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Newsletter by Arleen Morrow & Marilyn Deslauriers

November Newsletter

Branch 616 always observes Remembrance on the Saturday preceding November 11. This year it falls on the 4th. The parade forms up on McConnell in front of Happy Times at 1300 hours (1:00 pm) and marches off at 1330 hours (1:30 pm) down Constance Bay Road to the Legion for the ceremony at the cenotaph. Branch 638Kanata and 240 Almonte will join colors with us. On November 11, Branch 616 will do the same for them. (see poster page 8).

The nationwide Poppy Campaign began on Friday, October 27. Branch 616 has poppies and poppy products available at the Metro store, Sobey's, and the LCBO on March Road in Kanata. Volunteers are needed to attend these stations. Anyone interested can drop in to the Branch, pick a time when you are available, and sign up. The campaign will be on till Friday midnight, November 10. Poppy boxes have also been placed at businesses in the West Carleton area and at the Branch.

The Earlybird Membership Campaign is past the halfway mark with 56% of renewals paid. There is one more month of the campaign, so one more chance at the refund and discount. The October winner of the 'free membership' is Don Johnstone! Congratulations, Comrade!



Both the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary hosted the Zone Commanders for their annual inspection. Both passed with flying colours! Thank you to the members and all who made this happen! Thank you to Donna Pritlove (Branch) and Sheila Dolan (L.A.) for our annual year-end reviews.

Mitch Little was the only 616 entry to advance at Senior Zone Darts hosted by Arnprior Branch. He came in second in singles. Congrats Comrade!

The renovation is moving right along. The basement looks great and the bar is operational and looks beautiful! The end is in sight! – the contractor and crew are working steady.

The Branch was well represented at the CBBCC Bay Day event held on October 7 at the Community Centre. Poppy Chair Bruce Robinson, 3rd VP Arleen Morrow, Community Liaison Michele Harlow and her daughter Charlotte (junior volunteer) were on duty at the Legion booth.





Past Events:

Friday October 6, Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner:

Harriet's Thanksgiving Turkey was a big success as usual! 150 dinners out the door in no time! Always delicious and a hit! Thank you to everyone involved! (pics page 4)

Friday October 20, Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Tom & Kevin's half chickens - another delicious success and another sell-out! Thanks again to all the usual suspects... (pics page 4)

Saturday October 28: Hallowe'en Party! This was a howling success! Overflowing with guests and great costumes, spooktacular food and some great karaoke talent including Kolinoke! Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary, Kolinoke, the bar girls, the costume judges, Arleen & Cori on the door, the singers, and everyone who attended!! (pics page 5)

Coming Up:

Friday November 3: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Schnitzel by Anita. Pork loin Schnitzel, spaetzle, sauerkraut, red cabbage, rye bread, dessert. Anita's annual fall feast is \$20.00 per person.

Saturday, November 4: Branch 616 Remembrance Day. Doors open at 12:00 noon; parade forms up at 1:00 pm at McConnell & CBay Road, marches off at 1:30 for the Legion cenotaph ceremony. Come in for lunch after the commemorations.

Friday, November 17: Meals to Wheels Dinner. Menu TBA

Sunday, November 26: Annual Veterans Christmas Party. The bus from the Perley Health Centre will arrive at 11:30 am, lunch will follow; musical entertainment by "Forever Friends" throughout; floorshow at 1:30 pm. The Ladies Auxiliary will provide lunch. Please volunteer to help or just drop in to meet your heroes !!!

Friday, December 1: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner; TBA

Sunday, December 3: Turkey Shoot. Mixed Darts, blind draw doubles. Register at 11:00 am, play at 11:30 am. Everyone 19 years old and up welcome! You could win your Christmas bird!

Saturday, December 9: Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar, 8:30 am. to 2:00 pm. Vendors tables \$15.00 ea. or 2 for \$20.00. Door open at 7:00 am for set-up.

Saturday December 9: Seniors Christmas Dinner Party, 7:00 pm. Entertainment by Tony True. Tickets will be available at the bar.

Saturday December 16: Branch Christmas Party. NT NRML will be blasting out all your favorite dance numbers, there will be door prizes and food! Tickets \$10.00 per person, pay ahead or at the door.

Don't Forget:

Next L.A. Meeting – Monday November 6, 7:00 pm. Next Branch Meeting – Monday November 20, executive 6:30 pm: general 7:00pm

Hall Rental: We have an 80 to 100 capacity space to rent - please call the Branch for info 613-832-2082







Standing Dates:

Monday: Every 1st Monday: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm. Every 3rd Monday: Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm. Every 3rd Monday of June*, September, November, January, March, May: Branch General Meeting 7:30 pm. *The Legion fiscal year starts in June. July & August general meetings are suspended 3rd Monday of February & August: Joint Meeting Branch/LA, 7:00 pm

Tuesday: Ladies' Darts 7:00 pm. Every 2nd Tuesday: Seniors Potluck & Meeting 12:00 noon Thursday: Men's Darts 7:00 pm. Friday: Mixed Darts 7:00 pm. Every 2nd Friday: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner 5:30 p.m. \$20.00 Branch Remembrance Day: Saturday prior to November 11. New Year's Day Levee: every January 1st St. Patrick's Day Celebration: every March 17 Children's Easter Party: every Easter Sunday Canada Day: every July 1st Legion Week: 3rd Sunday in September to following Saturday

RED FRIDAYS - Please show your support for our troops and their families and to the families of the 158 soldiers killed in Afghanistan.



Mitch Little (Senior Zone Darts)

New road sign

























Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO		ER	1	2 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	3 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m. Meals to Wheels	4 Remembrance Observance (Br. 616)
5	6 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	8	9 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	10 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.	11 Remembrance Day
12	13	14 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm Seniors Lunch & Meeting 12:00 noon	15	16 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	17 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m. Meals to Wheels	18
19	20 Branch mtgs Exec 6:30 Gen 7:30	21 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	22	23 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	24 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.	25 LA Zone Darts
26 Vet's Christmas Party	27	28 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	29	30 Men's Darts 7:00 pm		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mer Ver	1 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m. Meals to Wheels	2 Community Christmas Parade				
3 Turkey Shoot	4 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	5 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	6	7 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	8 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.	9 Christmas Bazaar
10 Children's Christmas Party	11	12 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	13	14 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	15 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m. Meals to Wheels	16 Branch Christmas Party
17 Booked	18	19 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	20	21 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	22 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.	23
24	25	26 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	27	28 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	29 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m. Meals to Wheels	30
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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 616 West Carleton 377 <u>Allbirch</u> Road Woodlawn



Remembrance Day

Saturday November 4, 2023

The Branch will open at 1200 hours (12:00 noon). A bus will be provided for transportation

to McConnell Street and Constance Bay Road where the parade will form up at 1300 hours (1:00 pm). The parade will march off at 1350 hours (1:30 pm) for the ceremony at the Legion cenotaph. Please come inside after the service for a late lunch, courtesy of the Branch.



Lest We

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