



## ZONE G6 FALL COUNCIL REPORTS

March 14, 2021

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## The Royal Canadian Legion

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Good afternoon Comrades. Welcome to our Spring Zone Council and thank you for joining us in our first Zoom Council/Convention Meeting. I trust everyone has enjoying our Covid restricted winter weather.

As most of us have experienced this past year, most branch functions have been cancelled due to Covid Restrictions. Limiting my attendance to your branches. I did attend all Branch inspections this past fall. Looks like we have some improvements to make for this year's inspections.

As most have already heard this year was to be an election year at Zone. All elections in Zone, District and Provincial have been postponed until 2022.

This past year I have attended many PEC meetings via Zoom. Our most recent held on Feb.18, 2021 the following Declaration was made;

**The following declaration was drafted with much input from the District Commanders and Zone Commanders:**

**Declaration No. 9 – 2021 All Branch elections, and transitions to a new Executive, and the General By-Laws of Command and Branch Regulations pertaining to Branch elections, will be suspended pending a return to full Branch operations. The Provincial Administrative Committee will monitor and review the current and forecasted pandemic impact, including all applicable protocols, and report to the Provincial Executive Council.**

Yours in Comradeship

Rob Madore

Zone G6 Commander

# Deputy Zone Commander's Report

**Date: Feb.27,2021**

During these difficult times due to the Pandemic, I was impressed with the preparedness of all the Zone G6 branches in their financial reviews that we undertook this past fall. All our branches show that they are doing their best to keep up the survival of their branch during Covid 19.

Keep up the great work. Hopefully by this fall we can get back to some form of normalcy.

Respectively Submitted  
Ken Manwell  
Deputy Zone G6 Commander

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## L. A. ZONE COMMANDER G-6 REPORT MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Good Afternoon Head Table Guests and Comrades All.

Last September I attended a Zone Commander's meeting in Newmarket. We usually held the meeting in the hotel where we stayed but because of the rules for Covid-19 they were held at the Legion as the room was much larger to accommodate all the Zone Commanders from across Ontario.

I was able to do the Official Visits to all seven auxiliaries along with my Deputy, Elaine Madore before we were told not to visit anymore.

Some of the auxiliaries have not opened while others are doing bag lunches, take out dinners, etc.

As a result of a Zoom meeting with the L.A. Ontario Command and the Zone Commanders along with the Deputy Zone Commanders, a motion was made to postpone the Provincial Convention which was to be held in Kingston this September. This motion was sent to Ontario Command for approval and as yet, I have not heard the results. The Zone Conventions for this spring have all been cancelled and the officers were asked to stay in their respective positions. The same goes for the individual auxiliaries.

This is indeed a trying time and everyone wants to stay safe and avoid the dreaded virus.

Yours in comradeship,

Marilyn Devlin, Zone Commander G6

## ZONE G6 YOUTH EDUCATION PUBLIC SPEAKING

MARCH 14, 2021

Good afternoon, Comrades,

As you no doubt know, due to the pandemic all levels of Youth Education Public speaking competitions are cancelled for 2021. The tentative 2022 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Branch #638, Kanata, and I ask all branches to plan their 2022 Branch Youth Education Public Speaking Competition accordingly.

At this time, I wish to request the approved \$800.00 for the 2021 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition be re-allocated for the 2022 Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition.

This is my report and I move its adoption.

Lorraine Lapensée  
Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Chair

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### Zone G-6 March 3, 2021 PP&E Report

Comrades, I'd like to begin by thanking all the Branch PP&E chairs for their hard work and cooperation in these challenging times. We had a total of 879 entries which is 465 less than last year. That may be explained by the fact that one Branch did not participate this year. Had that not been the case, we probably would have been close to be on par with last year which is pretty amazing given the pandemic. **Zone results:** Smiths Falls Br. 95, 2 firsts and 2 thirds; Arnprior Br 174, 1 first, 2 seconds and 3 thirds; Capt. A. Roy Brown Br. 192, 3 firsts, 2 seconds and 2 thirds; Almonte Br. 240, 1 first and 1 third; Perth Br. 244, 4 firsts, 2 seconds and 1 third; Lanark Br. 395, 1 second; Kanata Br. 638, 4 first, 7 seconds. **District results:** Smiths Falls Br. 95, 1 second; Capt. A. Roy Brown Br. 192, 1 first; Almonte Br. 240, 1 third; Perth Br. 244, 1 first, 1 second and 1 third; Kanata Br. 638, 1 first, 2 seconds. **Provincial results:** Capt. A. Roy Brown Br. 192, 1 third; Kanata Br. 638, 1 third.

In conclusion, I would once again thank all the Branch chairs and our behind the scenes support, Claire Husson who has to deal with me and all my revisions. I would also move that the Zone PP&D budget of \$1400.00 be approved for next year. Seconded by Peter Schaffer.

I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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## Royal Canadian Legion Zone G 6

### Balance Sheet As at February 28, 2021

#### Current Assets

Cash for deposit	0.00
Bank Account	7,433.58
Accounts Receivable	.00

**TOTAL ASSETS** **7,433.58**

#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	.00
PP&E from Branches	.00
PP&E Carried Forward	912.76
PP&E Expended	- 1,388.13

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **- 475.37**

#### EQUITY

Retained Earnings from Previous Year	8,931.30
Current Earnings	-1,022.35
Total Equity	7,908.75

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **7,433.58**

### INCOME STATEMENT June 01, 2020 to February 28, 2021

#### REVENUE

Zone Per Capita Levy from Branches	.00
Sports Fund Contribution	.00

**TOTAL REVENUE** **0.00**

#### Expenses

Web Hosting	674.00
Mileage & Conventions	262.35
Guest Speaker Gifts	50.00
Bank Charges	36.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **1,022.35**

**NET INCOME (LOSS)** **1,022.35**

## G6 V.S.O. Report February 2020 – February 2021

Due to the COVID-19 virus the activity at all branches in G6 has been severely restricted.

Most activities have been non-existent as visits to retirement homes and hospitals have not been allowed. Most branches have had long distance contact with veterans via telephone calls and internet connections.

Even Christmas gifts to veterans in retirement homes had to be left at the front door with no contact with the veteran.

Hopefully the next year will allow us to open our branches to the public and allow us to have greater contact with our veterans

Jim Jenkins  
G6 V.S.O.

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	Branch 95 Smiths Falls	Branch 240 Almonte	Branch 638 Kanata
<b>Visits</b>			
Nursing		1	
Hospital		1	
<b>Provincial</b>			
Visits		2	
<b>Service Officer</b>			
Assist Legion App		2	
Assists Vet Affair App	10	3	3
<b>Financial</b>			
Assist Veteran	1		
Assist Widower		2	

**Royal Canadian Legion  
Zone G6 Council/Convention  
Zone G6 Poppy Chairman  
March 14, 2021**

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Good morning/afternoon Comrades,

It is a pleasure to present a report on behalf of the Branch Poppy Chair in Zone G6.  
The following is the Zone G-6 Poppy starting balances (**Sept31, YYYY**) for each Branch for the past five years.

Branch		2020 \$	2019 \$	2018 \$	2017 \$	
Almonte	Br 240	33,170.75	29,650.94	29,911.25	23,753.34	20,145.90
Arnprior	Br 174	46,961.88	31,575.67	20,148.93	19,639.23	18,171.33
Carleton Place	Br 192	39,689.19	26,577.17	14,963.51	22,314.21	21,798.98
Kanata	Br 638	43,731.25	20,460.43	21,334.14	21,985.49	23,098.40
Lanark	Br 395	3,021.19	2,396.19	2,301.94	491.72	663.94
Perth	Br 244	26,262.50	29,819.48	30,254.80	32,165.95	24,703.52
Smith Falls	Br 95	61,449.41	43,963.52	44,304.52	43,192.45	40,332.92
West Carleton	Br 616	12,452.70	12,665.29	10,077.82	6973.50	4,993.21
Branch Totals		<b>266,788.87</b>	<b>197,108.43</b>	<b>173,296.91</b>	<b>170,514.89</b>	

**Observation and Comments:**

Why are some Branches holding such large amounts of funds in their Poppy accounts?  
Why not use these funds earlier to support Veteran' and Veteran' approved programs?

**Poppy Campaign efforts, comments, and feedback:**

This years Poppy Campaign came about with some very different challenges, especially with the COVID-19 restrictions.  
There were many locations (larger stores) that did not allow branches to sit up tables inside. .../7

As was noted in my last report, success comes with a good campaign strategy and plan. We must pick our (battles) sitting locations based on traffic (Costco, Major Grocery Stores, \*\* LCBO \*\*, Walmart, Etc.), train our volunteers, dress for the occasion, use the Cadets, Veterans, Legion Executive Team, get those members out. Of course, this year, all that was not possible.

Through the support of the District Team, Provincial Command should be offering a training workshop on how to organize an effective Poppy Campaign and how to engage volunteers. I was involved with the Legion since 2003, and I have yet to see such training offered.

The Poppy Campaign is a significant revenue source for the Legions, so why not invest in such a train program.

### **Now an update on the Poppy Trust Report (2019)**

The District presented the 2020 Annual Poppy Reporting requirements at the Poppy Chair Seminar Last Fall in Smiths Falls. Branches received the information shortly after; however, there was still confusion from several Branches regarding completing the reports. Many reports continued to be submitted late, incomplete and with information accuracy not to our expectations. What seems to be so simple for some branches is confusing for others.

### **Recommendations (Some repletion from my last report):**

- 1.** Training MUST be mandatory for all (New and Current) Poppy Chairman, the Branch Treasurer and anyone else involved with pulling numbers together required for the Annual Poppy Reports. Those people that engaged in the training sessions did well. Those that did not attend their results speak for themselves.
- 2.** Annual District Training for Poppy Chairman and support teams needs improvement - Run a formal workshop that will just focus on how to complete the required forms. Possibly use a model Branch as the case study.
- 3.** Branch Annual visits to evaluate Poppy Report should be conducted as a joint event with the annual Branch Audits each year.
- 4.** Branch Presidents should be accountable for the Poppy Financial outcomes and reporting.
- 5.** Branch Poppy Chairman owns the responsibility for the poppy financial reporting process. They ensure that "ALL" the required forms are completed accurately and submitted on time as requested.
- 6.** Branch Treasurer is responsible for supporting the Poppy Chair in completing Poppy financial forms with accurate and complete information.
- 7.** Any questions regarding the completion of these reports should be directed to the Zone Poppy Chairman.

Those Branches that take this reporting seriously do a fantastic job getting the right information together accurately and on time.

I thank all the Branches for their cooperation and support of the Poppy Campaign and their administrative challenges.

Respectively submitted

Chair Poppy Committee, Zone G6

Bogdan Procyk

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## ZONE MEMBERSHIP REPORT MAR 14, 2021

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 Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please check with your membership chair if you are not sure of these figures/

### PAID MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY AS OF MARCH 2021

Branch	Life	Ord'	Ass'	Aff'	Other	Total	Prev Year	%
95	9	47	72	19	0	147	236	62.29
174	9	63	102	30	1	205	191	107.33
192	12	110	161	31	0	314	390	80.51
240	7	66	207	33	1	314	375	83.73
244	11	95	218	41	1	366	471	77.71
395	1	11	27	19	0	58	58	100.00
616	8	21	62	37	0	128	164	78.05
638	16	137	119	26	0	298	320	93.13
Totals	73	550	968	236	1	1830	2205	83.00

### NEW MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 2021

Branch	Life	Ord'	Ass'	Aff	Aff' NonV	Total	Prev Year	%
95	0	3	2	2		7	17	41.18
174	0	25	28	13	1	67	31	216.13
192	0	2	5	3		10	38	26.32
240	0	2	6	3		11	36	30.56
244	4	0	0	0		4	34	11.76
395	0	2	0	4		6	3	200.00
616	0	0	4	5		9	17	52.94
638	0	1	5	2		8	40	20.00
	4	35	50	32	1	122	241	50.63

Jim Wilson  
Zone G6 Membership chair



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### **HONOURS AND AWARDS ZONE CONVENTION MARCH 14, 2021**

Due to the change in zone elections now being held every three years and to due COVID 19 I will not be handing our bars and medals this year.

However, I would like to propose that bars and medals be handed out the convention following an election. As of now recipients who step down next year from their position in 2022 would not receive their bars and medals until the following election which would be in 2025. I would like to propose that they receive them during the following year's convention in 2023.

*Jim Wilson*

### **Zone G6 Honours and Awards**

**Zone G6 Council  
Bursary Report  
March 14, 2021**

The District G Bursary Committee met on Saturday, March 13 at the Merrickville Branch. We processed 25 applications, 6 of which are from our Zone. Five applications are from Kanata, 3 of which qualified through active military personnel, and 2 which qualified through the Ladies Auxiliary. The other application from Smiths Falls qualified through “Dominion Command” (active military) as well. All of the applications were approved.

Don't ask me for names or particulars, because I had to sign an affidavit of confidentiality.

Respectfully submitted

George Dolan

Zone G6 Bursary Chair

## *Smiths Falls Br.#95 President's Report*

**Date:Feb.27,2021**

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

The Covid-19 virus has certainly curtailed our revenue stream for the past year but we remain financially stable.

We have had several thousand of dollars in donations given to us from the public and legion members over the past 6 months which certainly helped our bottom line. On Dec.21<sup>st</sup> we received \$10845.04 from the Veterans Organization Emergency Relief Fund distributed through Dominion Command. We have recently applied for the Ontario Small Business Grant. We are waiting for a reply that should be coming shortly.

Our Ladies Auxiliary along with the Rideau Community Health Services are putting on the Brown Bag Club Lunches for the needy. The ladies have been making and packing (150) lunches two days per week Monday's and Thursday's since Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> ,2020. This has given them the much needed revenue during these difficult times.

We have (235) members in good standing.

Since the last lockdown we have currently reopened the bar lounge on Wed. evening from 6-10 p.m. and on Fri. afternoon's from 1-6 p.m. Also the Lancaster Room is reopened for small bookings of (50) or less people.

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

Yours In Comradeship  
Ken Manwell  
President Br.#95

# THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

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March 6, 2021

### President's Report

It has been an unprecedented year for Branch 174 as I am sure it has been for most branches.

The Provincial shutdowns and the Stay At Home Order has definitely decreased the branch's revenue. Fortunately, with the support of the community and the 'Save Our Legion' campaign spearheaded by Mike Marcil, owner of the local Giant Tiger location, the branch is in a good financial position. The campaign raised over \$60,000 with another \$30,000 in donations directly to the branch. These funds along with both the Federal and Provincial Programs have secured a future for the branch.

We have resumed our Burger sales on Fridays following all the guidelines from Renfrew County District Health Unit. The sales have been consistent week over week. The struggle in finding volunteers is a challenge but we have a wonderful core group that keeps things running.

The branch now has a Pickleball league playing in the hall every Thursday and a group of pool players that have returned. It is great to see these members back and the games room in use again.

Open Mic nights and weekly entertainment were attempted but due to low attendance and the rise in COVID cases in the area, both have been put on pause for now. The lounge is open three days a week.

Our membership is down slightly over last year but this was expected.

The branch remains a respected and active part of our community. We were able to donate over \$3,000 from the Lottery account to local charities over the holiday season.

Respectfully

Donna Bell  
President

**The Capt. A. Roy Brown, Branch 192**  
**Carleton Place, Zone Report**  
**05 March 2021**

**Membership**

Branch # 192 has seen a drop in membership renewals for this year due to COVID-19 . Previous year we had 390 members in good standing compared to 294 currently We have also had 16 online enrollments; however, we have had a lot of people say they have had trouble trying to renew their memberships on line.at this time. We have had 1 transfer out due to the person moving and 11 transfers in. Our Membership Chairman has been in touch with Command to coordinate. We will monitor this closely as we are not open as often and this will definitely effect our renewals.

**Poppy**

Our 2020 Poppy Campaign went very well considering that we didn't have any members promoting our Campaign by standing in front of the different stores / venues we use due to COVID-19. Our average income for the Poppy Campaign brings in between \$25 - 30,000.00. This year we brought in approximately \$32,000.00. A big thanks to our community for their support.

**Veterans Service**

Our Veterans Service officer has seen and helped 8 Veterans with applications since January.

**Finance**

The Branch finances are stable. We have cashed in our GICs that we were going to be use 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. In January we started our Catch the Ace online lottery partnering back up with the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital Foundation and it has taken off with a vengeance. We took our proceeds from our last Catch the Ace Municipal license and put this toward running the online version, placing a starting Jackpot of \$10,000.00. It was a gamble but it did pay off big for us! We are now going into Week 8 and the Jackpot is estimated to be over \$33K with a consolation prize over \$3K. Before Christmas we filled out the application from Command for the money the Government gave to help out Legions across Canada and received just over \$10K. And in February, we applied for the Small Business Grant and received another \$20K from them. So overall, we are doing well.

**Ways and Means**

We had two take out dinners organized last Fall and had a very good profit made from each. We have not had any other functions due to COVID-19.

**Ladies Auxiliary**

The Ladies Auxiliary have been pretty quiet due to COVID 19. They have not had any catering functions since the beginning of last March.

**Constitution and Bylaws**

Nothing to Report.

### **Sports**

In mid February when we were allowed to reopen, we restarted 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**

**Last year we applied to change our Branch name to honour WWI Canadian flying ace Capt. A. Roy Brown, credited with ten aerial victories. He was also credited with shooting down Manfred von Richthofen, also known as the Red Baron. Our Branch name change was approved and we are now known as the, Capt. A. Roy Brown, Branch 192, Carleton Place.**

**We keep monitoring our finances on a weekly basis. We are very flexible to adjust to the current situation as it changes due to COVID-19. We will make it through this!**

**Due to the current situation in our area and to prevent the spread of COVID, we have closed our Branch effective 1201hrs, 06 March 2021. We will monitor the situation and advise accordingly.**

**Stay Healthy!**

**Respectfully submitted**

Peter Schaffer  
President  
RCL Br 192  
Carleton Place, ON

**The Royal Canadian Legion**  
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Good afternoon Comrades. Welcome to our Spring Zone G6 Council Meeting. I hope everyone has enjoyed their winter.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions many functions that were planned for Branch 240 Almonte this past year were cancelled. Since our last meeting at the fall Council Meeting, Branch 240 has been surviving. Thanks to an over \$10,000 donation from the federal government and the more recent \$20,000 grant from the provincial government.

Branch 240 currently has 374 Members for 2021 up from 362 in 2020 that is a 103% increase thanks to our Membership Chairman Peggy Byrne.

We took advantage of the Covid shutdown and started 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 now 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. We are in the finishing stages with the new floor being installed next weekend March 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have the renovations completed by the end of April.

Our catch the ace draw has been switched to a provincial license and completely online. We have partnered with the Almonte general Hospital/Fairview Manor Foundation. Our progressive jackpot is now over \$18,000.

We have recently restarted our Wednesday Wing Night; this will be beneficial to our revenue moving forward. With recent Health Unit restrictions this has been a slow start for in-house dining, but our takeout service is doing well.

Let all hope we can get back to normal. Stay safe and wear your mask.

Yours in Comradeship

Rob Madore  
Branch 240 President



**ZONE G6 SPRING COUNCIL MEETING 2021**  
**PRESIDENTS REPORT R.C.L. BR 244**  
**PERTH UPON TAY**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of my comrades in Zone G6 best wishes and congratulations for weathering the Covid 19 storm since we last met. It goes without saying that while we learned some things from the first lockdown we still have a lot to learn going forward when it comes to dealing with this god forsaken pandemic.

Branch 244 has weathered this second storm in pretty good stead. While we had to comply with the second lockdown regulations we took that time of inactivity to get our branch in a good physical state by doing some well needed cleaning and additional disinfecting to prepare for our current re-opening. From a financial prospective, we have been able to upright our financial ship quite well given the fact that we received just under \$11,000 from the federal bailout combined with a \$20,000 grant from the Province of Ontario. In addition, we received a \$14,000 contribution from one family to help us in the repairs to our Cenotaph to be done this spring as well as a number of other smaller but nonetheless generous financial contributions from others in our community. To that end, we are positioned in a very good spot to take on the spring and summer provided we don't have any other lockdowns in the meantime.

Our current membership numbers are not bad considering the Pandemic as we are sitting at 350 members in good standing which represents about 75% renewals from last year. I am confident that those numbers will increase as we get back to business in the coming months.

We continue to promote good feelings and support to our local veterans by decorating lawns with Canadian flags on their birthdays for all who are 80 plus. This initiative has been spawned by a very dedicated member (Sue Doran) who also undertook the banner program last fall which saw over 100 banners purchased and hung on our major downtown streets honouring our many veterans leading up to November 11<sup>th</sup> and beyond. I am told that Sue expects the number of banners to double for this years event. This type of good will towards our Veterans is nothing short of spectacular and is being very well received by our community at large.

In closing, I am very confident that our future is bright what with the vaccination initiative building steam and hopefully seeing a big slowdown to the pandemic with an eventual end in sight. I would also like to thank my 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Bob Day) for stepping in for me over the past few months due to a job change for me that presents very little time for Legion duties. In addition to that I recently have had some serious health issues that are also taking some time to recover from. Bob's enthusiasm in stepping up when needed is proof that our executive ladder works very well when needed.

Sincerely

Jim Boldt –  
President Branch 244, Perth Upon Tay

## **Branch 395 Lanark Presidents Report**

**March 2021**

The Lanark Legion, despite closures due to COVID\_19 from March 18 to August 8, 2020, and December 26, 2020 to February 20, 2021, remains financially stable. We have received and are very appreciative of the financial support from Dominion Command, Ontario Command, the Federal Government, the Provincial Government, Lanark Highlands Township and our members. The monies received are being used for the day-to-day operations of the Legion. Due to social distancing, large fund raisers are prohibited which impacts our revenue substantially and the funding we have received is keeping our doors open.

A concern that still remains is filling Executive, Committee and Volunteer positions. Currently our vacant positions are: Second Vice President, one Executive position, Sports Chairman, Poppy Chairman and Public Relations Officer. Currently these positions are being filled by the President and 1st Vice President/Treasurer.

We are opened on Saturdays and are following the health and safety guidelines set out by the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit. Executive meetings are being held via zoom and we hope to resume them at the Legion soon.

Membership is at 57 members at this time and we continue to encourage patrons and members of the community to join the Legion.

Catch the Ace at our Legion is progressing slowly due to the closures. The Township of Lanark Highlands has agreed to give us our second lottery license free for another year. We will be using our portion of the proceeds to fix up the Legion hall.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lanark Legion is small but remain supportive of the Branch.

The Legion's Executive is small in numbers but remain committed to keeping our Legion 's doors opened and help wherever required. The Branch is a respected organization within the community, and provides support wherever it can within the Village of Lanark.

Respectfully Submitted

**Darleen Sargeant**

Delegates:

Service Officer – Bob Atkinson

**Zone G6 Council/Convention**  
**West Carleton Branch 616**  
**President's Report**  
**March 14, 2021**

Good morning/afternoon, Comrades. Last year at this time, I said I did not know if that was my final report, but here I am.

Fortunately, the Branch was able to open in late September, which enabled us to have our annual golf tournament, which as always, was a huge success. Many kudos to Tom Watters and his family once again. This event generated significant revenue for the Branch and was a massive boost to our coffers.

Finances always seem to be at the top of our priorities list, but we are a business. Money is needed to pay for Branch running expenses, enabling the Branch to support our veterans and community, and provide an environment where our members can enjoy the hospitality and amenities of the Branch. Because of our bank balance, we had no fear of closing in the foreseeable future, but that did not deter us from striving to build our coffers. We got our dart leagues underway again, although later than usual, until we were locked down again, but now we are up and running again. Luckily, people recognize how vital the Legions are to the community because even during the lockdown, we have received numerous donations from individuals and organizations. Thanks to our devoted volunteers, the Branch has been providing TGIF takeout dinners (Meals-to-Wheels) which turned out to be a great success, and better received by our customers than our usual dine-in service; the most of which was the New Year's Eve Chinese Meal, when we served 250 meals. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we had to cancel the Old Sled Run, another significant event that generally draws a crowd of peoples from all over the province and generates revenue for the Branch.

We had an excellent Poppy Campaign considering the restrictions. Unfortunately, we only brought in about half of the last years' donations, but the people were still very generous. Following the COVID-19 and Dominion Command protocols, the Branch observed a scaled-down Remembrance Day Ceremony.

The only other Branch news is the requirement to update our alarm system to comply with the loss control evaluation for building insurance purposes.

If we were to have elections this year, which is highly improbable, they would be **on Monday, May 17 at 7:30** with Kanata Branch assisting.

Respectfully submitted,

George Dolan  
President

P.S. I hope everyone stays safe and follows the COVID-19 restrictions because many members and I miss the comradery and participation at the Legion sports events.

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## **Kanata Branch 638 President's Report - Zone G6 Conference 14 Mar 2021**

It has been a year since COVID-19 was impacted on the operations of the Branch and to put it mildly, there is no doubt that 2020 has been different.

Our Branch income has been somewhat challenged as we adjust to the ever-changing pandemic restrictions. We are fortunate to own our building and do not have rent or mortgage payments; however, the building and some of the equipment is well over 30 years old and has required some attention. The steady rent income we receive from the building at the rear of our parking lot, our many volunteers, the initiatives taken by the Branch Ways and Means Committee and the Ladies Auxillary's overwhelmingly successful takeout events and bottle collection, cover these ongoing expenses.

The Legion has received a Federal grant to help Branches and we have received a portion of that grant in addition to a Provincial grant that we applied for and received. We have also received personal and corporate donations for which we are very grateful. Hopefully we are now financially fit to see our way through this pandemic.

Our Poppy Campaign was somewhat curtailed due to canvassing restrictions; however, our volunteers persisted and the community generously responded. We continue to provide Veteran support through the Poppy Trust Fund, our gaming activities such as Chase the Ace and Bingo, the profits of which are distributed by our Lottery Trust Fund and the work of our Veterans Services Officer and Committee.

Our monthly column in the Kanata Community Voice newspaper has proven to be very successful in keeping the awareness of our status and fundraising activities in the minds of our community with distribution in the mailboxes of over 37,000 residents and businesses in Kanata.

At this time our total membership is 303. In addition to membership renewals, we have had a number of new members join us during the pandemic and we look forward to their participation.

Our regular branch Election would normally be at our General Meeting to be held on 13 Apr 2021, however at this time, all Branch Elections are suspended and being monitored by Provincial Command as to when they can be held. Our Executive membership has seen little change over the past year and a half, thanks to those that have volunteered to stay on during the pandemic. In order to move forward in a positive way our Executive needs to be refreshed to give our younger members the opportunity to get seriously involved in the Branch operations. Needless to say many of our older members are tiring and look forward to an election at the soonest possible date.

At our Branch we are all volunteers and when you have volunteers you have success.

Yours in Comradeship,

Bruce Judge CD  
President Branch 638 Kanata