



ZONE G6 COUNCIL REPORTS

March 9, 2025

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District G – Zone G6

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Good afternoon, Comrades. Welcome to our Spring Zone Council and Convention and thank you to Branch 395 Lanark for hosting. I trust everyone is enjoying our long snowy winter.

I visited Branch 244, 95 192 and 240 for New Years Day Levee's.

I will be attending the District Convention in Pembroke next month, it is an election year, and I encourage everyone to attend, I 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 the Zone know about it to send a representee.

This will be my last Zone G6 Convention as your Zone Commander. I wish all that are running for positions the best of luck. I would like to thank each Branch for their cooperation with me in the last 6 years as Zone Commander. We have had a few hiccups along the way but Branches in Zone G6 are in good hands.

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. There have been some growing pains, but we have worked through them. I look forward to attending each election with the incoming Zone Commander and wish everyone luck who is running for positions.

Yours in Comradeship

Rob Madore

Zone G6 Commander



Deputy Zone Commander's Report
March 9, 2025

I am just about finished with my third year as Deputy Zone Commander and I am grateful to for the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization.

Rob Madore, Terry Jacobs and I have visited all eight branches and did our annual branch inspections. Our legions are in good shape thanks to the dedication of the executives and members of the branches.

My wife, Gloria and I visited New Years levees in Kanata, Almonte, Arnprior and West Carleton and enjoyed their hospitality. We look forward to District convention in Pembroke in five weeks.

I am putting my name forward to be your Zone Commander for the next two years.

Yours-in-comradeship

Jim Wilson

Deputy Zone Commander

L.A. Zone Commanders Report

Since the last Zone G6 meeting, I along with my Zone Sports Officer attended one L.A. Zone G6 Inspection and with my Deputy Zone Commander attended seven Inspections.

I also had the pleasure of attending two L.A. 80th Anniversary parties, one in Carleton Place and one in Almonte – congratulations to both of these Auxiliaries.

I presented Smiths Falls with their 70th year sticker and Lanark with their 40th year sticker.

I also attended one Zoom Meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary Provincial Command.

Zone G6 L.A. Sports is doing well. We sent to District in all Sports and to Provincial in Singles and Doubles Darts, Team Darts and Euchre.

Elaine Madore

Ladies Auxiliary Zone Commander G6

MEMBERSHIP REPORT, ZONE CONVENTION, March 9, 2025

Membership is doing well and it has been slowly increasing over the past few years. The chart below shows the 2025 membership totals as of March 1st compared to the 2024 totals.

Branch		Life	Ord'	Ass'	Aff V	Other	Total	Prev' Yr	%
95	Smiths Falls	9	55	88	21	0	173	222	78%
174	Arnprior	5	64	98	41	1	209	263	79%
192	Carleton Place	15	126	182	40	0	363	443	82%
240	Almonte	8	100	259	46	0	413	457	90%
244	Perth	9	118	261	59	1	448	531	84%
395	Lanark	1	8	39	13	0	61	66	92%
616	W' Carleton	8	25	117	74	2	226	222	102%
638	Kanata	20	148	152	33	3	356	397	90%
Totals		75	644	1196	327	7	2249	2601	87%

Not only are renewals important but bringing in new members is even more so. Below are the 2025 new membership totals as of March 1, 2025

Branch		Life	Ord'	Ass'	Aff V	Other	Total	Prev' Yr	%
95	Smiths Falls	0	3	4	1	0	8	20	40%
174	Arnprior	0	8	6	8	0	22	45	49%
192	Carleton Place	0	5	8	2	0	15	53	28%
240	Almonte	0	3	8	6	0	17	37	46%
244	Perth	0	1	6	6	0	13	55	24%
395	Lanark	0	0	5	0	0	5	7	71%
616	W' Carleton	0	1	20	18	1	40	36	111%
638	Kanata	0	4	5	1	0	10	76	13%
Totals		0	25	62	42	1	130	329	40%

Finally, from my reports from spring conventions for the past four years and the increase for each branch. The last column shows the three year % increase.

4 Year Comparison

Branch		2021	2022	% Inc'	2023	% Inc'	2024	% Inc'	3 yr inc'
95	Smiths Falls	207	241	16.4	223	-7.5	222	0	7.2
174	Arnprior	251	283	12.7	245	-14.4	263	7.3	4.7
192	Carleton Place	371	408	10	428	4.9	443	3.5	19.4
240	Almonte	363	399	9.9	440	10.2	457	3.9	25.9
244	Perth	462	496	7.3	510	2.8	531	4.1	14.9
395	Lanark	60	60	0	64	6.7	66	3.1	11
616	W' Carleton	157	178	13.3	198	11.2	222	12.1	41.4
638	Kanata	329	333	12.1	350	5.1	397	13.4	20.7
Totals		2200	2398	10.9	2458	2.5	2601	10.6	18.2

Royal Canadian Legion Zone G-6

Financial Statements As at February 28, 2025

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets

Bank Account 4,158.58

TOTAL ASSETS

4,158.58

Liabilities

PP&E Carried Forward 2,168.68

Per Capita Remitted to District (1,820.70)

TOTAL LIABILITIES

347.98

EQUITY

Retained Earnings from Previous Year 5,846.12

Current Earnings -2,035.52

Total Equity 3,810.60

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

4,158.58

INCOME STATEMENT

Revenue

00.00

Expenses

Web Hosting 600.00

Supplies & Manuals 77.17

Mileage & Conventions 1,276.35

Honours, Awards & Recognition .00

Public Speaking .00

Guest Speaker 50.00

Bank Charges 28.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

2,031.52

NET LOSS

(2,031.52)

Loss is due to District, Zone Per Capita and PP&E Levy not yet collected from the Branches.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Husson

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						7		9	
Long Term Care								3	
Hospitals						6			
Provincial Visits									
# Visits									
# Appointments									
Service Officer									
Assist VAC applic.							1		
Assist Quality of Life									
Assist Legion applic.									
Home Visits									
Remem. Day Dinn						Y		Y	
Annual Vets L/Dinn						Y		Y	
Vets' Comforts									
Financial Assistance									
To Veterans							1		
To Widows							1		
Pro. Visits Advert.									
Local Paper									
Branch									
Web Site									
Facebook									
Member of Poppy C.									
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									

Command valentines sent to Perly Vets

A change of officers is reflected in incomplete files

Zone G6 Council/Convention

March 9, 2025

BURSARY REPORT

If you don't have a Branch Bursary Chair, you should have one. The District Bursary Committee has approved nine (9) applications for the Provincial Bursary Award so far this year.

The Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation has sent out a plea for donations as they were down by 20% in 2024 as compared to 2023. This is where the bursary funds come from. Please note that students can qualify for the bursary if their mother or grandmother is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. No military background is required.

Please canvas your schools for applications.

Respectfully submitted

George Dolan

Zone G6 Bursary Chair

ZONE G6 YOUTH EDUCATION PUBLIC SPEAKING REPORT – MARCH 9, 2025

Good afternoon, Comrades,

The 2025 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition was held on March 1, 2025 at Branch #638, Kanata.

Participants from six of the eight Zone G6 branches registered at the 2025 Zone G6 Youth Education Competition – Arnprior, Carleton Place, Kanata, Lanark, Perth and Smiths Falls. It was Kanata Legion’s first time to have an entry in the Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition because of one Kanata school promoting public speaking. Unfortunately, Almonte and West Carleton legions continue to have no participants. I know in West Carleton’s case this is due to the Ottawa school boards having a full curriculum. A lack of school board support may be the reason for no participants from the Almonte legion. The total number of participants entered in the 2025 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking competition was 16. Even though there was a snowstorm the night before and tapering off in the morning, there were fifteen participants and one no show. It was thought there would be one participant in the Senior category for the first time in years, but unfortunately this was the participant that did not show. There was participation in the three other categories – Primary, Junior and Intermediate.

Category entry breakdown 16: Primary – 5 / Junior – 6/ Intermediate – 4 /Senior – 1 no show.

Zone G6 2025 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition results are as follows:

Primary 1 st place:	Michaela Froese “Trip to the Yukon Territory”	Carleton Place Branch 192
Primary 2 nd place:	Liam Ushanthan “The Power of Kindness”	Arnprior Branch #174
Primary 3 rd place:	Clara Lewis “Donuts”	Lanark Branch #395

Junior 1 st place:	Maria Alcubierre Escobedo “Positive Effects of Classical Music”	Kanata Br. 638
Junior 2 nd place:	Alastair Gray “Anti-Bullying”	Perth-Upon-Tay Branch #244
Junior 3 rd place:	Katherine Murray “Canadian Stereotypes”	Arnprior Branch #174

Intermediate 1 st place:	Cora Greenaway “Winning from within: Now Positive Self Talk Fuels Success in Sports”	Arnprior Br. #174
Intermediate 2 nd place:	Mattea Crabtree “How to write a speech”	Perth-Upon-Tay Branch # 244
Intermediate 3 rd place:	Landon Richmond “Camping”	Smiths Falls Branch #95

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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 March 22, 2025

Where: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #231 - Portland
2314 Harlem Road, Portland, Ontario K0G 1V0 613-272-3556
Primary & Junior categories registration at 9 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Speeches start at 10 a.m. Lunch at 12:00 p.m.
Intermediate & Senior categories registration is between 12 :00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. with speeches starting at 1pm.

Area “F” and “G” Competition to be held April 5, 2025 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #174 – Arnprior, 49 Daniel St. N., Arnprior, ON K7S 2K6 613-623-4722. Registration Times for all Categories between 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The 1st place winners from the Area Competition will move on to compete at the Provincial competition on Saturday, May 3rd at Branch #336 (Falconbridge-Garson) 66 Edison Road, Falconbridge, ON P0M 1S0 705-693-2114. Registration Times for all Categories between 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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.

Currently, I wish to request approval of \$850.00 for the 2026 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

POPPY REPORT

ZONE G 6

Comrades

I wish I could say this year's poppy reports were all submitted on time and correct but I can't.

A majority of the branches had their BSRs submitted on time but the guidelines were not followed. Numerous documents were included which were not required and the starting balances provided by the district were not used and numerous errors were discovered. Only two branches submitted BSR beyond the cut off dates and one branch has yet to submit a BSR but extenuating circumstances exist.

There is no reason that BSR's can not be submitted on time. As I had mentioned in previous emails that the branches should have all their BSRs ready to go by mid to late December. This can be alleviated by not issuing any cheques after Dec 1st unless extenuating circumstances exist and then a bank reconciliation can alleviate this problem.

Some branches are deducting accounts payable from their poppy accounts before cheques are written and this should not happen.

Going forward I require the Poppy Chair or the person responsible for preparing the BSrs contact information so that I can relay any pertinent information regarding the BSR etc.

Yours in Comradeship

Barry Pascoe
Zone G6 Poppy Chair

Honours and Awards

Greetings Comrades. It has been three years since I have had the pleasure of handing out zone medals and bars. This afternoon I would like to recognize the following people who will receive bars and medals for the first time

Rob Madore to receive a bar for his second term as zone commander. Both terms have been for three years.

Peter Schaffer a zone medal and chair bar

Barry Pascoe a poppy bar

Sue McLean a zone medal and Veteran services bar.

Donna Bell a zone medal and Youth Education bar

Ivan Cole a zone medal and sports bar

Bruce Judge a zone medal and Public Relations bar

Bob Thomson a zone medal and Sgt-at-arms bar.

Thank you to those of you who have continued in your portfolios for two or more terms. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

If I have missed any one then I offer my apologies and will bring them to you at your branch elections which should be held within the next two or three months

Jim Wilson

Zone Honours and Awards

Constitution and Laws

This is my first constitution and laws report since I assumed the position when Comrade George Wood asked me ten years ago. Thank goodness that up until this year I have not been asked any questions. Most branches state in their by-laws under S.1208 .(1) that the financial authority of the Executive Committee can not exceed five hundred dollars. Provincial Command now allows us to change it to two thousand but we must do a Notice of Motion and pass it at a subsequent general meeting. At the same time, they will probably ask you to up-date a few other by-laws such as S.804 and S.808

Jim Wilson

**Smiths Falls, Branch 95
Zone Report
9 March 2025**

Membership

The branch renewal rate is down this year, with only 162 of last year's 215 members renewing their memberships. About one third of that number are taking advantage of the online membership renewal. However, on a positive note, we are seeing more new memberships this year.

Poppy

2024 was a very successful year for our poppy campaign. The people of Smiths Falls are very generous, donating over \$ 46,000 during the campaign. We had two electronic tap boxes this year, which we moved from location to location. The daily data received will help us to strategically locate the tap boxes next year.

Veterans Services

Our Veteran's Service Officer is always quite busy, dealing with an average of 2 veterans in need each week. Our current VSO, Keith Anderson is starting a six month transition to our upcoming VSO Kim Sumara.

Constitution and By-Laws

Over the summer, our Past President, Gary Garland, prepared a set of amendments to our Branch By-Laws. These were passed at our November 2024 general meeting and forwarded to Ontario Command for approval. The major amendments that we made were the financial ones – increasing the Executive Committee approval limit from \$500 to \$2000. We are now starting on the process of updating our Branch Policy and Procedures.

Ways and Means

Here in Smiths Falls we have numerous events that bring in funds for the branch, including Bingo, Catch-the-Ace, Pull-Tab tickets, Jamboree, Fish Fry, plus a Canteen that is open during several events. All together these bring in most of our revenue, with further funds coming our bar and through hall rentals.

Finances

Overall, our branch finances are in good shape. Our three main lotteries brought in sufficient funds last year to enable us to donate over \$53,000 to local charities.

Ladies Auxiliary

Branch 95 Ladies Auxiliary have been very busy over the past few months, catering numerous Celebrations of Life, and special dinner events. We were happy to host a special 75th anniversary dinner for the Ladies Auxiliary on June.

Sports

Stan Lasenba, our Sport Officer been instrumental in ensuring that the branch had teams at the numerous zone level sports meets. Additionally, he has introduced a Wednesday evening Corn Hole competition to the branch.

Overall

In general, the branch is functioning well, but like every branch we could always use more volunteers. This is a year of transition, as most of the executive members are new to the job, however we are all learning quickly and we have been working together quite well.

Bruce Irvine
President
Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 95
Smiths Falls

The Capt. A. Roy Brown, Branch 192

Carleton Place, Zone Report

9 March 2025

Memberships

Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch #192 saw their membership as of 31 January 2025 total 443 members. We are slightly behind with roughly 350 members in good standing, but our members are renewing online and in Branch regularly. Our Membership Chair is doing a superb job within our Branch to remain in touch with Command coordinating when members renew in either situation. We have had some new members join our Branch recently, when attending Celebrations of Life, and wanting to help volunteer within the Branch, other than the requirement during the annual Poppy Campaign.

Poppy

Our 2024 campaign went well; thanks for our many volunteers being able to stand in the various venues around town to promote our Campaign. We participated in the Poppy electronic boxes this past campaign, with notes that some cash Poppy box locations should be replaced with electronic ones ie in a local Lumber store where contractors frequent – they don't carry cash, but they do have Credit or Debit cards.

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 \$3,300.00! It was noted that our Poppy-In-Trust account was charged bank fees in October and November 2024 for the bank handling coins – THIS WAS A FIRST, and the Account Manager at our local Bank, reversed said costs for 2024. We will see what happens in 2025!

Veterans Services

Our Veterans Services Officer has seen an average of 2 Veterans per month to help and assist with VAC services. A Veteran, who had approached our Branch looking for some assistance finding a place to live, has happily found an apartment in a neighbouring community, and is settling in well.

We are always looking for Veterans nominations and submissions 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. We have been providing the Colour Party for Senators games, when requested by their personnel.

Constitution and By-Laws

We are patiently waiting on a reply from Provincial Command, as we made some changes to positions in the Branch – Secretary/Treasurer (joint title) being returned to 2 separate positions in the Branch, changing the dates of the Bi-Annual Branch / L.A. Executive meeting, and changes to Branch bank accounts signing authority, to name a few of our requested changes.

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 started our "Catch the Ace 5.0" and the Jackpot is over \$45,000.00! We donated in December \$21,500.00 from our portion of "Catch the Ace 4.0" proceeds to local charities and organizations helping Veterans and families in need. Donations through Christmas Food Baskets Campaign, our local Food Bank, Lanark Sea Cadets donation, Quilts of Valour, Interval House, Blackstone Association and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lanark County to mention a few. Our insurance bill is still almost cut in half from what PIB used to charge us monthly, which has greatly added to our bottom line.

Ways and Means

We are booked up with various events, karaoke, trivia and live music nights. We are having our St. Patty's Day party on 17 March, a Pipe and Drum Tattoo to be held on 22nd June which should entice the public to attend our Branch for camaraderie, and we are planned with events through to the start of summer. As a side note, our hall rental bookings are filling up our yearly calendar already. This should bring in some good income.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary have a few events planned over the next few months. The Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary formed a joint committee for Ways and Means to assist in planning various functions, to eliminate repetitive dinners (as an example), and lately have been busy with many Celebrations of Life.

These various events will definitely help the L.A. put some money in their bank account.

Sports

The Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch 192 various Dart Leagues keep our Branch busy Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and our Ladies Auxiliary host drop-in darts on Tuesday nights. This definitely helps our Bar sales and the overall income for the Branch. We have our Sunset Club 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 Mixed Darts on 12 April 2025. (Unfortunately, this is also the same weekend as the District Convention in Pembroke, Ontario)....

Overall

We have been very busy with mentoring our "rookie executives" taking over their positions in the Branch and L.A. Although some of our Executive have been on the Executive Committee for many years, their stepping up to NEW to THEM roles, is what makes our Branch so diversified. 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 stay competitive with the rising costs surrounding the operations of Branch 192.

We will be having our Branch Elections of Officers, on Wednesday, 30 April 2025 at 7:30 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Kevin Francis, President,

The Captain A. Roy Brown, Br. 192,
Royal Canadian Legion,
Carleton Place, Ontario



Branch 240 Report, March 9, 2025

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

Fundraising continues with the Monthly Breakfast program on the 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 which was very successful, the Ace was caught in December with the winner taking home \$55,712. We partnered with the Almonte General Hospital/Fairview Manor Foundation again this year. This year we have added a portable terminal where customers can pay cash and get tickets. We hope to have the next raffle starting soon.

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 hope to be hosting our Battle of Atlantic for 2025 in May. More info soon.

Respectfully submitted,

**President
Branch 240 Almonte**

Zone G-6 Council/Convention

Sunday 09 March 2025

Branch 244 Perth-Upon-Tay

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our Branch is doing very well from a financial point of view. Hall bookings are steady and 2026 our Branch will be the recipients of the proceeds from our annual Polar Bear Plunge on January 1 st. A great start to the Legion's 100th anniversary. Please look around your Branch for prospective "Plungers" next January. I will be expecting to see someone from every Branch in our zone to "GET WET FOR A VET"

SPORTS

Our Branch is represented very well in Darts and Euchre sending multiple teams to Districts and Provincials.

VETERAN'S SERVICE REPORT

In 2024, we had 12 veterans living in a Long-Term Care Facility and 2 who were in hospital. Assisted 8 with VAC applications and 3 with Quality of Life. We, also, assisted 2 veterans with Financial Assistance. Bob Day continues to visit the sick on behalf of our Branch. We had a good turn out for Remembrance Day serving a total of 120. The Branch placed an advertisement in our local paper regarding the KPMG Disability. Coffee for Vets takes place the first Friday of every month with approximate 12 veterans on average in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers, effective February 24, 2025, are below.

LIFE	ORD	ASSOC	AFF	CURRENT YEAR TOTAL	PREVIOUS YEAR TOTAL	%
9	116	258	59	442	547	80.8

Our "good standing" membership numbers are at par with last year during the same time period. The team will soon begin to personally contact those individuals who are in arrears.

The membership team, in coordination with the honours and awards chair, are just starting to plan our annual summer barbecue that is held to welcome our new members and honour our long-time members who are receiving a quinquennial pin. Our September 2024 event was a successful gathering that attracted approximately 75 guests.

There are still concerns regarding the legion portal tagging members with a "bad address," thereby causing delivery issues of their Legion Magazine. Also, when an email address is changed, it frequently reverts back to the old email address. These issues need to be fixed if the branch is to have confidence in the accuracy of the member database.

Submitted by:

Sheila Stojakovich
Membership Chair

Lanark Legion Branch 395

Presidents Report

March 9, 2025

The Lanark Legion is doing well. The Branch is financially stable and meeting all financial commitments. We are in the process of changing our banking from Bank of Montreal (BMO) to Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC). At BMO we have a business account with high service charges whereas CIBC offers a not for profit account, where the services charges are substantially less.

We continue fund-raising to raise money to renovate the kitchen at the Legion and are looking into applying for an Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Grant. We have been promoting the Legion Hall for rentals and have seen a significant increase in our rentals. The Hunter's Bash was a huge success in November. Community darts started up in October 2024 and is going strong. The New Years Eve Party was a success although the crowd was less than we had hoped for.

The Legions still has some concerns re the number of Committee positions not filled. We do not have a Sergeant- at- Arms and a couple of Committee members hold 2 or 3 positions each. The Youth Education Chair has engaged more support from the local schools this year which has been a challenge. Our Posters, Poems and Essays participation had increased as well as our Public Speaking, but we would like to see more participation.

Membership is currently at 60 members and the Membership Chair and members continue to seek new members. This campaign we have recruited 5 new members.

The Remembrance Day Service was held on November 11, 2024. The 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery at CFB Petawawa was in attendance and participated in the service with the gun salute. Lunch was served at the Legion Hall after the service.

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

We continue to support the community and have made several donations to charities within the community and provided Bursary's to the two High Schools in our area.

Yours in Comradeship

Darleen Sargeant

President

Delegates: John Sweeney -1st Vice President
Robert Atkinson – Service Officer

Branch 616 West Carleton
Report to Zone G-6 Council

Report for March 9, 2025

Branch 616 West Carleton is doing well. We had an extremely busy fall starting with Legion Week, our annual Golf Tournament, dart leagues, Remembrance Day and various Christmas events leading to New Year's Levee. Our very popular Meals to Wheels dinner every second Friday kicked off again in the fall and continues through to May.

We made a visit to the Perley and their Veterans this fall as opposed to bringing them to our Branch, and the event was well attended and appreciated.

Our Ladies Auxiliary has been extremely active, and started a Sunday breakfast offering at our Branch in January that has been very well received.

Membership stands at 220 which is up year over year, with a consistent number of new members signing up month to month.

Sporting events, including Ladies Auxiliary sports continue to be well represented from our Branch.

Ongoing building renovations are now happening to our main hall with painting, new windows, new dart cabinets, general repairs and a new ceiling with upgraded lighting to come.

Our Branch Regulation changes were passed by Provincial Command.

We have filled and appointed any openings we did have on our Executive. Our Annual General Meeting and elections will be held on Monday May 26, 7:30pm.

respectfully submitted,

Kevin Johnson President,
Legion Branch 616

DISTRICT G, ZONE G-6
SPRING COUNCIL/CONVENTION
9 MARCH 2025
KANATA BRANCH 638 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At our Executive Committee meeting on 16 October 2024, we experienced a truly unexpected and highly inappropriate near violent incident which occurred between two of our elected Executive members. Consequently, the President could not address and complete the agenda and, consequently, could not adjourn the meeting. This unfortunate event resulted in the resignations of the two Executive members. The President resigned one week later, and the undersigned moved from the 1st Vice President position into the President position. However, this did not occur immediately as we attempted to convince the President to reconsider her decision and remain as President.

Since then, other Executive members subsequently resigned their positions. Fortunately, other elected members stepped up to fill these roles and responsibilities. From my perspective, October's unfortunate events are behind us, and we must move ahead as a team and Branch with a positive attitude and approach.

October 2024 to March 2025 has been an interesting and busy period for Kanata Branch 638. We conducted a successful Poppy Campaign and shared our territory with a neighbouring Legion Branch for their campaign. Kanata Branch 638 also conducted another solemn Remembrance Day Ceremony which attracted a large community attendance at the Kanata Cenotaph.

Throughout these two major activities and events, the Branch Ways and Means Committee continued to proceed with an ambitious and busy plan from November 2024 to March 2025. The one thing that stands out to me and re-enforces my constant and continuing observation is that the heart of our Branch is the volunteer. For Branch 638, volunteerism is clearly the core function that makes our Branch successful. The Branch does not have any employees. If we wish to continue with all that success, we need to keep in mind our Branch Clubhouse Rules, our Pledge on Harassment to our members and guests, and the Ontario Human Rights Code of Conduct. Indeed, we need to live by these guidelines, and, from my perspective, we do that by showing appropriate respect to each other accordingly.

On behalf of the Membership, the Executive initiated several activities for the months of December to March. These major Branch activities pertain to Branch functions and Branch maintenance and improvements. We have conducted a major Insurance Policy Review and an Inventory Review. We are currently negotiating a property lease agreement with a networks company. Our Attraction, Recruitment and Retention efforts are paying off as our membership continues to grow. We recently conducted two successful Youth Education events. The Branch hosted a Bingo Night at the Perley followed by a Pub Night one week later. We continue to

recruit volunteers which is crucial to our success as a Branch. In conjunction with other local Branches, we also continue to provide a Colour Party at the Sens home games and we continue to support the Heroes Ridge program. Hall rental remains active, and space is provided for various community activities. Additionally, support is offered to five local Cadet units. In fact, our shooting club challenged one of our Air Cadets units to a shoot off – guess who won fair and square. Our Bingo and Catch the Ace activities have been phenomenally successful, allowing the Branch's Lottery Trust fund to donate proceeds to various communities in need.

Comrade Dennis Hearn
President
Kanata Branch 638