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October Newsletter

Branch 616 is well into the Fall season, has kicked off the Earlybird Membership Campaign, and anticipates Harriet Farrell's Thanksgiving Meals to Wheels TGIF Turkey Dinner on October 10th!



The Royal Canadian Legion will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2026! Plans for our celebration are in the works! We will let everyone know ASAP when, what and how! Congratulations ahead of time to the Legion on this historic milestone. Members in good standing for 2026 will receive a centennial sticker for their card. We already have 78 Earlybirds for the first month of the Membership Campaign. The Earlybird winner for September is Mike O'Reilly. Congrats Comrade!

Next on the agenda are the Branch 616 Remembrance Day observation, and the annual Poppy Campaign. The ceremony is traditionally held on the Saturday preceding the National Day, which this year is November 8. The campaign starts on Friday October 31 and ends on November 11. Branch Poppy Chair George Dolan asks not only Branch members but friends in the community to please consider taking a turn at tending our Poppy stations at The Metro and Sobey's stores on March Road. Contact George or visit the Branch and sign up for a two hour volunteer session. On November 11 our Branch will carry colours with Branches Almonte and Kanata, and the Carp Memorial group. Also on November 11, for those wishing to observe the ceremony at the National War Memorial in downtown Ottawa, Branch 616 will open at 10:00 a.m.

The Perley Rideau Health Centre has extended the invitation to attend the annual Appreciation and Information Session to be held on Monday October 6. Proceedings include words of thanks to the Branches for their support, a tour of the facilities, and lunch. Branch 616 President Kevin Johnson and A/PRO Arleen Morrow will attend; please contact Kevin if able join them.

Families of veterans past and present, plus serving military personnel, are encouraged to submit entries to The Military Service Recognition Book (MSRB) which is a Legion program created to honour and preserve vets memories, commemorate the past and bring communities together. Entries should tell of their military history, years of service etc, and include a picture if possible. The MSRB program is in its tenth year. Featured in the First Edition were Comrades William Berry and Dr. Roly Armitage, both veterans and both members of Branch 616.

Legion family members have an opportunity from the Ottawa Senators to access tickets at a reduced rate. Tickets for the 1st half of the NHL season are on sale now. Please contact the Branch at 613-2082 for info.



**Newsletter by Arleen Morrow
& Marilyn Deslauriers**

Past Events:

Thursday September 18, Senior's Social: Thank you to Julie Maheral for organizing another special day for our Seniors! The 50s theme was an excellent idea – got everyone moving! We all enjoyed everything – lunch, dancing, 50's music, friendship! see page 4.

Saturday September 20, Alfie Currie Memorial Golf: What a great day for the Edgewood and the Branch! This early sell-out filled the course and the Legion to capacity! The dinner back at the Branch was delicious, the awards generous and the MC was his usual hilarious self. Top team was Glen Beck, Cindy Delahunt, Maureen and Jim Lafferty. Thank you to the generous donors of prizes, Tom Watters, the chef and kitchen staff, the busy bartenders at the Edgewood and the Legion, and the golfers - they never miss this successful and fun fundraiser! Thank you to Mike Oatway for looking after the donations. He thanked every single donor at the banquet. See page 5.

Sunday September 21, Honours and Awards: Jim Wilson, in his dual role as Branch Membership Chair and Zone Commander, and President Kevin Johnson presented the awards. Thank you to those that showed up to accept their service pins and executive bars etc. A delicious lunch of pulled pork with ,sides was prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you to all the volunteers. See page 6.

Monday September 22, Trivia Challenge: Kevin Johnson hosted this brain-wracking session. Michele Bainbridge came out on top, with Wendy Watters second, Arleen Morrow in third place, and Jim Wilson bringing up the rear. Congrats everyone and thanks Kevin! See page 6

Tuesday September 23, Ladies Darts: The usual suspects showed up plus some new prospects. One more night of fun next Tuesday then the schedule will be in effect – hope the newbies will stay and play for real! Thank you to the Branch for providing Legion Week snacks for the darters!

Wednesday September 24, Pool Tourney: First Legion Week pool tourney in a few years! Welcome Back!

Thursday September 25, Mens Darts: Just like the ladies it was a fun night, introducing new recruits to the old gang,, They also enjoyed snacks provided by the Branch for Legion Week! Thank you!

Friday September 26, Ladies Auxiliary Barbecue followed by **Mixed Darts:** The barbecue was delicious and well-attended! Thank you to Anita Kamps and the Auxiliary members who volunteered with her! Mixed darts is always blind draw and was also well-attended. Thank you to everyone who participated in both events – YOU made them successful!

Saturday September 27, Wind-up Pool Tourney: Thank you to Harriet Farrell for undertaking this final event of Legion Week. It was a fun and successful seven days!! The pool tourney, continued from Wednesday was won by Ron Findlay, Wayne L came 2nd and Tom W 3rd. Congrats and thank you to everyone who participated in Legion Week events!

Coming Up:

Saturday October 4, Ladies Auxiliary Zone Doubles & Singles Darts: Singles in the morning, doubles in the afternoon.

Monday October 6: LA meeting, Zone Commander Annual Inspection, 6:00 pm;

Branch Visit to the Perley Information Session. If able to go call Kevin Johnson at the Branch.

Friday October 10, Meals to Wheels is back!! Thanksgiving turkey dinner by Harriet!

All the trimmings - pumpkin pie - pickup 5:30 p.m. - still \$20.00 !!

Thursday October 16, Senior's Social – Theme '**Hallowe'en**': All senior's and assistants are welcome! Costumes welcome but not required! Come and enjoy the theme, the music and lunch! Get your picture taken at our 'Photo Booth"! Posters are posted on Facebook Legion 616 page and Constance Bay pages plus see attachment on page 9.

Saturday October 18: Private booking

Friday October 24, Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Schnitzel by Anita. Pork-tenderloin Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Sauerkraut, Chocolate cake with peanut butter frosting; \$20.00, pick-up 5:30 p.m.

Saturday October 25, Carrie's Crazy Spooky Hallowe'en Bash! Combination Halloween party and fundraiser for a member fighting cancer; Music by 'Nt Normal' ; \$10.00 per ticket.

Saturday November 8, Branch 616 Remembrance Day Observance: Meet at the Legion at 1200 hours. A bus will be provided for transportation to Constance Bay Road and McConnell where the parade will form up at 1330 hours and march off to the Legion for the service at the cenotaph. At the completion of the ceremony all are invited inside for complimentary snacks.

Tuesday November 11: Legion will open at 10:00 a.m. All TVs will be tuned into the **Remembrance Day Service** at the War Memorial and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, downtown Ottawa.

Saturday November 15: Private booking

Saturday November 22, Ladies Auxiliary Zone Team Darts

Sunday November 23: The **Veterans** at the Perley Health Centre are unable to visit Branch 616 for their annual **Christmas Party** so we will visit them. We will take gift bags and treats and provide entertainment! Please sign up for this assignment – the more the merrier!

Sunday November 30: Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Bazaar: Watch for more info

Don't Forget:

Next L.A. Meeting – Monday October 6 : Zone Commanders Inspection 6:00pm,

Potluck supper 6:30 pm, followed by meeting

Next Branch Meeting - Monday October 20 Exec 7:00 pm.

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 7:00 pm.

The Legion fiscal year starts on June 1; July & August general meetings are suspended

Tuesday: Ladies' Darts 7:00 pm. Every 2nd Tuesday: Seniors Potluck & Meeting 12:00 noon

Wednesday:

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

Canada Day: every July 1st

Legion Week: 3rd Sunday in September to following Saturday

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

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



THE
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Alfie Currie Memorial Golf:





Honours & Awards



Trivia



OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Men's Darts 7pm	3 Mixed Darts 7pm	4 LA Zone Singles & Doubles
5	6 L.A.Mtg 7:00 pm Perley Seminar	7 Ladies Darts 7pm	8	9 Men's Darts 7pm	10 Mixed Darts 7pm Meals to Wheels Turkey 5:30pm	11 Booked
12	13 Thanksgiving	14 Ladies Darts 7pm	15	16 Men's Darts 7pm Seniors Social Hallowe'en	17 Mixed Darts 7pm	18 Booked
19	20 Branch Exec Mtg 7:00 pm	21 Ladies Darts 7pm	22	23 Men's Darts 7pm	24 Mixed Darts 7pm Meals to Wheels Schnitzel	25 Halloween Fundraiser for Carrie
26 Booked	27	28 Ladies Darts 7pm Halloween theme	29	30 Men's Darts 7pm Mixed Darts 7pm	31 Mixed Darts 7pm Halloween 	



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2	3	4 Ladies Darts 7pm	5	6 Men's Darts 7pm	7 Mixed Darts 7pm Meals to Wheels	8 616 Remembrance Day
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16	17	18 Ladies Darts 7pm	19	20 Men's Darts 7pm	21 Mixed Darts 7pm Meals to Wheels	22 L.A. Zone team darts
23 Branch visit to the Perley	24	25 Ladies Darts 7pm	26	27 Men's Darts 7pm	28 Mixed Darts 7pm	29 Booked
30 LA Christmas Bazaar *	* TBC					

Senior's Social with Music

Enjoy listening to the Golden Oldies & **LIVE MUSIC BY SPECIAL GUESTS, Rob Gallant & Whiskey Mike!** & A special visit by Councillor Clarke Kelly!

BEST COSTUME PRIZE!

Sing, Dance, Move to the music! Mingle with other seniors and
enjoy a light lunch...
in a casual & private environment



This month's theme is: Special Halloween Party!

Sponsored by: **Brie & Penney Lane Farm & Karen McCrimmon MPP**

Thursday, Oct. 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at

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Open to all Seniors! Drop in or RSVP * Seniors with disabilities/dementia/Alzheimer's ect. must be accompanied by a Caregiver. Wheelchair accessible. For info please contact Organizer: Julie Maheral
Text: 613-914-4441 or Email: juliejax20101972@gmail.com