore
L.A. Zone G6 Commander

ZONE MEMBERSHIP REPORT March 1, 2024

Our membership numbers are well on target compared to other legions. Since we met last fall our zone membership increased by 109 members from our 2023 figures from the September 10th zone membership report. I have included last spring's membership totals on the bottom lines for your comparison

Please find our zone membership figures below as of March 1st. Please check with your membership chair if you disagree with these figures.

PAID MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024 AS OF March 1, 2024

Branch	Life	Ord'	Ass'	Aff'V	Other	Total	Prev Yr	% Increase
95 Smiths Falls	8	61	84	21	0	174	223	78.03%
174 Arnprior	6	62	107	31	1	207	245	84.49%
192 Carleton Place	14	124	187	32	0	357	428	83.41%
240 Almonte	6	100	256	44	0	407	440	92.50%
244 Perth-upon-Tay	9	122	263	55	1	450	510	88.24%
395 Lanark	1	8	35	17	0	61	64	95.31%
616 West Carleton	8	24	100	58	3	193	198	97.47%
638 Kanata	15	132	129	33	3	312	350	89.14%
2024 Spring Totals	67	633	1161	291	9	2161	2458	88.57%
2023 Spring Totals	71	499	1066	270	6	2185	2224	86.80%

NEW MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 1, 2024

Branch	Ord'	Ass'	Aff'V	Other	Total	Prev Yr.	% Increase
95 Smiths Falls	4	6	1		11	21	52.38%
174 Arnprior	4	9	4		17	46	39.96%
192 Carleton Place	6	9	3		18	59	30.51%
240 Almonte	6	10	4		20	56	35.71%
244 Perth-upon-Tay	4	15	5		24	49	48.98%
395 Lanark	0	2	1		3	9	33.33%
616 West Carleton	1	9	9	2	22	40	52.50%
638 Kanata	7	11	4	2	24	52	46.15%
2024 Spring Totals	32	71	31	4	138	332	42.07%
2023 Spring Totals	15	55	28	3	101	237	42.62%

Jim Wilson

Zone G6 Membership Chair

**Royal Canadian Legion Zone G 6
Balance Sheet As at February 29, 2024**

ASSETS

Bank Account	<u>7,496.82</u>
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LIABILITY

Liabilities

PP&E Carried Forward	1,735.64
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,735.64
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EQUITY

Retained Earnings from Previous Year	7,524.45
Current Earnings	-1,763.27
Total Equity	5,765.18

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>7,496.82</u>
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INCOME STATEMENT June 01, 2023 to Feb. 29, 2024

REVENUE

Sports Fund Contribution	1,000.00
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TOTAL REVENUE	<u>1,000.00</u>
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EXPENSE

Web Hosting	540.00
Mileage & Conventions	2,137.27
Guest Speaker Gifts	50.00
Bank Charges	36.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>2,763.27</u>
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>1,763.27</u>
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NB – This statement reflects a loss to date as the District Levy and PP&E Levy have not yet been calculated.

Respectfully submitted

Claire Husson
Zone G6 Treasurer

ZONE G6 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

	Branch 95	Branch 174	Branch 192	Branch 240	Branch 244	Branch 395	Branch 616	Branch 638	
	Smiths Falls	Arnprior	Carleton Place	Almonte	Perth	Lanark	W.Carleton	Kanata	
Branch Visits									
Retirement Homes			1	covid				24P in 10R	
Long Term Care			2	covid				0P in 3 ltc	
Hospitals				covid				3P in 1 H	
Provincial Visits									
# Visits									
# Appointments									
Service Officer									
Assist VAC Applic.			2	5			1	12	
Assist Quality of Life				1			1	6	
Assist Legion Applic.				4			1	26	
Home Visits			1			3		1	
Remem. Day Dinn								Yes	
Annual Vets L/Dinn								Yes	
Vets' Comforts									
Financial Assistance									
To Veterans									
To Widows									
Pro. Visits Advert.									
Local Paper						2		1	
Branch								1	
Web Site								1	
Facebook								1	
Member of Poppy C.	Yes							Yes	
Other Activities	<i>Feel free to answer these questions below, or on a separate sheet. But indicate your Branch. Your ideas, etc. may help others.</i>								
Issues Arising									
Other Questions									

Zone G6 Service Officer Reports

March 2024

Other Activities or Issues

Almonte

- 1 special event at the town Cenotaph, to mark the 100th anniversary of the RCL
- Participated in 3 Remembrance Day parades

Kanata

- Participated in 2 Remembrance Day parades
- Participated in 11 Remembrance Day ceremonies in 11 Seniors'/LTC residences
- Participated in 1 primary school Remembrance Day ceremony

Questions

- When were the regulations for Comforts last updated? I'm sure that at one time, what we were supposed to give included cigarettes! Anyone who works with seniors knows that candy, fruit, etc, is not a good idea. And pens, paper, stamps, etc. is so dated.
- After WWI and WWII, there were 2 options open: a veterans' hospital or nursing home. Now we have retirement homes, where you can go if you are no longer able to live on your own. And VIP to keep the vets in their own homes is not even on the radar.
- Should we be visiting and giving Comforts to those still at home, or in residences?

**Zone G6 Council Meeting
Bursary Report
Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Good morning Comrades.

There was a District G Bursary Committee meeting held on January 20th, with Zone Chairs from G1, 3, 7, and myself. We reviewed 10 applications and all of them were approved.

It should be noted that the funding has been increased to \$1,250.00 per scholastic year.

At the risk of repeating myself, every Branch should have a Bursary Chair, and the Program should be advertised to the membership and schools in your areas.

Respectfully submitted

George Dolan
Zone G6 Bursary Chair

Zone G6 Sports report March 2024

Our sport program has seen an increase in participation this year with more Branches participating. Some of this increase can be attributed to the District event being spread out over the months which allowed us to not be required to have an event as close together as many felt last year we had to play 2 or 3 times in one month.

Senior darts were hosted by Arnprior Br. 174, Regular darts by West Carlton Br 616, Cribbage by Perth Br.244 and Kanata Br 638 will host Euchre on March 09, Smiths Falls will host Mixed darts on April 06 Washer Toss at Carleton Place May 25th. Golf is scheduled for June 8th although this might change as I am having some problem locating a course with reasonable rates.

We had one major problem that resulted in some Branches not able to participate in District Cribbage. Cribbage was originally set for Long Sault on February 27th but there was a change made at the District Convention in October and it was to be played in Cornwall on Feb 3rd. I was unable to attend the convention as my Father's Banner was being dedicated in my hometown that day therefore I missed the sports meeting at the convention. There was no mention of the change in date and I was never notified.

This is easy to see why as our District Sports Officer had a major health problem to deal with and is most likely how it was overlooked to inform me. Due to the change 5 teams went to Long Sault and were informed then what happened. One other team was getting conflicting dates and due to my being not up to par and didn't check my emails until too late. I apologize for this entire mix up and pray it never happens again.

Next year we will have 2 or 3 plaques that will be full. What are we going to do about storage for them.

I submit my report

Stan Lasenba

ZONE G6 YOUTH EDUCATION PUBLIC SPEAKING REPORT – MARCH 10, 2024

Good afternoon, Comrades,

The 2024 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition was held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Branch #638, Kanata.

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 and for a second year, the Almonte Branch had no participants, as well. The total number of participants entered in the 2024 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking competition was 20. This number includes 9 students from the Calvary Christian Academy School who missed participating at the Carleton Place branch's public speaking contest due to exceptional circumstances. There were fifteen participants and five no shows resulting in four more than last year. There was participation in three of the four categories – Primary, Junior and Intermediate, but none in the Senior category.

Category entry breakdown 20: Primary – 6 / Junior – 9/ Intermediate – 5 /Senior – 0.

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

Primary 1 st place:	Hailey Rickard "Feeling and Emotions"	Arnprior Branch #174
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Primary 2 nd place:	Benjamin Tanner "Reading Challenges"	Perth-Upon-Tay Branch #244
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Primary 3 rd place:	Nathan Kruszelnicki "Potatoes"	Carleton Place Branch #192
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Junior 1 st place:	Julie Rickard "A. I."	Arnprior Branch #174
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Junior 2 nd place:	Henry Newby "Tips on Public Speaking"	Perth-Upon-Tay Branch
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Junior 3 rd place:	Alianna Glendenning "Bottlenose Dolphins"	Carleton Place Branch #192
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Intermediate 1 st place:	Alice Cooke "Greek Gods-The True Story"	Arnprior Branch #174
Intermediate 2 nd place:	Blaine McNicol "The Renaissance"	Lanark Branch #395
Intermediate 3 rd place:	Kolden Foster "Crazy Things I've Heard"	Carleton Place Branch #192

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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 23, 2024 at
Where: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #434 – Chesterville
167 Chesterville Queen St., Ontario K0C 1H0 613-448-1997

Times: Primary and Junior Categories Registration 9:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremony 10:00 a.m.
Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Intermediate & Senior Categories Registration 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Speeches - 1:00 p.m.

Area "F" and "G" Competition to be held April 20, 2024 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #237 – Marmora.

The 1st place winners from the Area Competition will move on to compete at the Provincial competition on Saturday, May 4th at Branch #101, 3850 Lakeshore Blvd. West Toronto, 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 provincial and cost of the lunch.

Currently, I wish to request approval of \$850.00 for the 2025 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 G6 POSTER, POEMS & ESSAY

The 2023 Literary and Poster Contest was busy with Zone G6 having 1321 entries. The Junior category seemed to be the most popular category with the most entries. It was a bit of a learning experience, with a few bumps along the way. Entries will be available today for branches to pick up.

I believe the previous budget requested was \$1400. I ask that it remain the same for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Bell
PP&E Zone G6

Zone PP&E Money Reconciliation 2023

Prizes:

14	1 st Place @ \$40.00	\$560.00	(to be reimburses to
11	2 nd Place @ \$25.00	\$275.00	Arnprior Branch 174 –
10	3 rd Place @ \$20.00	\$200.00	cheques made out to
	Total	\$1035.00	winners – stubs attached)

Supplies

Medals	42 @ (Billed to Zone G6	\$225.96	29.37 HST (as per 2022)
Postage	Mailed to District	\$ 21.00	Paid to Donna Bell
	Total	\$246.95	

Total \$1,281.96

- Used Certificate covers left over from last year – none purchased

Public Relations Report – 2024 Spring Zone G-6 Council/Convention

National Notable Dates for The Legion

For those that missed the Legion Publications Annual Calendar here are a few of the National Days of Relevance for March, April, May and June 2024.

MARCH

- 8 International Women’s Day
- 2 Monday – Commonwealth Day
- 5 Last Canadian soldiers return from Afghanistan (2014)

APRIL

- Month of the Military Child
- 1 Royal Canadian Air Force founded (1924) – 100th anniversary
- 3 Battle of Moreuil Wood (1918)
- 4 NATO Accord signed (1949)
- 9 Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917) – Legion flags lowered to half mast
- 14-20 National Volunteer Week (help out at your Legion)
- 25 Battle of Kapyong (1951)

MAY

- 1 st Sunday Battle of the Atlantic (1945)
- 4-10 National Youth Week
- 3 John McCrae wrote ‘In Flanders Fields’ poem
- 4 Royal Canadian Navy founded (1910)
- 5 Liberation of Netherlands (1945)
- 8 VE Day (1945)
- 19 Canadian Army founded (1855)
- 21 National War Memorial unveiled (1939)
- 20 Victoria Day
- 23 RCMP (1873)
- 25 Ypres (1915)

JUNE

- 1st Sunday Canadian Armed Forces Day
- 4 Miracle at Dunkirk (1940)
- 6 Normandy Invasion (D-Day) (1944) 80th anniversary.

The full calendar can be found at https://portal.legion.ca/branch-and-command-resources/all-branch-emails/2024_01-january

Bruce Judge -14 Mar 2024

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 95 – Smiths Falls
President’s Report Zone G-6 Council / Convention 10 March 2024

Membership Update

- Approximately 200 members

Major Revenue Activities

- Catch-The-Ace
- Bingo
- Bi-weekly Fish Fry
- Monthly Jamborees
- Hall Rentals
- Catering Services via Ladies Auxiliary

Accomplishments

- 75th anniversary for the Ladies Auxiliary
- Donations back to the community
- Successful Honour Our Veterans Banner Program

Challenges

- Attracting new members to the Executive Committee
- Refreshing programs to attract younger serving and retired members

Initiatives

- Leveraging local media to widen the awareness of Branch activities
- Networking with local serving and retired members within the community to explore their social, recreation and mental health needs
- Exploring support from Music Healing Veterans to perform a jam session
- Small social Veterans Guitar Group
- Considering re-commencing a themed TGIF “Military Appreciation Night”

Food for Thought

- DND/CAF is located primarily in the west end of Ottawa
- Many serving members live in the west end region due to commuting distance, housing prices and small town lifestyle
- Decades ago many military families lived in military housing with recreation facilities and clubs and funded family programs via the Recreation Council, Community Council and Military Family Resource Center (MFRC)
- Families now live within the civilian communities and vie for public programs
- There is no longer a military family community
- What is the MFRC doing for our local military families
- Is there a gap to fill for our serving members and their families?

Our future lies within our gap:

Our mission is to serve Veterans, **including serving military and RCMP members and their families**, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country.



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Branch 240 Almonte President Report, March 10th, 2024

Branch 240 currently has 406 paid members for 2024. 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.

Our “Catch the Ace Almonte 5.0” Raffle is under way. We are partnering with the Almonte General Hospital/Fairview Manor Foundation again this year. This year we added 2 portable terminals where customers can pay cash and get tickets.

We are in the planning stages for a busy summer. With a Pig Roast in June, Canada Day celebrations on July 1st, North Lanark Highland Games in August and a Corn Roast in September.

We will be reaching out again to the Branches for Colour Parties for the North Lanark Highland Games in August. We cancelled our Battle of Atlantic for 2024, and we are planning to be hosting again in May 2025.

We have been contacted by a local contractor to redesign the town’s Cenotaph. With approvals from the branch and the municipality we hope to have the project completed in May 2024.

Our Washer players did well again last year, winning the doubles championship at District and Provincials, and this means that Branch 240 will be hosting the Provincial tournament again this Summer

Respectfully submitted,

President

Branch 240 Almonte

The Capt. A. Roy Brown, Branch 192
Carleton Place, Zone Report
10 March 2024

Memberships

Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch #192 is seeing their membership renewals for this past year lag behind the 420 members we had in the previous year. We are slightly behind with 350 members in good standing but our members are renewing online and in Branch regularly. Our Membership Chair is doing an awesome job within our Branch to be in touch with Command to coordinate when members renew in either situation. We have a couple of new members who showed up for our Jiggs Dinner and decided to sign up to become Legion members that evening.

Poppy

Our 2023 campaign went well; thanks for our many volunteers being able to stand in the various venues around town to promote our Campaign. We did not participate in the Poppy electronic boxes again this past campaign. We managed to collect over \$33,000.00 which was higher than in prior years. Our local Sea Cadets in one weekend brought in over \$3,000!

Veterans Services

Our Veterans Services Officer has seen an average of 2 Veterans per month to help and assist with VAC services. We are always looking for Veterans to submit their names to be part of the Ottawa Senators Heroes Ridge, a worthwhile endeavour to honour our Veterans for their service, thanks to the generosity of Lepine Apartments.

Finance

The Branch finances are doing well thanks to our Catch the Ace online lottery partnered with the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital.

We have just started our Catch the Ace 4.0 and the Jackpot is over \$14,000.00! We donated in December \$34,500.00 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, Quilts of Valour, Blackstone Association and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lanark County to mention a few. Our insurance bill being almost cut in half has greatly added to our bottom line.

Ways and Means

We are booked up with various events. We are having our St. Patty's Day party on 17 March, an 80th Anniversary celebration remembering D-Day to be held on June 8th to entice the public to attend our Juno Beach flag raising ceremony and then return to our Branch for comradeship, a Pipe and Drums Tattoo on 23 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.

**Capt. A. Roy Brown, Branch 192
Carleton Place
President's Report**

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary have a few events planned over the next few months. They are starting to get busy with various functions and have been used for many Celebrations of Life, so these events will definitely help the L.A. with their income.

Constitution and By-Laws

Nothing to report.

Sports

The Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch 192 various Dart Leagues keep our Branch busy Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and our Ladies Auxiliary drop-in darts on Tuesday nights. This definitely helps our Bar sales and the overall income for the Branch. We have our Sunset cards group on Wednesday afternoons, as the LA are busy with their card fundraisers on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. We will be hosting the Zone Washer Toss 31 May and the District Washer Toss on 21 July 2024.

Overall

We have been very busy with new executive taking positions in the Branch and LA. Although some of our Executive have been on the Executive Committee for many years, their stepping up in to NEW to them roles, is what makes our Branch so successful. We continue to rent out the downstairs bunker, upstairs main hall and lounge for various functions like, retirement parties, stag n does and birthday parties. We continuously monitor our finances on a weekly basis, in efforts to adjust to the current situation as it changes.

Respectively Submitted,

Kevin Francis, President
Capt. A. Roy Brown, Br. 192
Carleton Place

Perth-Upon-Tay Branch 244

Presidents Report

March 10, 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

The branch is currently in good shape financially with our general account holding in the \$50,000 range. Hall bookings are increasing 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. Our Catch the Ace was recently won on February 23rd and the winner took home \$2299. Things continue to look good for the coming year.

SPORTS

Perth has once again outperformed expectations in the sports programme...dating all the way back to last August we sent 1 player to provincials for horseshoe's in Brighton .. we sent 2 for Golf Provincial in Windsor and we host the Zone cribbage, District senior darts and District regular darts ...both of which we are sending players to provincial championship ...all and all Perth went to 4 Provincials Championship in the year 2023-2024 ...we have our sights on hosting a provincial championship and as well hoping for a dominion darts championship in the near future ...Perth Sports is as strong as any legion in Ontario, we are blessed. Phil Ferguson, Sports Officer

POPPY

Remembrance Day 2023 went well and we had a great dinner at 1pm served by our Ladies Auxiliary. Our year end was closed out, balanced and audited with no problem. Right now, we are working on a couple SUF'S. It has been a pleasure and honour to work on the Poppy Committee. Susan Thomson-Lafosse

VETERAN'S SERVICE REPORT

Since my start as of October 2023, I have had successful contact with 12 veterans to date March 1 st, 2024 Annalienne Venuta Veterans' Service Officer

MEMBERSHIP

Perth-Upon-Tay, Branch 244 current membership statistics are shown below.

LIFE	ORD	ASSOC	AFFIL	TOTAL	LAST YR	%
9	121	261	55	446	510	87.5

Our membership team is in the process of phoning members in the Legion portal system that currently hold a status of dormant to encourage their continued support.

We are in the very early stages of planning a new members barbecue. We hope to hold it in conjunction with our Legion Week Open House in order to showcase branch activities and organizations who use our facility.

There are issues with the legion portal that require attention. Members that renew online may lose their years of service. The system does not flag the member who has missed paying a year. Furthermore, a member can only renew and purchase additional years online.

- Eg.
1. Member with 45 years of service renews online today for current year (2024)
 2. member missed year 2023 (due to ill health, forgetfulness, etc.)
 3. member is NOW listed as only one yr. of service and a start date of 2024

There are a number of possible fixes to this issue. My suggestion would be to have the system flag the member to contact their local branch or command with a pop-up box advisory (with phone numbers, if possible) prior to processing their payment or their “years of service will be lost.” Then, they must check a “proceed anyway” box to provide proof of understanding. It would be better if we gave them the ability to buy-back years online, but that may not be a great option at this time. Until such a program upgrade is created and implemented, our team has started checking all online renewals to ensure their years of service are not inadvertently lost and calling members who have lost service years to clarify their intension.

Overall

Overall, the Perth Legion is doing well. Our hall is busy during the week with Tai Chi and CPHC fitness classes. Fridays are busy with Catch the Ace as well as with birthday, anniversary celebrations that can also take place on Saturdays in the hall and lounge and Celebrations of Life. We had the Polar Bear Plunge and our New Year’s Levy all on the same day. We are currently looking ahead to our St. Patrick’s Dinner and Dance on March 17, 2024 from 2pm to 6pm. Everyone is welcome!

Respectfully Submitted

Ivan Cole, President
Branch 244

Lanark Legion Branch 395

Presidents Report

March 10, 2024

The Lanark Legion is doing very well. The Branch is financially stable and meeting all financial commitments. We are currently fund-raising to raise money to renovate the kitchen at the Legion.

This year we have had several rentals and continue to promote the rental of the Legion Hall. We have supported the minor hockey League by hosting them throughout the winter and providing them a place to go during tournaments. We also provided them with lunch for a reasonable price which went over very well. Community darts started up in early October 2023 and is keeping us busy on Thursday evenings. The Hunter Bash on November 4, 2023, was as success as well as our New Years Eve party which exceeded our attendance numbers in the past.

The Legions biggest concern is still the number of Committee positions not filled. Currently the President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Executive are filling most of the committee positions. We do not have a Sergeant- at- Arms. Youth Education is also a challenge. The number of students participating is very low and one school out of the two in our area is not participating at all. Our Public Speaking contest only had 3 participants this year and all from one school. The Youth Education Chair has done her best to try and encourage the schools to participate.

Membership is currently at 63 members and we have 5 new members this year.

The Poppy campaign and the Remembrance Day Service went over very well and a luncheon was provided for the first time since COVID and it was very well attended.

The Ladies Auxiliary have not been very active due to their declining numbers, but our relationship with them remains strong.

We continue to support the community and have made several donations to charities within the community.

Yours in Comradeship

Darleen Sargeant

President

Delegates: John Sweeney -1st Vice President

Robert Atkinson – Service Officer

Branch 616 West Carleton
Report to Zone G-6 Council

Feb 26, 2024

Branch 616 West Carleton is doing well and financially viable. Day to day traffic in the branch and attendance at events continues to be exceptional. We continue to support veterans and promote remembrance.

We were able to host our annual Veterans Christmas Luncheon including an entertainment show at the end of November 2023. This was our first such event post-COVID and we had very good attendance including a bus of veterans from The Perley. Our Ladies Auxiliary provided the meal. Our annual Remembrance Day ceremony was well attended by the public and with excellent support from our local/branch veterans, Cameron Highlanders Pipes & Drums, Armed Forces Petawawa and Sea Cadets.

Our Meals on Wheels program started up again in Sept after a summer hiatus, with meals available every 2nd Friday. Customers and volunteer support continues to be strong for this and profitable for the Branch. Our Ladies Auxiliary has been exceptionally active in the Branch supporting various activities and contributing to the Branch for a road sign and to our lounge renovation. Branch Events have been held through the fall and early winter and dart leagues are strong. We recently started up youth darts on Monday evenings.

Membership is just over 200 and up year to year, with strong renewals for the year to date.

Our Poppy campaign yielded close to normal donations last fall, and we continue to provide funding to various veteran initiatives and programs.

I previously reported we initiated a major renovation to our bar infrastructure, including a new walk-in cooler, service entrance and an entirely new bar. This has been completed. Response has been very positive. The project was under budget with no loan required and our Branch finances are well ahead of where we forecast them to be in conjunction with this major spend. We have also commenced painting and renovating the associated Members Lounge.

I thank our Executive, our many volunteers and our staff for the excellent work and commitment to our Branch, members and veterans we support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Johnson
President, Legion Branch 616

Zone 6 Spring Convention 10 April 2024

Kanata Branch 638

Presidents Report

Our Branch is very fortunate to have a number of Volunteers who unselfishly give of their time. Some events we celebrated this year were New Years Dance, the Presidents Levy, Robbie Burns Day. Some upcoming events are St Patrick Day and a Newfie Night. Karaoke and Trivia are ongoing.

Other very important activities were Youth Education Awards and Youth Education Public Speaking Competition. Absolutely incredible the number children that participated.

The Branch and L.A hosted a Family Fun Day coinciding with the Provincial Holiday, well over 100 children and Moms and Dads participated. It was hilarious watching the young ones playing the games.

Sports is doing well Euchre, Darts and Pickle Ball. The Branch is hosting the Zone Euchre Tournament on the 9th of March 2024.

Seniors Coffee on Wednesday is proving to be a great recruiting tool as is Music in the lounge on the 1st and 3rd Saturday.

A Functional Exercise program has been introduced and has also proved to be very popular.

The Branch is very busy with Honours and Awards.

The Branch is financially stable due in part to weekly Bingo and Chase the ace and Hall Rentals. All fund-raising events showed a profit.

The lottery Trust has donated \$16,400 to several non-for-profit organizations so far this Legion year.

Our Membership as of this writing is 308, last year we were at 337 members, there are a few members with outstanding dues owing. There are several new applications for membership being processed.

It is sad to announce the Branch had 10 Comrades pass away this year (Lest We Forget)

The Date set for our Elections is 17 April 2024 (General Meeting)

Yours in Comradeship

James (Jim) Hemlin President Kanata Br 638

Canadian Legion Branch 174 Arnprior – Zone Convention Report

March 4, 2024

Comrades,

It is with great pleasure that we can report that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 174 Arnprior has been recuperating very well from the Covid-19 years!

In the last year the Branch has undergone several executive member changes, several of us considered 'Rookies', so to speak! I will say though, that some of these so-called rookies have significantly added to and increased our capabilities to deal with the post-covid era. Along with the experienced and valuable executive members who have continued to serve with our rookies, as well as amazing assistance from the local community, the Branch has more than exceeded expectations.

The Branch has experienced a small number of rather costly fixes, such as the addition of a new furnace and bar dishwasher, but with help from the local community, have managed to overcome them.

Darts has made a comeback at the Branch, with an open darts night on Wednesday evenings and a Darts League (of Legion members only) on Monday evenings. As a result, we have held a couple of Dart Tournaments, including a Zone Darts competition as well. Darts have proven to be an important asset in monetary support for the Branch.

Our Kitchen services have increased significantly, with an increase in the number of volunteers who are very dedicated to the Branch. Our regular 'Burger Fridays' have become very successful, hugely supported by members and the public in general.

Even with the loss of Legion members through natural attrition, our membership holds fairly steady at around 190 members.

We request April 28th or May 5, 2024 for Branch 174 Elections.

The Branch, I believe, as a result of its participation in a number of community activities as well as a few fairly generous donations to other needy, not-for-profit local organizations has earned some much-needed recognition from the community in general.

In summation, I believe Canadian Legion Branch 174 Arnprior is doing extremely well.

Comrade Vic Garbutt, CD

President