

ZONE G6 FALL COUNCIL REPORTS

September 20 , 2020

Branch 244 Perth-Upon-Tay

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The Royal Canadian Legion

District G – Zone 6

Ontario Provincial Command

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Good morning Comrades. Welcome to our Fall G6 Council Meeting. Thank you to Branch 244 Perth for hosting. I hope everyone has enjoyed our host summer.

Due to Covid-19 many functions that I was scheduled to attend had been cancelled. I have attended many Zoom meetings with PEC through out the summer.

Provincial Command is working hard to adapt to the new normal. One thing I would like to mention is, when correspondents are passed down from Provincial Command, I forward them to all Branch Presidents. It is very important to pass this information to your branch. Provincial has been getting calls from branches asking questions about protocols and new rules. Most of this information has been passed along. Please let me know if you would like these correspondents sent to someone other than you, as president, I already sent to a few Branch Secretaries.

Many questions have come up regarding Branch Elections and General Meetings. Dominion Command was the one who put a hold on all Branch elections back in the spring. Provincial Command is waiting on direction regarding this. For your information Dominion, Provincial, District, and Zone elections have all been postponed a year. Our next election for Zone will be in March 2022. As for General Meetings at the Branch level, Provincial laws limit indoor gatherings to 50 people, therefore if you have a general membership of more of more than 50 members you cannot hold a General Meeting.

I look forward to seeing each of you this fall at your Branch Inspection.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rob Madore
Zone G6 Commander

Royal Canadian Legion Zone G 6

Balance Sheet As at May 31, 2020

Current Assets

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Cash for deposit | 0.00 |
| Bank Account | 9,862.26 |
| Accounts Receivable | 1,539.30 |

TOTAL ASSETS **11,401.56**

Liabilities

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Accounts Payable | 1,557.50 |
| PP&E from Branches | 1,335.00 |
| PP&E Carried Forward | 882.24 |
| PP&E Expended | - 1,304.48 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES **2,470.26**

EQUITY

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Retained Earnings from Previous Year | 8,577.78 |
| Current Earnings | 353.52 |
| Total Equity | 8,931.30 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **11,401.56**

NOTE: Accounts Receivable is made up as follows:

Inv. 102 with Branch 192 \$806.40 and Inv. 103 with Branch 240 \$732.90
Accounts Payable is Per Capita owing to District **PAID/REC'D since**

INCOME STATEMENT June 01, 2019 to May 31, 2020

REVENUE

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Zone Per Capita Levy from Branches | 1,780.00 |
| Sports Fund Contribution | 500.00 |

TOTAL REVENUE **2,280.00**

Expenses

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|-------------------------------|--------|
| Web Hosting | 238.40 |
| Mileage & Conventions | 693.45 |
| Honours, Awards & Recognition | 67.80 |
| Public Speaking | 778.83 |
| Guest Speaker Gifts | 100.00 |
| Bank Charges | 48.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES **1,926.48**

NET INCOME (LOSS) **353.52**

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Zone G6 Council
Bursary Report
September 20, 2020

Due to the pandemic, there was no District meeting of the Zone Chairs. District G Bursary Chair, Sharon Murray, with the aide of the past Chair, Comrade Reta Behm, processed the 97 applications with the understanding that all applicants who qualified under Branch or Ladies Auxiliary sponsorship would be approved for the bursary. Out Zone had the second highest number of applications at 21. I do not have a breakdown of the number of applications from our individual Branches.

Respectfully submitted

George Dolan
Zone G6 Bursary Chair

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Zone G-6 PP&E
Fall Report Sep. 20, 2020

Comrades a short report this Fall. You're welcome! PP&E will go on this year and I attach guidance from Provincial Command which I've forwarded to your Branch Chairs. All Branches should have received their packages in August. A little bit of good news is that a student from Kanata placed third nationally last year! I said short. Stay safe out there.

I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. David Andrew, Chair,
Zone G-6 Youth Ed. Posters, Poems and Essays.

ZONE MEMBERSHIP REPORT SEPT 20, 2020

The last time I wore this uniform was at our spring convention and all branches ended up closing a few days later.

Legion membership has been declining for years and this COVID-19 pandemic has further decreased the numbers.

Below please find our zone membership as of last Sunday. I have also included the totals from our last meeting and compared the increases. If your membership chairs do not agree with these figures then they can check with Dominion Command.

PAID MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY AS OF SEPT 13, 2020

| Branch | Life | Ord' | Ass' | Aff' | Aff' NonV | Total | Prev Year | % | Spring Conv' | 6 mo Inc' |
|--------|------|------|------|------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------|-----------|
| 95 | 11 | 71 | 109 | 28 | 0 | 219 | 254 | 86.22 | 202 | 17 |
| 174 | 9 | 50 | 99 | 27 | 0 | 185 | 237 | 78.06 | 171 | 14 |
| 192 | 13 | 125 | 184 | 34 | 0 | 356 | 389 | 91.52 | 335 | 21 |
| 240 | 7 | 71 | 243 | 34 | 1 | 356 | 358 | 99.44 | 320 | 36 |
| 244 | 11 | 106 | 250 | 60 | 1 | 428 | 470 | 91.26 | 404 | 19 |
| 395 | 1 | 9 | 32 | 16 | 0 | 58 | 64 | 90.63 | 56 | 2 |
| 616 | 10 | 29 | 76 | 46 | 0 | 161 | 171 | 94.15 | 154 | 7 |
| 638 | 16 | 140 | 116 | 23 | 1 | 296 | 303 | 97.69 | 278 | 22 |
| Totals | 78 | 601 | 1109 | 268 | 3 | 2059 | 2246 | | 1925 | 134 |

NEW MEMBERSHIP AS OF SEPT 13, 2020

| Branch | Life | Ord' | Ass' | Aff | Aff' NonV | Total | Prev Year | % | Spring Conv' | 6 mo Inc' |
|--------|------|------|------|-----|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| 95 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | | 10 | 23 | 43.48 | 8 | 2 |
| 174 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 7 | | 28 | 17 | 164.71 | 21 | 7 |
| 192 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 8 | | 24 | 63 | 38.10 | 17 | 7 |
| 240 | 0 | 9 | 16 | 4 | | 29 | 33 | 87.88 | 28 | 1 |
| 244 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 23 | 41 | 56.10 | 20 | 3 |
| 395 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 5 | 60.00 | 3 | 0 |
| 616 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 4 | | 13 | 28 | 46.43 | 12 | 1 |
| 638 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 3 | | 20 | 31 | 64.52 | 10 | 10 |
| | 0 | 29 | 78 | 42 | 1 | 150 | 241 | | 119 | 30 |

Jim Wilson
Zone G6 Membership chair



The Royal Canadian Legion

SEPT 20, 2020

ZONE HONOURS AND AWARDS REPORT

This is my first actual zone honours and awards report so there is a good possibility of duplication (people already having the award) of that I missed someone. This is my best guess and I hope to have everything worked out by the end of this meeting.

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| Robert Atkinson | Zone Past Commander Medal w/lapel pin |
| Rob Madore | Zone Deputy Commander bar |
| Barry Pascoe | Zone Past Officer Medal , Zone Sgt-at-Arms bar |
| Fr David Andrew | Zone Past Officer Medal, Zone Youth and Education bar |
| Bogdan Procyk | Zone Past Officer Medal, Zone Poppy bar |
| Gerry Dore | Seniors bar |
| Dave Cormier | Chairman bar |
| Jim Jenkins | Zone Past Officer Medal, Zone Veteran Services bar |
| Jim Wilson | Zone Membership bar, Zone Honours and Awards bar |
| George Dolan | Zone Bursary bar |

These bars and medals should be presented at our spring convention (COVID19 permitting)

Jim Wilson

Honours and Awards chair

Royal Canadian Legion
Zone G6 Council
Zone G6 Poppy Chairman Report
Sept 20, 2020

Good Morning Comrades,

I am sorry for not being able to make our meeting however, a family matter has taken me away so you will get 30 minutes of your time back as I will not be speaking. 😊

The impact of the COVID Pandemic has brought with it many challenges for all including of course our Legions. This new norm we are dealing with will not change for some time and we all must readjust what we do and how we do it. With the Poppy Campaign just around the corner and this being a major revenue source for the Legions it will need special attention and approach so we can minimize the impact it may have on our Branch Poppy Campaign.

I will be attending a Zone Poppy and VSO training session in Smith Falls on Oct 3rd and hoping to hear from the District Team on strategies and plans for the forth coming campaign. In addition, they will once again be training the Zone Poppy Chairpersons on how to complete the Poppy Fund Reports. My assumption is we will be expected to have our Branch reports completed and submitted by October 31. If not, that will be my goal. Last year we were finalizing some in late January. This is not acceptable.

Because of COVID rules not all Branch Poppy Chairperson can attend this training, as such, I am expected to deliver same training to the Zone G6 Branch Poppy Chairpersons. My plan is to run this training virtually using Zoom on Wednesday October 7th at 7pm and to invite not only the Poppy Chairpersons but also those individuals that contribute to the financials of the Poppy Fund Reporting. My invite has already been sent out however, as of yet I have not received acknowledgement from all the Branches that they will be attending. This training is mandatory for those that have a hand at completing the Poppy Fund Reports, especially if they have not already completed it and do not understand what may be required. Simple as the reporting is it has been a pain to have it completed accurately and on time. This report is not optional, it is a must, so I look to the Branch Presidents to ensure that the right people attend this 2-hour (max) session and that the reports are completed as expected. On Time, Complete and Accurate. We really need to get this stuff right once and for all.

Attached is a copy of the Branches results I have received from Frank Stacey, District Poppy Chairman. I have not carefully reviewed the numbers to see how they align to numbers I have from last years submissions. I can only assume they are accurate however, having said that it may be worth while for each Branch Poppy Chairperson to review these number and compare to their files. Any errors or discrepancies should be reported to me directly.

This year Zone G6 Poppy Inspections will be conducted virtually (Zoom) immediately after I have received the Poppy Reports for 2020. My goal is to have these completed before we commence our 2020 Poppy Campaign Friday October 30th, 2020.

All the Branch Poppy Chairpersons should have received the Poppy Campaign Packages. If not, we need to know asap.

Once again, I extend my many thanks to all Branches for their ongoing support to our Poppy Campaigns successful.

Respectively submitted,

Bogdan Procyk

Youth Education-Public Speaking Report Fall Zone G-6 Council Sept. 20, 2020

With the new legion year upon us, I wish to congratulate the newly appointed or reappointed Branch Youth Education Chairs. **I ask each Branch to confirm with me if there is any change in your Youth Education Public Speaking Chair for 2020-2021 from the list below at the Fall Zone G6 Council, please**

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| Br. #174 | Almonte | Pat Muldoon |
| Br. #240 | Arnprior | Donna Bell |
| Br. #192 | Carleton Place | Ann Ecker |
| Br. #638 | Kanata | Brenda Grant |
| Br. #395 | Lanark | Shelley Roberts |
| Br. #244 | Perth-Upon-Tay | Marilyn Devlin |
| Br. # 95 | Smiths Falls | Helen Wilkinson |
| Br. #616 | West Carleton | John Woodbeck |

Little did we know when we last met in March that the 2020 District G, Area and Provincial public speaking competitions would be canceled due to a pandemic. It is unfortunate our Zone G6 first place winners did not have the opportunity to compete at any of the next levels, but they are still winners thanks to the efforts of Zone G6 branches that participated in the Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking competition. Thank you again.

Each Branch should have received the Youth-ed kit for 2020 with a copy of the poster/literary, public speaking and video competition circulars - instructions and forms by the middle of August. An August 17, 2020 memo from Lynn McClellan, Vice-President & Chairman Provincial Youth Education Committee was received regarding how to proceed with the distribution of Youth-Ed materials at schools and the handling and judging of Poster/Literary entries at the branch and abide with the COVID19 pandemic health and safety measures. Shortly, thereafter, an email was received from District "G" Youth Education Chair, Tyrone Seeley with information from a Public Health Inspector on the handling of PP&E.

On August 18, 2020, I received a reply from Comrade Lynn McClellan to my inquiry about Youth Education Public Speaking competitions and the pandemic informing me that as far as the public speaking contests are concerned, he will address that later as it is too early yet to speculate on the COVID19 conditions in the fall and winter and what will be allowed. Once a decision is made it will be forwarded to District "G" Youth Education Chair, Tyrone Seeley. I forwarded this email to all Zone G6 Youth Education Branch Chairs for their information as well as the tentative date for the **2021 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition which is Saturday, March 6, 2021.**

In the event the 2021 Public Speaking competitions will proceed, I ask each Branch to pass on the following information to your YE-PS Chair, please:

- Except for the Public Speaking Contest Statistics form, all other forms need to be dated with 2021

- A reminder to only use forms and regulations from the package issued the summer of 2020

In addition to the forms and regulations, the Branch Public Speaking Chair will need to know:

- The **absolute deadline** to submit your Branch winners is **Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

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- **Location: Branch #638-Kanata, 70 Hines Rd., Kanata, Ontario Phone: 613-591-5570**
- **Dates and locations of the 2021 District and Area level competitions to be announced as soon as is possible**
- **Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking prize amounts for each of the four categories are:**
- **1st place \$40.00 / 2nd place \$30.00 / 3rd place \$20.00**
- **Branch prize amounts should not exceed Zone prize amounts. It was agreed among the branches that only if a Branch is in a position/has the resources to increase the prize amounts for public speaking to the suggested amounts below that they do so. Something a Branch may wish to consider before making a prize amount decision is whether they wish to have the same prize amounts for the posters, poems and essays competition.**

- **1st place \$30.00 / 2nd place \$20.00 / 3rd place \$10**

The provision of a public speaking competition for youth is not only one of the best ways we can showcase the Legion in our local communities it is also an opportunity for youth to gain experience, self-confidence and skills!

Suggested ways and means of how best to increase participation are to:

- consider forming a Youth Education Committee to support the YE-PS Chair
- establish a contact at each school
- create a public speaking competition poster notice and post in schools, libraries, etc.
- when promoting the posters, poems and essays competition highlight public speaking to allow more time for schools to consider, if possible, to incorporate into the school curriculum
- suggest public speaking as an extracurricular activity in the schools
- approach youth organizations where public speaking may be a badge/award to achieve
- to increase the reach, particularly home school students it is important to promote in social media in the community via local papers, church bulletins, community centres, stores
- promote at your legion with posters, newsletters, email, website, social media

Youth Education Public Speaking highlights from the June 24, 2017 minutes of the Provincial Youth Education Committee are:

- It was moved and seconded that a projector is not allowed at a public speaking competition
- It was moved and seconded that home-schooled students are allowed to enter the public speaking competition
- Where to send students: The normal procedure is that students compete at the branches

closest to their schools. If a branch is not participating, then students are referred to another branch, under the same zone. If a school is not doing public speaking, then students are referred to the branch closest to their homes. Home schooled students are referred to the branch closest to their homes.

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- The legion should encourage all students to participate in the public speaking program. There is no agreement as per the number of students that the school can send but schools with this query are to be referred to the branch and it is up to the branch to advise the schools on how many students they can accommodate at the competition

This ends my report and I move its' adoption.

Lorraine Lapensée
Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking

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**L.A. ZONE COMMANDER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2020**

Good Morning Head Table Guests and Comrades All.

I send greetings from Zone G6 seven Auxiliaries.

I am sorry that I cannot be at this meeting as I am on my way home from Newmarket where I have attended a Zone Commander's Meeting.

This report is very short as everyone knows the Covid-19 has impacted a great deal on all the Legions. Ontario Command Ladies Auxiliary has asked that all the Officers in the Zones stay in their position for another year along with the individual Auxiliaries. I had intended on retiring this year but have agreed to stay on.

Our Annual Zone Convention that was to be held in Kanata was cancelled along with the Ontario Command L.A. Convention that was to be held in Kingston this September. The Provincial Ticket Draw was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston on September 15th and I will be bringing back the results of the winners.

I will be starting my Official Visits this month along with my Deputy Zone Commander Elaine Madore. Some of the Auxiliaries are still not having meetings.

I hope that you have good deliberations in all your discussions today.

Yours in comradeship,

Marilyn Devlin,

Zone Commander G6

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Zone Sports Report

September 20,2020

Due to the covid 19 pandemic all Zone sports that were to occur after March were cancelled, these included Mixed Darts Washer Toss and Golf. This was a big disappointment for the host Legions due to lost revenue. At This time all District Events for 2020 – 2021 are also cancelled. I hope to have a meeting shortly to discuss what we can and can't do regarding our Sport Program keeping in mind all the restrictions in place.

The bank Balance as of August 25th was \$2295.72

I submit my report

Stan Lasenba
Zone Sports Officer

March 20, 2020

Smiths Falls Br.#95 President's Report

Branch 95 executives and our members are pleased to bring you greetings from the Rise Of The Falls.

The Covid-19 virus has certainly curtailed our revenue stream for the past 6 months but we are financial stable.

During the early stages of the pandemic on a positive note we have installed new carpet on the stage in the Lancaster Room along with stairway and hallways leading up to the offices of the branch. Again the backbone of the Legion our awesome Ladies Auxiliary have come through with a great donation to pay for the new carpeting.

We started our Catch The Ace draw back-up on August,05th,2020 with great success. We have had four great weeks so far.

We have given out (6) bursaries at \$500 each to local high school students this past summer.

Our Ladies Auxiliary along with the Rideau Community Health Services are putting on the Brown Bag Club Lunches for the needy. The ladies will be making and packing (150) lunches two days per week Monday's and Thursday's starting Aug. 31st,2020. This a new way for our ladies to bring some revenue in during these difficult times.

We have (221) members in good standing and we have a total of (1) member who has deceased year-to-date.

Now for our re-opening plan.

The Lancaster Room will be re-opening for small bookings of (50) or less people starting Sept. 1st,2020. The Legion darts will be starting on Wed. Sept. 16th with lounge bar being open from 6 till 10 p.m. Legion Pool will be starting Fri. Sept. 18th the lounge bar will be open from 1 till 6 p.m.

Social distancing and wearing of face mask will be followed while inside the Legion as per guidelines from Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.

We will be hosting the District G6 VSO & Poppy Seminars on Sat. Oct.3rd 2020.

Yours In Comradeship
Ken Manwell
President Br.#95

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September 17, 2020

Report to Zone Council

Good Morning Comrades;

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

We are suffering along with the other Legion branches in Canada.

We recently laid off all of our employees and will continue to operate with a volunteer staff.

Our hours of operation have been reduced to Fridays 11:30 am to 10 pm and Saturdays Noon to 6 pm.

We have a great group of musicians who come into our branch every second Friday to entertain for free. They use social distancing and a plexiglass barrier to protect the audience. We also have an entertainment person who is arranging for bands to come in on the opposite Saturdays and also entertain for free.

Just this week a local business person arranged a go fund me page to benefit the Legion and in the first 3 days almost \$4000. has been pledged.

We have other fund raisers planned so keep your eye on social media.

We do not have a specific date for the Branch inspection but would like it to be on a Sunday afternoon in November if possible. Please advise.

Yours fraternally,

Peter R. Walsh
President
Branch 174, Arnprior

Carleton Place Branch 192
Zone Report
20 September 2020

Membership

Branch # 192 continues to maintain a strong membership. We have started selling our new membership for 2021. We will monitor this closely as we are not open as often and this will definitely effect our renewals.

Poppy

Our 2020 Poppy Campaign is already in the planning stages. We will have to see how COVID affects our Financial Income this year.

Veterans Service

Nothing to report.

Finance

The Branch finances are stable. We have cashed in our GICs that we're going to be used to pay off our loan but due to COVID 19 and the unforeseen future, we are now keeping that as a Reserve to pay off bills in case we have to close down again. We started Catch the Ace back up when we were allowed and it has taken off with a vengeance. We are partnered up with the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital Foundation and it has been a huge success. We now can only see 384 tickets per week due to our Municipal license and we sell out each week. However, the people that show up to buy tickets usually end up staying for a few libations which has greatly helped with our bar sales. We are now in the process of getting our Provincial license through AGCO for the next Catch the Ace. This will take another month or so but we are looking forward to it.

Ways and Means

Nothing to report.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary have been pretty quiet due to COVID 19. They have not had any catering functions since the beginning of March. They donated \$7,000.00 to the Branch to help pay down our loan; however, we have added that to our Reserve money in case we have to close down again.

Constitution and Bylaws

Nothing to report.

Sports

We have started our Ladies Auxiliary Dart League on Tuesdays, the West Dart League on Wednesdays and the Branch Dart League on Thursdays, and all are following the COVID protocols with regard to playing Darts. We will monitor the situation and adjust accordingly. This will definitely help with our Bar sales and overall income for the Branch. Hopefully they can play out the Season.

Overall

Branch 192 is in good shape. We keep monitoring our finances on a weekly basis. We are very flexible to adjust to the current situation as it changes. We will make it through this!

Stay Healthy!

Respectfully submitted

Peter Schaffer
President RCL Br 192
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Good morning Comrades. Welcome to our Fall Zone G6 Council Meeting. Thank you to Branch 244 Perth for hosting. I hope everyone has enjoyed our hot summer.

Due to Covid-19 many functions that were planned for Branch 240 Almonte this summer were cancelled, Since the province issued a State of Emergency on March 17th, 2020 Branch 240 Almonte was closed. Our executive committee met every 2 weeks via Zoom to discuss cost savings and possible re-openings. And mor importantly just to see each other and stay in touch during these difficult times. Branch 240 is now open for business. We are open every Thursday and Friday starting at 4pm and Saturdays starting at 3pm.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 240 Pipe Band has been very busy over the summer playing around the community every week. They started by playing outside Almonte Country Haven, a retirement Home that was hit hard by Covid-19. This has brought many smiles to a community that has been affected greatly by Covid-19.

Since the branch was closed for most of the summer. We took advantage of this to start a renovation to our upper hall. We started by removing the wood paneling and opening the windows that have been boarded up for years. We found lots of hidden surprises. And because of our generous community who, once they found out we were doing renovations. The donations started coming in. within weeks we had over \$20, 000 in donations. Because of this we have decided to do a complete renovation including demolition to original stone walls and removal of all old electrical. We are no on the rebuild stage where we will have new walls, ceiling and floor in main hall. We will also be relocating the upper bar area to make room for an accessible washroom.

Our catch the ace draw was won a few weeks ago with the winner taking just over \$5000. We are in the middle of getting our new license, this time partnering with the Almonte General Hospital Foundation with an unlimited Provincial license.

Yours in Comradeship
Rob Madore
Branch 240 President

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PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR
RCL BR 244 PERTH UPON TAY
ZONE COUNCIL SEPT 20,2020.

BRANCH 244 PERTH UPON TAY has had our share of concerns as all branches across the country have since the onslaught of Covid 19. We were fairly well positioned financially just prior to the lockdown as reported in my last report in March of this year. As we are all aware many branches are in a dire financial situation since we reopened to phase 3 due to limited abilities to bring in revenues that we were used to prior to the shut down. The Federal wage subsidy program has helped our branch significantly during these tough times. That stated, we are now looking forward to scary times ahead unless the government finds funds that can benefit us (and I'm sure all branches) with direct financial assistance to give us the boost we will need to endure this pandemic to the point that we all get back to some sense of normalcy. To that end, Branch 244 is currently holding our own financially but we are going to be dependant on finding income from things like resumption of darts, hall bookings and catch the ace revenues to sustain our long term financial goals going forward. We can only hope that we are not hit with a second wave in the coming weeks or months.

On a more positive note we are still getting applications for new members. Our current paid up membership totals 427 in good standing and with a little work we can keep those numbers going in the right direction. Early bird renewals are picking up and with our Catch the Ace net profits helping pay for direct branch expenses for now we feel confident that we can keep ourselves in a positive cash flow position. The future certainly has many unknowns.

Due to some hard work from a number of our executive members with the inspiration of Sue Doran we are looking forward to our first Veteran Banner event unfolding in our downtown core on September 26th. We will be hosting a "walk about" to much fanfare while we expose the banners of some 100 veterans and 2 Honour Rolls thanks to the cooperation of our town council for the next few years. We have been getting tremendous support from our town and businesses as well as Vet families and we are looking forward to this being an uplifting and ongoing event for years to come. In addition to the banner initiative, Sue has made the lives of many Vets happier over the spring and summer by providing hot meals to over 60 Vets thanks to some financial support of our Poppy fund and others and she is currently putting more smiles on Vets faces with her Birthday Flag initiative.

In closing, spirits in our branch are high and we are all working towards a common goal to help our branch survive and continue to provide everything we can to continue our common goal to provide assistance to all of our veterans in what ever way we can. Let's hope that the next Council report will be a very positive and rewarding one as we all strive to put down the Covid19 pandemic and win just another fight as we Canadians have always strived to achieve.

As President of RCL Branch 244 Perth Upon Tay I am pleased to host this years Fall Council and on behalf of the entire executive along with our ladies auxiliary we wish you all a safe and successful future.

Jim Boldt

President

The Royal Canadian Legion

**LANARK (ONT. NO. 395) BRANCH
GEORGE STREET
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September 2020

Presidents Report

The Lanark Legion Branch 395 reopened on August 8, 2020, after being closed since March 18, 2020, due to COVID-19. At this time, we are only opened on Saturdays and are doing OK.

Our Legion has two main concerns. Number one is raising the required revenue without being able to hold large fundraising functions, which are normally a major part of our revenue. And number two, is filling Executive, Committee and Volunteer positions. Currently our vacant positions are: Second Vice President, Secretary, one Executive position, Sports Chairman and Public Relations Officer. Currently these positions are being filled by the President and 1st Vice President/Treasurer.

Our membership is small with only 58 members and although members express their desire to keep the Legion opened there are only a few (less than 10) who are willing to volunteer. Most of these volunteers however, do not wish to fill Executive or Committee positions.

We are grateful for the funding received from Provincial and Dominion Command.

We have completed our first round of Catch the Ace with the winner taking home over \$5,000.00. Round 2 started on September 5, 2020.

We hope to apply for the Trillium Grant funding for not for profit organization on the due date of December 2, 2020.

We are in the process of deciding whether we can host Community darts this year. The cleaning fees, after the hall has been used, are substantial for a small legion. This also applies to rentals and the community using the hall free of charge.

The Lanark Legion remains a respected organization within the community. We have donated \$1,300.00 this year from our lottery account despite COVID-19.

The Ladies Auxiliary is small but supportive of the branch.

Respectfully Submitted

Darleen Sargeant
President Branch 395 Lanark

Delegates: First Vice President – Norma Melanson
Service Officer/Poppy Chairman – Bob Atkinson

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**Zone G6 Council
West Carleton Branch 616
President's Report
September 20, 2020**

Good morning/afternoon Comrades. I am sure that the last six months have been trying times for you also. I am interested to hear how our Branches are coping. How are we going to run the Poster and Literary Competition, and Poppy Campaign?

We closed down our operations on March 17th as per provincial regulations, and gave our employees notice of a temporary layoff. ROEs were filed, so that they could apply for the CERB. Obviously, I do not have much to report as far as Branch activity since our last meeting.

Fortunately the Branch is still afloat due to our bank balance and the aid of Dominion and Provincial Commands. Unfortunately, we do not qualify for business disruption insurance. We have renewed our insurance policies with Aviva through PIB.

Our executive have all been carrying on with their former duties, although we did not have normal elections and appointments. We are gearing up to open on September 25th with a reduced schedule. Hopefully we can get our dart leagues operating, as this is our main source of income.

Currently we are planning a scaled-down version of our Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday, November 7th.

Special thanks to Bogden Procyk for performing most of my duties for the last 3 months.

Respectfully submitted

George Dolan

President

Zone G 6 Council Meeting 20 September, 2020

Kanata Branch 638 Report

Our Branch is in the position of slowly and cautiously opening. Starting with darts, limited bingo and small group meetings all adhering to the local and Provincial Health COVID-19 guidelines. Chase the Ace has been ongoing remotely. Our next opening will be our weekly Friday fish and chips. Regular monthly Executive Meetings have resumed; however, General Meetings and Elections will not be held due to the size of our membership and the COVID-19 guidelines. Consequently, going forward, the Branch authority has defaulted to the Branch Executive. Fortunately, with very few changes, most of the Executive members have agreed to stay on until the end of the term ending on 31May 2021. The Branch Ladies Auxiliary is very active and work hard to support the Branch the term. We have good relationship with the ladies.

Thanks to our reserve funds, some regular monthly income and the fact that we are mortgage free we have been able to keep our head above water during the pandemic. Everyone in the Branch is a volunteer, we do not have paid staff. Our current focus going forward is on innovative sources of future income.

Kanata Branch 638 is a very happy and welcoming Branch working within our members, Veterans and community.

We would like our Branch inspection on 21 October 2020

Due to family illness I will not be attending this conference. Bill Molnar, 1st VP will attend to represent Branch 638 Kanata. Please address all further Correspondence on this conference to him at billmolnar@rogers.com 613 592-9361.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Judge
President