

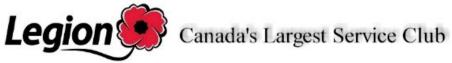
Royal Canadian Legion





Branch 625 Richmond





# Foxy's Tales



September 2023



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# President's Message

Vice President Johnny Villeneuve and I represented our Branch at the Zone Council Meeting on August 27th, which we hosted. There were several compliments on how nice our Branch is looking. We were told to hold off on redoing our Branch Regulations, which can be a onerous feat, because changes to make it easier are supposedly on the way! Thanks to Pat McGrath, Eileen Kavanagh and Sharon Murphy for their help with the refreshments, check in and bar.

Friday Night Barbeques are done for another year - thank you to everyone who helped. See page 10 for details.

We were able to pull together a colour party (thanks Boyd) to lead off the Richmond Fair Parade on September 16th, 2023. Thanks to Sgt-At-Arms Boyd Dulmage for being the Parade Marshall, thanks to Pat McGrath and Irwin McCaffrey for being part of the colour along with myself and Paul Leadston, Sue Ellis and Ross Stephen who came from Barrhaven Branch since we could not get enough of our own members to do it.

If you know of anyone out there celebrating a special occasion, is unwell or has suffered a loss, please contact Brian Goss at 613-838-4269 - his wife Brenda sends out appropriate cards on behalf of our Branch.

Joanne Heinbuch is our Wellness Checks contact - she will call to check on members who are unwell, house bound for any reason or anyone who just wants to be kept informed or wants to have a chat. She will call as often as you like so please contact Joanne at 613-838-2137 if you want to be added to her list, or if you think another member might like to be included.

Upper commands are sending more emails regarding surveys, programs etc for CAF members and veterans so I have created a list of Ordinary members to forward these items to rather then the entire membership.

In future I will try not to send emails on the weekend unless it is urgent. Not all emails require a reply most of them are ones that I forward from other tiers of the Legion for information purposes. When I do want a reply I will ask that you do so by a specific date and if I don't hear back I will assume that no one wants to take part.

I had a 2 page please help us essay written up but decided to hold off on that, but we do need more members to lend a hand ...most of us who do the "heavy lifting" are in our 60s, 70s, 80s and one or two in their 90s! so please try to help out when and where you can - maybe with some of the fall Remembrance activities?



#### Wendy Ryan

YOU KNOW YOU'RE
GETTING OLD WHEN YOU
BARELY DO ANYTHING
ALL DAY, BUT STILL
NEED TO HAVE A NAP
TO CONTINUE TO DO
BARELY ANYTHING.

She danced like nobody was watching.

But people were watching and she looked like bees were attacking her.





Our branch membership currently sits at 108 members, an increase of 3 since my last report.

Our Command Headquarters has a Veteran Welcome Program that is open to all Ordinary Members (veterans, RCMP, police, etc) and also their spouses and children over the age of 18. The first year of membership is FREE. They join a data base at Command and then apply for transfer to the branch of their choice.

I have received the renewal stickers for 2024. For those on auto-renewal and those who have paid for future years I will mail out your 2024 sticker, so NO action is required for these members. Please remember if you are on auto-renewal and your credit card expires by the end of November 2023 you will need to log into your account and update your information.

On 14 October 2023 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m, I will have a table set up at the Richmond Market at St John's Anglican Church hall on Fowler St. I will have information on ways to join and help out at the Legion. In addition there will be Remembrance Day lawn signs and wristbands available for purchase.

I will be providing times and dates that I will be at the Legion to collect your 2024 membership renewals. Please watch your e-mail in mid October for these dates and times.

As always, new members can join by filling out a membership application or by visiting the legion.ca. If they are joining online be sure to let them know to select Richmond and District #625, as there are legions in Richmond, BC and Richmond, QC.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or comments in regards to membership they can contact me via e-mail at membership625@gmail.com

# Regards Boyd Dulmage, CD



Richmond Fair Parade 2023 left to right: Ross Stephen, Boyd Dulmage, Irwin McCaffrey, Wendy Ryan, Pat McGrath, Paul Leadston and Sue Ellis wait to form up.

# Sgt-At-Arms Report

Remembrance Day is fast approaching and being it is on a Saturday, I would expect a higher than normal attendance. In preparation for this day, we are hoping to have a parade and are working through the logistics for the day. Please watch your e-mails or the Legion Facebook page for updates.



COLOUR PARTY: In preparation for Remembrance Day, I am looking for at least four (4) members to carry a flag as part of the colour party. I would hold a small practice a couple of days prior to the ceremony. You can contact me at 613-838-5055.

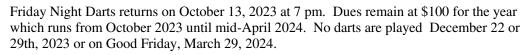
LEGION TRIBUTES: Legion tributes are available for any member of the Legion and you don't have to be a Veteran. Family members of Veterans who pass away can also request a Legion Tribute and they DO NOT have to be a member of the Legion. We are here to serve all Veterans and their families regardless of membership.

The first step in the process is for the family to contact the Branch President, who will forward all information to me and I will contact the family and clergy to make the necessary arrangements. The Legion tribute is performed as the last part of the service.

# Boyd Dulmage, CD

#### **Sports**

Unfortunately the planned golf tournament did not take place this year, but hopefully in 2024.





Dues must be paid by September 30th. You can do an e-transfer to treasurerrcl625@gmail.com. Spares are welcome and pay \$5 per night played - please pay up each time you play-don't make us chase you for \$5!

Cathie & Tim Lytle will be back to oversee things for another year -you can contact Cathie at 343-997-5985 or through the Richmond Legion Darts Facebook page if you want to play.

Please remember this is a **fun** league, no experience or membership is required.

Hope to see you there!

#### Wendy Ryan

#### Remembrance

The **Poppy Campaign** for 2023 kicks off on Friday October 27th and we have had 2 meetings so far.

We have a great group of people on the Poppy committee again this year, most of whom will be **soliciting businesses** for donations and looking after the counter boxes of poppies that we put out around the village. Thanks to Gerry Blair, Kerry Cook, Bob Leighton, Bill Murphy and Lynne Owen who will be the main players in this endeavour.

Cathie Lytle will be doing a door to door campaign in Munster this year since this was always well supported in past years.

Elizabeth Douville will be our contact for the local schools and Eric will be the liaison with the Armed Forces guys at Dwyer Hill. .

Boyd will be at the last **Farmer's Market** at St John's Anglican Church on Saturday October 14th from 10 am to 3 pm with yard signs for \$20 and wristbands for \$5. Please note that we cannot offer poppies until the last Friday of October, but we can offer other Legion items. All profits from these sales will go to the Poppy Fund. Eric will also arrange the check out donation option at King's Independent Grocer this year so be sure to say yes you want to donate when you cash out.

Eric Booth will be organizing the **November 11 service** at the Memorial Park and Boyd Dulmage as Sgt-At-Arms, will make sure we have a **colour party and parade**. If anyone is interested in taking part in the parade, please contact Boyd.

Pat McGrath is the committee secretary/treasurer and she is organizing the preparing and serving of the food for the open house that follows the service. If you would like to help out, please give Pat a call.

Part of Remembrance for our Branch is the placement of **white crosses** on the graves of Veterans in our local cemeteries. Johnny Villeneuve and Tom Louks will do St Philip's, St Clare's & Munster cemeteries yet again and I will be looking for help with St John's, St Andrew's and St Paul's cemeteries. Let me know if you will help. They are usually set in place in mid-October then removed a day or two after November 11th, depending on the weather.

The **Memorial Boards** are another part of our Remembrance and they will be updated by Tom Louks by November. The board in Munster will be relocated at the same time that the side posts are replaced.

Joanne Heinbuch is also part of the committee and helps wherever she is needed!

If you want to help with any of the Remembrance activities, please contact me or the lead person named above. All of our contact information is on page 2.

Wendy Ryan

# Richmond Fair Parade September 2023





Thanks to Eric Booth for getting the jeeps as part of the Legion entry in the Richmond Fair Parade. Jeff Mosher's Jeep won first prize in the novelty category! (pictured on the right)





Eddio Giuseppin takes the wheel (left) and Eric Booth accepts First Prize for Jeff's jeep.

The Richmond Legion colour party leads off the Richmond Fair Parade September 16 2023.



Remembrance Sunday, in the United Kingdom, holiday held on the second Sunday of November that commemorates British service members who have died in wars and other military conflicts since the onset of World War I. By tradition, a two-minute period of silence is observed throughout the country at 11 AM, and church services and other ceremonial gatherings take place during the day. A nationally televised remembrance service, generally attended by politicians, religious leaders, military personnel, and members of the British royal family, has been held for decades at the Cenotaph monument in central London.

The holiday has its origins in Armistice Day, which was dedicated in Great Britain on Nov. 11, 1919, in commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the peace agreement that ended World War I. In response to a politician's suggestion, King George V requested that the country pause in silence for two minutes in acknowledgment of the war's fatalities. Thereafter a period of silence became the centrepiece of Armistice Day events that occurred annually until the outbreak of World War II in 1939, when it was decided that general celebrations would not be held on November 11 of that year. Instead, a proximate Sunday was observed as a "day of dedication" during the span of the war. After the conclusion of World War II, the British government, seeking to honour participants in both World Wars, officially replaced Armistice Day with the new Sunday observance, which was thereafter known as Remembrance Sunday. In 1956 the date was fixed as the second Sunday of the month. In recent years Armistice Day has been revived as an additional occasion for silence, though Remembrance Sunday remains the main day of commemoration.

The most recognizable symbol of Remembrance Sunday is the red poppy, which became associated with World War I memorials after scores of the flowers bloomed in the former battlefields of Belgium and northern France. (The phenomenon was depicted in the popular 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields," by Canadian soldier John McCrae.) In 1921 the newly formed British Legion (now the Royal British Legion), a charitable organization for veterans, began selling red paper poppies for Armistice Day, and its annual Poppy Appeal has been enormously successful since. In addition to poppies intended to be worn on clothing, wreaths made of poppies are frequently displayed at memorial sites. Beginning in the 1930s, some groups have alternatively promoted white poppies as an emblem of peace, though this has often met with controversy.

Holidays similar to Remembrance Sunday are still celebrated on November 11 in other countries, such as the United States (Veterans Day) and Australia, Canada, and France (Remembrance Day).



**Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**, monumental grave of an unidentifiable military service member who died in wartime. Many countries now maintain such tombs to serve as memorials to all their war dead. The movement to set aside special tombs for unknown soldiers originated with World War I, a war in which soldiers died in unprecedented numbers. In the United Kingdom the grave of the Unknown Warrior was dedicated on November 11, 1920, the second anniversary of the armistice that ended the war. It is said that the idea for the tomb originated in 1916 with David Railton, an Anglican chaplain serving in France. He later contacted Herbert Ryle, the dean (senior priest) of Westminster Abbey in London, where the tomb eventually was built. Unknown soldiers from several battlefield cemeteries were brought together in one place, where an officer who did not know which was which made the final selection. (The other bodies were reburied elsewhere.) King George V paid his respects at the burial ceremony. France selected its final honoree, the *Soldat inconnu* (Unknown Soldier), in much the same way. After a debate over the tomb's location, with some suggesting the Panthéon, the remains were buried at the base of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris in January 1921.

The United States followed suit shortly afterward. Congress authorized the burial of an unknown soldier on March 4, 1921, and the ceremony took place on November 11, in the plaza of the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia, with Pres. Warren G. Harding officiating. The honoree was selected by an army sergeant from among four unknowns who had been exhumed from four American cemeteries in France. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier site later came to be called the Tomb of the Unknowns as additional unidentified combatants from later wars—World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War—were interred in the shadow of the original sarcophagus. DNA testing during the 1990s revealed that the Vietnam unknown was in fact First Lt. Michael J. Blassie, whose remains were subsequently removed. His empty grave at Arlington was repurposed as a memorial to "Missing Servicemen, 1958–1975." Some observers think that DNA testing makes it unlikely that future wars will produce unknown soldiers.

Many other countries have created their own unknown soldier monuments. India's unknown soldier has been interred since 1971 under the India Gate monument in New Delhi. The Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier, near Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, holds a World War I veteran but was not established until 1993. Canada's unknown soldier is also a World War I casualty, but the monument is even newer, having opened in 2000 at the National War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario. The Canadian monument was the site of a terrorist attack in October 2014, when a gunman shot and killed one of its

honour guards.

#### Ways & Means/Events

**Friday night barbeques** ended on September 15th and once again we had great community support. We had a low of 66 and a high of 103 - most weeks were between 80 and 100 diners.

Thanks to Tom Louks & Brian Beyer for manning the barbeques and to June Alford, Eileen Kavanagh, Bruce & Marilyn Munro, Pat & Tony McGrath, Bill & Charlene Murphy, Sharon Murphy, Angie Power, Johnny Villeneuve and Wendy Virtue - some missed one or two and most missed none at all! Thanks to Kerry Cook & Carole Brown who both helped a couple of times with the "running" and to the many euchre players who helped set the tables! Thanks also to Marg Banks who worked all our events for many years, but had to throw in the towel this year, and her daughter Nancey Stewart who started helping with the barbeques a couple of years ago. They will be missed!

It was nice to see quite a few people stay around for a while after dinner to chat.

Thanks also to all those who attended - your support is appreciated!

A big thanks to Elizabeth Vickers who sold 50 Legion wristbands at the last barbeque on September 15th - all profits will go to the Poppy Fund.

The next thing on our list is to prepare for is the **November 11th Open House** which follows the November 11th Remembrance Service. We serve chili and sandwich buns as well as squares and sweets. Pat McGrath buys all the ingredients for the chili and gives them out to those willing to cook it up and we meet in the Legion the day before to make up the buns. The plan for the squares and sweets is not in place yet so I will send a member email out when I know more. Please let Pat McGrath know if you want to help with any of these things.

The annual **Seniors' Christmas Dinner** will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. We usually set up the hall the day before and we will need volunteers to make some pies for dessert. Details will be decided and a member email will be sent.



### **Bursary**

Sacred Hearts Grads Bryce McKenna, William Harding, and Carley Virtue receive their Legion Bursary confirmations on their graduation day in June 2023 from Elizabeth Douville (second from right)

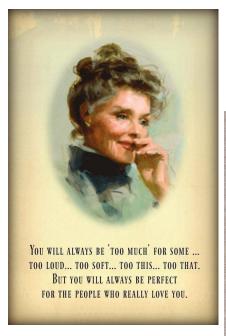
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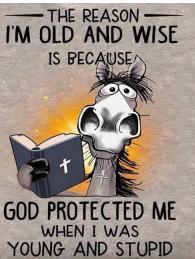
Well, I'm in the hospital. This has not been a good day. After spending the past summer or two locked down, having limited contact with my family or friends since March .....enough is enough.

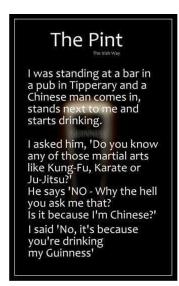
So I decided to go for a horseback ride with a good friend. Something I haven't done for a long time. It turned out to be a horrible mistake! I got on the horse and I started out slowly, but then it got crazy windy. I went faster and faster and before I knew it, I was going as fast as that horse could go. I couldn't take the pace and fell off but caught my pants on the stirrup. I was being dragged and was bouncing all over the place. The horse just would not stop!

Thankfully the manager at Dollar General came running out and unplugged the machine. Then he actually had the nerve to take the rest of my quarters and my bottle of Vodka, so I wouldn't try to ride the damn fire truck or clown car.

I have a few scrapes and bruises but nothing's broken. I will wear a helmet next time.









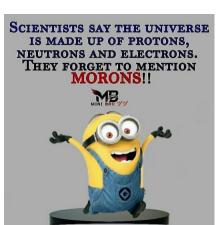




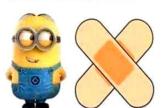
Yes I am a strong person, but every now and then, I also need someone to take my hand and say everything will be ok!

UST ONE TIME....





I'm not mean,
I'm brutally honest.
It's not my fault
truth hurts.
Here's a band aid.











HELP WANTED

EVERY ATHLETIC TEAM SHOULD HAVE
A MAN WHO PLAYS EVERY POSITION,
A MAN WHO PLAYS EVERY POSITION
ON WAY TO GET HE OPPOSITION
ON WAY TO GET HIM TO PUT
DOWN HIS POPCORN AND COKE TO
COME DOWN OUT OF THE STANDS!

I own two shirts and some neckwear that used to belong to a guy who was in The Mamas & The Papas.

All the sleeves are brown, and the tie is grey.

THE PUNISHMENT OF A LIAR IS THAT HE IS NEVER BELIEVED, EVEN WHEN HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH.

- HEBREW PROVERB -

#### SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.
   On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- 6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

J



Tom Platt	03-Oct
Judy MacKenzie	04-Oct
Robert Ciraco	09-Oct
Debbie McSheffrey	13-Oct
Joyce Treboutat	13-Oct
Brian McSheffrey	15-Oct
Mary Jo	17-Oct
Tim Lytle	20-Oct
Oscar Clench	24-Oct
Joyce Clench	26-Oct
Victor Hepton	28-Oct
Bob Marler	29-Oct

Jane Louks	03-Nov
Alfie Kavanagh	11-Nov
Peter Moore	14-Nov
Kerry Lee Cook	19-Nov
Georgia Read	19-Nov
Earle Payne	26-Nov
John Andrew	27-Nov
Angie Power	29-Nov

Kay Lawless	05-Dec
Tom Louks	08-Dec
Jim Burns	09-Dec
Mike Muldoon	11-Dec
Henry Mains	15-Dec
Shirley Reddick	15-Dec
Joyce Cook	17-Dec
Anthony McGrath	22-Dec
William Murphy	23-Dec
Marina Leullier	24-Dec
Boyd Dulmage	25-Dec
Lynne Owen	25-Dec
Louis Seward	27-Dec

A good friend of mine unexpectedly lost his wife. A couple months later we were golfing together, chatting about nothing. He asked what my dinner plans were and I told him wifey wanted my homemade chili and cornbread, but I didn't feel like stopping at the store. We golfed a few more minutes when he quietly said, "Make the chili."

It took me a few minutes to realize we were no longer talking about dinner. It was about going out of your way to do something for someone you love because at any moment, they could unexpectedly be taken from you. So today I'm sharing with you that wisdom handed to me by my dear friend, that I've thought of many times since that day. Next time someone you love wants you to go for a walk or watch a football game or play a board game or just put your phone down and give them your undivided attention, just do it. "Make the chili"





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# **ACTIVITIES**

Coffee: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10 am

**Darts:** Fridays 7 pm

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 am

**Euchre**: Fridays at 1 pm

**General Meetings:** September 22, 2023; November 24, 2023 11 am.

Poppy Campaign: October 27th to November 11th.

Remembrance Service: November 11th 11 am

November 11th Open House following the service.

Seniors' Christmas Lunch: Sunday December 3 2023 1 pm

# Richmond Legion Br 625 Friday Night Darts 2023-2024

Friday Night Darts returns Friday, October 13th, 2023 at 7pm.

Dues still \$100 for the season! Spares pay \$5 per night played.

This is a fun league - no experience needed.

See page 5 for details. Everyone welcome!



If you move or change your email address, please let me know by emailing me at wryan1955@hotmail.com so I can keep my contact list up to date and keep you up to date with relevant information via email.



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