



BRANCH 127 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Comrades
 It seems like no time at all since our last elections and we are fast approaching elections for next year.

I would like to commend all those on the executive committee for all the work they have done so far this year. Besides their regular duties, they put in an extraordinary amount of extra time working on special projects and events for the club. They all have been very supportive of myself helping me through the year.

Special thanks to Gerry Gerrard, who is stepping down this year, for his many years of service. He will be missed in his position but I am sure we will still see him at the club. Thanks to Vic Marshall for stepping in when we urgently needed a replacement Membership Chair and of course Bal who is always available to step up for anything that is needed.

We hope to see a few new faces at our general meetings and I hope all the members that are able will consider standing for a position on the Executive.

Rudy Vermaning, President

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL

The Royal Canadian Legion has struck this limited edition medal to commemorate our nation's 150th Anniversary. The freedom we enjoy continues to be provided through the sacrifices of those who have fallen in service to Canada.



Available to all Legion and Ladies Auxiliary members and branches commencing June 18th, 2016. Authorized for wear on all Legion and Ladies Auxiliary uniforms commencing January 1, 2017. Metal components are polished gold plated with hard enamel accents. 10" Lengths of additional ribbon

are available separately for court mounting. Supplied in custom made boxes suitable for presentation.

These medals cost \$25.00 and can be ordered from the Legion Web Store (<https://www.shop.legion.ca/login.aspx>) or by phone 1-888-301-2268 (Cat. Item # 100558)

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MEMBERSHIP

- Vic Marshall, Chair

You may not all know that part way through the year I took over from Steve Bourgon.

We have 111 paid up members. Hopefully all of you will renew in October or November — you must renew before the end of November to get the Early Bird discount.

At the September 6th general meeting, an increase of \$5.00 was voted on and approved. An increase was needed to reflect Dominion Command's per capita increase for 2017 and 2018. The annual dues now are \$60.00; the discounted Early Bird rate is \$55.00 if paid before November 30. Renewal reminders will be sent in the near future.

Dominion Command is in the process of setting up online membership renewals for this fall. If they get it up and running, we will let you know the process and advise you of the membership fees. Payment through credit cards will be permitted with online renewals.

Please note that when you pay for 2017 that you also confirm your address, e-mail, and phone number so we can update any changes. 2017 membership renewal cards will be mailed to members upon receipt of dues.

Prepaid membership cards arrive one month later than the regular renewal cards and will be mailed to members immediately upon receipt.

Cards for **new** members are not automatically mailed to them because they are presented to them during their initiation. New members can be initiated at a meeting or at any time that is convenient for the member.

If you have had a change of address, you can report it online so that you don't miss copies of the Legion Magazine or let us know so that we can do it for you. The online address is: <http://www.legion.ca/members/change-of-address/>

It is very simple to do - make sure you have your membership number handy as it will be required. If you do it online, please let us know by email, phone or Canada Post card as

well because Dominion Command does not forward your change of address information to us. We have not forwarded your email addresses to Dominion Command via the change of address site or any other form.

Please note that we need some more volunteers both at the branch level and with our joint Poppy Fund committee.

Any questions or comments you can contact me at: membership@br127.ca or at home at (250) 384-7812.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- John Yankoski, Vice President

Last year, we had several eligible members for membership pins but none actually attended the AGM for the presentation. One pin was presented to the member's guest because he was unable to attend due to illness. During the year, three members came in to pick them up when they came for the Friday social. There are still a couple of pins that are waiting for their owners to claim them.

Due to a general lack of interest shown in the membership pins, we will order only pins for those who are interested in receiving them. Below are members who are eligible to receive the following pins for years of membership:

Eligible in 2016

George Bricker - 45	Henry Niezen - 25
John Burrows - 30	Don Peterson - 20
Diane Carroll - 20	Leonard Roy - 30
Astrid Doidge - 20	Ray Rutherford - 40
Wayne Fisher - 20	Miki Simpson - 20
Cheryl Fossum - 25	Bert Soutar - 20
Gerald Gould - 60	Steve Whittaker - 20
Gordon Moffat - 20	Rudy Vermaning - 20

Eligible in 2017

Bob Bauder - 35	Pat Harkness - 20
Blaine Beck - 30	Bob Sears - 30
Paul Duckett - 40	Bal Sekha - 20
Claude Fortin - 30	Ray Vater - 20



If the above eligible members would like to receive these pins, please let John Yankoski know (250 - 389-1623, or john_yankoski@telus.net).

The reason there are two lots is because we have received mixed messages on when members are eligible to receive them. Because new members are given one year upon joining, the prevailing thought was the year had to be completed before these pins could be presented. Very recently we were told that the pins could be presented any time during the year of eligibility.

You will also notice that for the first time, we are awarding 20 year pins at Branch cost. This was approved just this year before our summer break.

We normally like to present Honours and Awards pins and medals at our AGM in January because a good attendance is essential for our annual Gaming Report and has a bearing on whether our gaming grant is approved for the following year. If members do not attend the AGM, the pins can be picked up or arrangements can be made to have them delivered.

Pins will not be mailed unless the recipient lives outside the Greater Victoria area. Canada Post will not deliver a package that may have a pin poking through it. These pins do not come in a box, just a small plastic envelope.

GOVERNANCE

Bylaws

We have a branch bylaw amendment in process to reflect our existing situation, i.e., change of address, position titles (Secretary/Treasurer split into separate positions).

During this process we were made aware that the quorum in the bylaws does not reflect our situation. We should have at least 12 members present (executive plus three (3), to validate motions and votes.

When Bill Lowry and Bill Morris passed away early this year, we were very worried we wouldn't have quorums because we always counted on them to attend. It has come very close to not having a quorum a couple of times.

In fact, Bill's daughter mentioned how Bill would hobble painfully to the meetings just to ensure we had a quorum. Bill Morris hardly ever missed a meeting - just his very last one because his family wanted to celebrate his birthday the same day.

It would be great if members could make an effort to attend some meetings, not all. The meetings are approximately 1 1/4 hr and are followed by refreshments

We have tried different times and days but it hasn't made any appreciable difference in attendance. If you have any thoughts on improving attendance or what would encourage you to attend, we would love to hear from you. If you would like us to get some speakers, please give us an idea what you would like so we can try to accommodate.

Liquor Licence

The long and short of it is, we still do not have a licence because of zoning. We are, however, getting help from BC/Yukon Command to see if they can't find a solution to the situation.

In the meantime, we are still getting Special Occasion licences for our socials. These licences for the first year cost approximately \$2100.

December Elections - 2017 Executive

It sounds like a broken record but once again, we are looking for at least three candidates for upcoming vacancies on the executive. The vacancies we know of so far are President, Vice President and Sgt-at-Arms. Please contact the executive if you or you know of someone who can volunteer in an executive position in 2017.

Gerry Gerrard is stepping down as Sgt-at-Arms and retiring from the executive on which he has served faithfully for many decades. We can't begrudge him for wanting to retire - after all, he's only in his mid-90s. We do thank him for all the service, guidance and support he has provided the branch for the past 65+ years of membership with Branch 127.



THE FIRST CANADIAN POWS SENT TO JAPAN - 500 MEN

It was January 19, 1943, my 21st birthday and I was the first one of 500 Canadians to go aboard the ship, the *Tatua Maru*. I noticed it had a faded red cross on the side and a Jap soldier with a full cast on his leg so I assumed she was a hospital ship. We were sent down into the hold which was wood lined and completely bare; if we all wanted to sit down, it had to be on the deck and each man sitting between the legs of the man behind; no food until we got ashore in Nagasaki the next evening.

During the two days by train to Tokyo, we were fed a little wooden box of rice and another box with six items about the size of a quarter - 1 fish, 1 meat, 1 insect, and 3 vegetables. From Tokyo to Yokohama it was by electric train, then a march to the camp Kowasaki. The camp was new, two long buildings with a cook house at the front and a row of Jap style toilets plus a row of sinks, one tap, no hot water. A whoop went up when we saw the Jap style bath, about 30 feet long and 10 wide. We only had four baths due to lack of fuel, same with the pot-bellied heater that only got used three times. We were issued a jacket and a pair of pants (did not know they were to last to the end of the war), also four blankets but they were made from wood fiber, like sleeping between boards. The walls of the building were boards less than one half inch thick. The weather there was similar to Victoria, if it snowed, we had to march to work one way and another on the way back.

Of course on arriving we had to listen to a speech by the camp commander, we were to start work in the morning and gave us all the rules and punishments. He said and I quote "some of you will never see Canada again, in fact I do not think any of you will." He also added that Canada would be divided up and a Japanese ruler would be head of each section.

This really struck me and I am sure everyone else; right there, I swore to myself that I would make it home. I said to myself many times "if someone told me people were surviving these conditions I would not have believed them and here we were doing it." Whenever I got into a depressed state, I would think of that speech and it would lift me out of my depression.

When the university finished for the summer, a big splash was made about the students volunteering to work in the shipyard for their Emperor; of course they wanted to improve their English because they had been promised a big piece of Canada. I suggested they ask for land in the northern BC mountains, I didn't mention the bears.

Later on while I was working in the blacksmith shop, one of the men surprised me - I would say in his early thirties with a loud voice and big mouth - wanted to know what his title would be when he became a commander in Canada. I pointed to his chest and said "me big son of a bitch". Well, his chest swelled up, he stood a little taller as he walked around the shop repeating this.

I just walked away telling myself if he runs into someone who speaks English, I have a problem. A few months later I happened to think this took place about three weeks before the end of the war and he still did not realize they were losing. We all knew.

H. Gerry Gerrard

Barbara Walters had done a story on gender roles in Kuwait several years before the Gulf War, and she noted then that women customarily walked about 10 feet behind their husbands.

She returned to Kuwait after the war and observed that the men now walked several yards behind their wives.

Ms Walters approached one of the women for an explanation. "This is marvelous," she said. "What enabled women here to achieve this reversal of roles?" The Kuwaiti woman replied, "Land mines".



LAST POST

Since the last newsletter last fall, we lost the members noted below. This information was emailed to members at the time but is provided for those who do not have email access and may not have heard:



SPROULE, Frederick Howard September 22, 1918 - November 4, 2015 On November 4th, 2015, Frederick Howard Sproule took his last flight. With his family by his side Fred left in a very peaceful way. Fred fought for

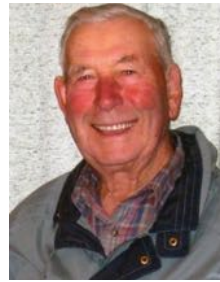
his Country in World War II, and received many commendations for his efforts as a fighter pilot. Fred was a wonderful man, he leaves behind his loving wife Jean Beverly of 55 years, his sons Gordie, Martin, John, and daughter Jan. He will always be in our hearts.



HOSKINS, Addie Addie's family are sad to announce her sudden passing on December 18, 2015 at the age of 74. She was predeceased by her husband, Bernie; granddaughter Amanda, and son-in-

law Joseph. She leaves behind Kathy, Brenda, Charles, Sabrina and Bradley. Celebration of life, January 13 at the Royal Canadian Legion, #91 Langford at 1 pm.

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LOWRY – William James, known to all as Bill, passed away on February 2, 2016 the way he would have wanted, in his own home, in James Bay and in his sleep. Bill was born in Victoria, BC, in a house in James Bay on May 3, 1927, the youngest

of 6 children.

Bill is predeceased by his wife, Pat and survived by his twins, Theresa (Mark) and Tom (Brigitte); his grandchildren, Jenna, Brandon and Nicholas; his last surviving sibling, brother, David and many nieces and nephews.

A life time resident of James Bay, he lived his full 88 years and 9 months of life living in only three homes on two James Bay Streets. Bill met his wife Pat who moved to Victoria from Penticton, living in the house next door to the Lowry family home. They married in 1959 and bought the last empty lot in James Bay at that time, building a house, where Bill has lived until his passing. An avid gardener, Bill worked for the City of Victoria Parks Department for 37 years and his family was proud to tell people that he never had one sick day during those 37 years. He was a hard worker, retiring from the city in 1987, enjoying 29 years of retirement. Bill spent many weekends fishing off of the Dallas Road waterfront in his little wooden boat, he was also a founding member of the James Bay Anglers Association. Bill was the longest life-long member of the Army Navy Air Force Veterans Club Unit #12 for 67 + years. He enjoyed his Sunday beers and music, listening to records with his buddy and neighbour Earl Schmidt and his Friday afternoons spent at the "Little Legion" where he would enjoy a beer and talk old times with his friends, including Art Davies, his best man at his wedding. Bill was a gentle soul, liked very much by everyone. He lived simply but his life was rich in everything that mattered, family and friends. He will be greatly missed by his family, all of his legion friends, his neighbours,



his four legged friends, who will miss his dog cookie offerings while on his “walks” to the end of the street twice a day and all who were recipients of the seasonal cruise ship schedule, which he would handout while sitting and enjoying the ocean view.

A celebration of Bill’s life will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, February 19th at McCall’s Downtown, Johnson & Vancouver Streets with a reception to follow at 1:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Public Service Branch # 127, the “Little Legion”, 514 Government Street. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC SPCA at <http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/support/other-ways-to-give/>



MORRIS, William E. It is with great sadness we announce the loss of William E Morris who was born in Victoria January 10th, 1927. He passed away peacefully at home on February 16th, 2016 following a brief illness. He will be dearly missed by his

loving wife Mary, his three children Bruce, Beverly and Roy and their families. No service by request.



THORPE, Ronald William (Ron) Born May 14, 1924, Ron passed away peacefully on April 17, 2016, with loving family by his side. He was predeceased by his brother Geoff in 2003, and his wife Marg

in 2008. Ron was born and raised in Victoria, graduating from Vic High in 1942. He then joined the R.C.A.F for two years of pilot training, obtaining the rank of Pilot Officer. Throughout his lifetime he maintained a love of airplanes, and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Following World War II, Ron articted to become a land

surveyor, receiving his Commission in 1949 (BCLS #283). He became a field surveyor with the Legal Surveys Branch of the provincial government, and spent his entire career in the civil service. Annual survey trips took him to diverse and remote locations in British Columbia, and inspired his love of the outdoors. Ron was proud to serve as Surveyor General of B.C. from 1978 until his retirement in 1982. In 2005 he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corporation of B. C. Land Surveyors. Ron married Margaret Gold of Nanaimo in 1950, and they enjoyed 58 happy years together, raising a family in Victoria. Sailing, fishing, gardening, and camping were all favourite pastimes. Ron was also an enthusiastic golfer and was a long-time member of the Uplands Golf Club, serving a term as men's captain. A talented and active man, Ron was invariably modest. Though quiet, he had a wonderful sense of humour, and enjoyed many good times with a wide circle of friends and family. Ron leaves behind his son Ian (Ruth) of Nanaimo, daughter Nancy Taylor of Victoria, grandchildren Lisa, Laura, Nik, and Patty, along with numerous friends and relatives. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at the Lodge at Broadmead for the compassionate care they provided. Ron will be remembered as a true gentleman, for his quiet strength, intelligence, kindness, honour and dignity, and above all for his loving devotion to family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A celebration of Ron's life will be held May 14, 2016, from 2-4pm at the Uplands Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.



“We will remember them”



For the past few years, Starbucks in James Bay has taken care of our everyday coffee needs and delivered canisters for special occasions at no cost to us, nor asked for any acknowledgement through advertising. We thank Starbucks for its generosity and kindness.

PHONING COMMITTEE

Len Anderson is co-ordinating our team of volunteer callers to keep members without email access in the loop regarding upcoming events and/or other matters of interest. If you would prefer not to be called or would like to be called more often, please let Len know at (250) 658-4749. If you now have email access and would rather just get email updates, you can also let Len know by email at andersonsl@shaw.ca

SERVICE OFFICER

- Bob Sears, Service Officer

If you have any questions about Veterans Affairs, need assistance or advice, please contact our Service Officer, Bob Sears. There is not much about Veterans Affairs or the various types of financial aid available to veterans that Bob does not know about - and if he doesn't, he knows the person who does. You may contact Bob at (250) 479-0118.

SICK & VISITING

Again, we are fortunate to have Maeva Gillespie send cards to members on various occasions when we are aware of them. Thank you, Maeva, for doing such a great job for us.

Bob Sears, as well as being an extraordinary Service Officer, regularly visits many many veterans (Legion members or not) and anyone who needs a visit. Last year, Bob made over 1050 patient-visits at Broadmead Lodge alone — this does not include visits to hospitals or homes. Please let us know if you know of anyone who should be receiving a card or visit from our Sick & Visiting team.

GAMING GRANT DISTRIBUTION

The 2016 Gaming Committee chaired by Lise Bourgon consists of Len Anderson, Vic Marshall, and Mel Smith.

We were fortunate to receive a gaming grant of \$9000 (less than previous years) to distribute to organizations that meet the Gaming Branch's eligibility criteria and who write to us for financial assistance.

A partial distribution was approved in June to some of our previous organizations who had acknowledged their last year's donation and put in their request for assistance this year. The rest will be allocated soon and a list will be posted on the Legion bulletin board as well as in the next newsletter or email update.

SPORTS

- Bert Soutar, Sports Chair

Summer sports consist of golf outings to various courses on the lower island between Victoria and Chemainus.

Two groups [consisting of 4 or 5] play Mount Douglas Golf Course each Tuesday and Friday morning. During June, 16 golfers played Mt. Brenton Golf Course in Chemainus. Other outings to date have been 9 & Dines at Cordova Bay G.C., Cedar Hill G.C. and Olympic View G.C.

The next golf outing is 9 & Dine at Highland Pacific Golf Course.

5 pin bowling will begin in October, 2016 and continue monthly to April/May 2017. As in previous seasons, bowling will be on the 3rd Thursday each month at 3:30 P.M. in Miracle Lanes, Sidney.

See you there!

Congratulations to Angus Stanfield who was elected to Dominion Command Executive as Vice President. We know he will represent BC well.

Money talks ...but all mine ever says is good-bye.



REMEMBRANCE

Cenotaph

Many thanks to Ray and Donna Brunette for looking after the Cenotaph. This is done year round but of course extra attention is devoted this time of year to ensure the Cenotaph is in prime condition for the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Events

We have our two traditional events for the upcoming Remembrance Week and the format is relatively unchanged.

- Rotunda Service - Thursday, November 10, 10:45 am, in the Rotunda of the Parliament Buildings. This is a long tradition where members of our branch march to the Rotunda for a brief but moving service. In the past, a very nice reception has been hosted by the Province following the service. After this reception, everyone comes back to our branch for socializing. Members will leave Branch 127 at 10:30 to go over together
- Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph, Parliament Buildings - November 11, 10:30 to 10:45 to march, gather at Government and Humboldt (north end of Fairmont Empress). Following the service, there will be refreshments served at Branch 127 (514 Government Street).

Parking - Remembrance Day

The parking this year is worse than it was last year with redevelopment under way with a vengeance. With most of our block under construction, parking lots on our block have disappeared.

Traditionally, Robbins have not monitored the parking lot at Menzies and Kingston for up to about 2:00 pm due to participation by veterans at Remembrance Day events. They will be contacted to continue this practice.

VICTORIA POPPY FUND

- Astrid Doidge, Secretary

The Victoria Poppy Fund office is gearing up for another busy year. Volunteers are needed for the ENVELOPE PREPARATION which starts on Wednesday, October 12th to Friday, October 14th and resuming on Monday, October 17 until completed. The doors open at 9:00 and there is tea/coffee and possibly cookies or donut holes for refreshment during the time of the envelope preparation. It is an easy job and a fun time to meet other volunteers from the past. The more volunteers we have - the sooner the job is finished.

The first poppy will be pinned on Mayor Lisa Helps at noon on Friday, October 28th. All Legion members are requested to attend in uniform, if possible, the FLAG RAISING.

Volunteers are needed for the POPPY TRAY DELIVERY. Poppy trays are delivered to the stores and schools from Monday October 24th until noon on October 28th. Two people are needed for each of the 17 Routes that our Poppy Office is responsible for. After the Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th, the POPPY TRAY PICKUP is started on November 12th until finished. This is a very important part of the operation as the money is brought into the Poppy Fund office and is counted and taken to the bank for deposit.

Legion #127 is responsible for the Government buildings and the University. A revised delivery plan for us will be sent when the completed.

Volunteers are always needed for Mall Tagging if anyone from Legion #127 so desires to help. Please contact either the Poppy Office or Legion #292 at (250) 384-5213.

Our Legion has always had the most volunteers percentage wise, and I want to thank everyone for that. I sure do use that fact in the Poppy Office every chance I have!

Thanks to those members who turned out for the Campaign Meeting. If you want to see the full Campaign Meeting Minutes they are posted on the Board.



The Victoria Poppy Fund is open for clients and enquiries all year long on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

In the summer the work load for the volunteers at the Poppy Office is minimal, but we do stay open. We receive donations and bequests most weekdays. From October 1st to December 1st, the Office is open every weekday as the Campaign is in full swing during that time.

Our Annual Campaign Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 10 with a very disappointing number attending. I am pleased to say that half of the 11 who were in attendance were from RC Legion Branch #127. Thanks to all of those who attended.

There was a great emphasis at the meeting that we desperately need volunteers – if they do not step up to the plate, the only solution is that each and every entity that makes up the cluster Victoria Poppy Fund will be responsible for their own Remembrance Day ceremonies as it was many years ago. Instead of one Administrator, Treasurer, and Secretary, each entity will have to set up their own offices and take on these responsibilities as well as finding volunteers to be the Chair and Vice-Chair.

This is the last year that Roger McBride will be our Administrator. He is remaining for this campaign and then will be retiring from his position. If anyone is willing to take on this responsibility, please contact the Poppy Office at (250) 386-2533. The Treasurer also mentioned at the Campaign Meeting this could be her last campaign.

Thanks to volunteers we had for the 2015/2016 campaign, we have collected over \$227,000 so far from trays on the street corners, in the stores and from the schools. The 2015/2016 campaign is over as of September 30 and the 2016/2017 Campaign starts on October 1st.

“Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.” – José Maria de Eça de Queiroz

ENTERTAINMENT

- Astrid Doidge, Chair

The first Theme Dinner of the year was the Robbie Burns Dinner which was a success. Before the meal was served, we had a traditional Robbie Burns Ceremony with members of our Legion participating.

Lise and Steve Bourgon prepared an incredible three course Italian themed “Romantic” dinner for Valentine’s.

March’s theme was St. Patrick’s and offered lamb and beef stews.

Instead of Easter or Spring for April’s theme, the Queen’s 90th Birthday Theme Dinner was held on her actual birthday, April 21. Lise and Jan Price prepared a dinner with all of the Queen’s favourites.

Instead of a theme dinner in May, The Victoria Poppy Fund hosted the Veterans’ Luncheon at JJ Morgan’s attended by 11 veterans and 6 other guests.

The June Hippo Tour had to be cancelled due to illness and insufficient numbers but has been rescheduled.

Barbecues replaced theme dinners in July and August, hosted by the two Steves; the first was a steak dinner hosted by Steve Whittaker and the second, a chicken and ribs dinner (including 2 homemade raspberry and pineapple cheesecakes) prepared by Steve Bourgon and his son Dave.

The Hippo Tour has been rescheduled on Tuesday, September 20th with the door opening here at the Legion at 4:00 and the tour commencing at 5:00. After the trip around James Bay and the water tour of the waterfront, pizza will be ordered for those who are interested.

The October Theme Dinner will be Thanksgiving - I plan to cook the turkey here at the Legion on the Saturday, October 15th

Of course, the November Theme is chili after the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Volunteers are needed for both these events.

December’s Christmas Theme Dinner details are to be confirmed will be provided in the near future.



I want to give very special thanks to both our Steves, Jan Price, Janet Adams, Mel Smith, Myrna Soutar and the always present bartender - Bal. I should never name people as I know I have left someone or "sometwo" out - anyway - thanks to everyone that attends and everyone that pitches in (often on short notice) to make the Theme Dinners as successful as possible. As long as people enjoy attending, I will endeavour to carry on arranging them for your pleasure. There will be quizzes and prizes again in the future!

A policeman pulled a female driver over and asked to see her license.

After looking it over, he said to her, "Lady, it stipulates here on your license that you should be wearing glasses."

"Well, I have contacts," the woman replied.

"Look lady, I don't care who you know," snapped the officer. "You're getting a ticket."

LINKS:

Youth Remembrance Contest information

<http://www.legionbcyukon.ca/content/youth-contests>

46th Dominion Convention Info

This was held in St. John's, NL in June. The speeches, workshops and presentations are available for downloading at

<http://www.legion.ca/who-we-are/46th-dominion-convention/>

BC/Yukon Command Site

The BC Yukon Command web site is full of information, including all its circulars as well as Dominion's if you would like to see them -

<http://www.legionbcyukon.ca/user>

You need to have your membership number to register to get into that part of the site.

YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE

Several years ago, we used to open on one or two Saturday evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 pm each month to play cards ("31"). This proved to be quite an enjoyable activity and concluded with a coffee/tea and goodies.

We are seriously considering opening again on another night or two if people would like to participate in such activities. Recreational bridge and crib have been mentioned.

What we would like to know is who and how many would like to participate regularly or occasionally and what activities would you be interested in?

Another idea that has been percolating is maybe to have a basic tech session, possibly after Christmas if you have new tablets, smartphones or computers and need some help. Would this be of any interest to you?

In either case, what days and times would be best for you.

You can email your responses to rcl127@shaw.ca or leave a message at (250) 386-3325.

Max went into the doctor's office for his annual checkup, and the Doc asked if there was anything unusual he should know about.

So Max told the Doc that his suit must have shrunk over the last year, because it didn't fit when he went to get ready for a wedding recently.

The Doc said, "Suits don't shrink just sitting in a closet. You probably put on a few pounds."

"That's just it, Doc, I know I haven't gained a single pound since the last time I wore it."

"Well, then," said Doc, "You must have a case of Furniture Disease."

"What in the world is Furniture Disease?" asked Max.

"That's when your chest starts sliding down into your drawers."



DATES TO REMEMBER - 2016

Envelope Preparation (David Slater Room)	Wednesday, October 12th to Friday, October 14th and Monday October 17th and Tuesday, October 18 if necessary
Tray and Wreath Preparation , Replenishment and Return (Trafalgar Room)	Wednesday, October 19 to Friday November 18th
Poppy Tray Deliveries	Monday, October 24th to Friday October 28th
Flag Raising	Friday, October 28th at Victoria City Hall at 12:00 noon
Man the Malls	Saturday, October 29th until Thursday, November 10th excluding Sunday October 30th and Sunday, November 6th
Cadets in the Malls	Saturday, October 29th and Saturday, November 5th
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th - 11:00 am
Poppy Tray Pick-Ups	Saturday, November 12th to completion
Poster and Literary Contest	Deliver Entries to Trafalgar/Pro Patria Branch 292 by Wednesday, November 30th. Judging will take place Tuesday morning, December 6th
Campaign Wrap Up Meeting (Trafalgar Room)	Wednesday, December 7th, 10:00 am



BRANCH CONTACT INFORMATION

2016 EXECUTIVE

President - Rudy Vermaning
 Vice President - John Yankoski
 Secretary - Bal Sekha
 Treasurer - Lise Bourgon
 Past President - Richard Steele
 Entertainment - Astrid Doidge
 Membership - Vic Marshall
 Newsletter/Web Site - Bal Sekha
 Service Officer - Bob Sears
 Sick and Visiting (Visits) - Bob Sears
 Sick and Visiting (Cards) - Maeva Gillespie
 Social - Rudy Vermaning
 Sports - Bert Soutar
 Zone - Mel Smith

REGULAR RECURRING EVENTS

- Executive Meetings Last Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm unless advised otherwise
- General Meetings 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm unless advised otherwise
- Theme Dinners Usually one Saturday per month, date depends on the theme and availability of volunteers; check bulletin board, contact Astrid Doidge (astridge8@shaw.ca or 250 995-2128) or check the online Legion calendar (<http://www.br127.ca/webcal>)
- Sports 5-Pin Bowling - 3rd Thursday of the month from October to April at Miracle Lanes, Sidney, at 3:30 pm; contact Bert Soutar for information or check the online calendar

 Golf: Mt Doug - Tuesdays and Fridays, weather dependent, time varies
 Once per month from May to September - Nine 'n Dine at other courses
 Contact: Bert Soutar for details

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