



*There is Strength and
Power in numbers*

Lantzville Legion

Branch 257



Dec 2017 – Feb 2018

The Royal Canadian Legion
Seaview Centennial

The Royal Canadian Legion Mission Statement

**Our mission is to serve Veterans,
which includes serving Military
and RCMP members and their families,
to promote Remembrance and to serve
our communities and our Country.**



Lantzville Branch welcomes you.

Hold your celebration or event here.

Reasonable hall rental rates for:
Weddings - Anniversaries - Showers
Birthdays - Staff Parties - and more

Dance Hall - BBQ's - Games Room - Horseshoes
Call **250-390-2108** or **250-390-2841**

Visit our website for upcoming events.

President's Message

Cde. Anne Marie Smith



This will be my last message as your President and I have a lot of thanks to mention. First of all to my Executive for the past year, you have all been wonderful and have done an excellent job of keeping the Branch functioning and doing it well. Next comes the kitchen staff lead by Lynda Taylor and her husband Bob! Without them our profits would be a lot lower than they are. They have worked tirelessly with the Paramedics and any other event that takes place in our Branch. Your service is greatly appreciated and thank you.

My thanks also to Clayton Williams and his staff for the excellent job of maintaining our building and the security that surrounds it. He keeps on top of anything that goes wrong and gets everything fixed quickly.

Thanks also goes to all the volunteers; bartenders, and meat draw personnel, ably supervised by Denise Palmer and Frank Mezzatesta. And, of course a huge thank you to Barry French and all his volunteers for an outstanding job as Poppy Chair this year. I know the work that has gone into this challenge and Barry rose to it!

I don't want to forget the Sgt. At Arms and the Padres, both have done great jobs all year. I have singled some of these

President's Message continued

members out as they Chair their committees and have a great responsibility doing so. If I have not mentioned your name I haven't forgotten your participation just running out of room.

I will be the Past President for the next year and will help Tom as much as possible and I know he will do a great job for all of you. Congratulations to all the elected Executive and I know you will all support Tom DeMarce, your new President.

It has been a great two years as your President and thank you all for your support.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year! Take care!

Anne Marie

Oct 2016 - Sept 2017

Poppy Trust

Total Donations: \$45,810.50

Total Expenditures: \$39,789.20



Oct 2016 - Sept 2017 Expenditure Details

Grants to Veterans: \$12,606.20 Bursaries: \$5,000.00
Veterans Dinners: \$1126.53 Donation to RCEL: \$2,000.00
BC Wildfire Fund: \$2,000.00
Donations to Cadet Corps: \$6,000.00
Donation to Compassion Service Dogs: \$2,000.00
Elevator Maintenance: \$1,000.00
Poppies, wreaths, campaign expenses: \$4,269.73
Poster and Literary Contest: \$1,587.52
BC/Yukon Command Assessment: \$2,049.22
Zone Assessment: \$150.00

Ladies Auxiliary President

Cde. Jean Brown



Our year is nearly over and I would like to thank the Members for electing me their President for one more Year.

This year has been very busy and I would like to thank the hard working members for volunteering their time to keep our annual commitments and supporting the Branch and the Veterans.

We also thank the Branch Members for their support and assistance when we put on various dinners and memorials.

Our annual Veterans Luncheon was a great success and the monies raised by the draws were donated to the Paediatric ward at the hospital.

We donated to The Loaves and Fishes campaign to support the annual Christmas hampers for families in need.

The Ladies Auxiliary wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2018.

Yours in comradeship,
Jean Brown, L.A. President

Membership Chairperson

Cde. Cindy Pleasance

"Love the giver more than the gift."

Brigham Young



I wish you laughter, love
The warm hearts of Family and Friends
Joy each and every day
Merry Christmas One and All
A Happy New Year
Cindy Pleasance, Membership

Paid Members for 2018

Life Members – 14

Ordinary Members – 83

Associate Members – 129

Affiliate Members – 33

Total Membership paid 259 of 469 Members.

Percentage of 2017 Membership is 55.22%.

Legion 2018 Executive

President: Tom De Marce

1st. Vice: Barry French

2nd. Vice: Clayton Williams

Treasurer: Kathy Stanton

Secretary: Penny Gordon

Sgt At Arms: Ralph Carlson

Executive Members:

Ways & Means: Jeanne Ackles-Cardinal

Poppy & Bursaries: Barry French

Bar Chairman: Frank Mezzatesta

Publicity: Denise Palmer

Sick & Visiting Rosalie Stenning

Ladies Auxiliary 2018 Executive

President: Jean Brown

1st. Vice: Wendy Forsyth

Treasurer: Gloria Dunbar

Secretary: Cathy Lakin

Sgt At Arms: Ann Marment

Executive Members:

Jean Winters

Maureen Wright

Judy Turner

Marilyn Pritchard

Previous Events

Minetown Day



Horseshoe Tournament with Bowser Branch #211



Octoberfest



Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the Octoberfest festivities.
Thank you to our volunteers.



Poppy Campaign



President Anne-Marie and Mayor Colin Haimé
First Poppy



Thank you to all of our Poppy Campaign Volunteers



Frank at Woodgrove Mall Poppy table



ance Day



Poppy Chairman's Report

Cde. Barry French



The poppy campaign appears to be a huge success. It started with a well attended flag raising ceremony where Mayor Haime received the first poppy of the Campaign. Thank you to those comrades who attended.

The public was very supportive of our mission to spread the message of remembrance throughout our community. The school children put on wonderful ceremonies to commemorate the efforts of veterans in numerous campaigns.

The Branch 257 poppy campaign has raised approximately \$45,000 so far this year. That is a commendable effort by our members.

The Remembrance Day ceremony was well attended by the community. Fortunately we had good weather for the ceremony. Thank you to Kip Henderson, Anne Marie Smith, Clayton Williams, Barry and Ginny Ostrand and Gary Peters for all your efforts to make it a memorable ceremony. The gang in the kitchen put on fabulous food throughout the day. Thank you to the organizers of the live music throughout the day. It was enjoyed by everyone.

This was a total branch effort to make the poppy campaign a success. I would also like to thank a number of members who spent a lot of time and effort throughout the campaign. Thank you to Vicki Jones for doing the phone tree. The mall captains, Kjell Petersen, Jim McEwan, Al Charnegie, Richard Chaley and Len Collinge spend numerous hours making sure the booths were well supplied and looked after. Don Chamberlain, Roy Cardinal, Anne Marie Smith, Penny Gordon and Tom and Joanne Whipps distributed and collected the cans.

Anne Don was a huge help counting the money and making the deposit slips. A letter of thank you will go out to a number of businesses who were so accommodating throughout the poppy campaign. I would specifically like to acknowledge the staff at the casino who were so helpful swapping out our coins. They were fabulous.

Lynn Hedekar, Carol Jepson, Linda French and myself spent yesterday afternoon marking essays and posters from the school children. There were at least 200 entries from the elementary schools and 63 essays from Dover Bay School. First place winners will be entered in the zone competition. As I mentioned this was a total branch effort and I apologize if I missed any names that should have been mentioned. It has truly been a rewarding experience to be the Poppy Campaign chairperson. We will be having meetings to discuss ways to make the 2018 poppy campaign even more successful.

Respectfully submitted.

B. French

Annual Veterans Luncheon hosted by #257 Ladies Auxiliary



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Weekly Events

Pool: Tues. @ 7:00 pm - Crib: Wed. @ 7:00 pm
Darts: Wed. @ 7:00 pm - Shuffleboard: Anytime
Horseshoes: Wed @ 3:30 pm

Chase The Ace

Every drink purchased enters you for a chance to
win the Chase the Ace **CASH JACKPOT!!**

Join us Saturday nights for your
chance to draw the Ace from the deck of cards.
Jackpot increases each time wrong card is drawn.

Meat Draw

Saturday afternoons from 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Regular and family pack tickets 3 for \$1
Family pack \$50 dollars of meat from Nesvog's
9 Regular meat draws.

Four "Special" meat draws, \$1 per ticket.

Ladies Auxiliary 50/50 Draw
3 tickets for \$1

Upcoming Events

New Years Eve Dinner & Dance



Featuring SID'S DJ

Sunday, December 31st

Time: 6:30pm - 1:00am

Advanced ticket sales only!!

Tickets are \$40 and available at the bar.

After Dec 22nd, tickets are \$45.

Robbie Burns Dinner

Saturday, January 27th 2018

Steve Hillis

Friday, February 9th 2018

Daughters of the Nile

Saturday, February 17th 2018

Sick and Visiting

Cde. Rosalie Stenning

My committee continues to pay visits to members that are in retirement homes, the hospital or are unwell at home.

We have sent out many cards wishing people well, we have also sent out a few bouquets.

I was contacted by The Brownie and Sparks groups who wish to make Christmas cards to be given to the people on our visitation lists. I encouraged them and said that we would be happy to deliver them. The cards will be delivered to the Legion office and I will distribute them to the committee to pass on to those on our lists.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Stenning

Service Officer

Cde. Rob Hutchison

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The "Service Officer" is a most important position in any Legion. If you, ex- service member or dependent, have a concern you would like addressed, he is available for consultation.

Sports and Youth

Cde. Tom De Marce



Our Grey Gup event was a great success and all the other sporting events throughout the year were lots of fun.

Unfortunately in the horseshoe tournament we came in a respectable second place against Bowser. Thank you to everyone that came out to participate and support both branch teams.

Tom DeMarce
Sports and Youth
Chairperson

Maintenance

Cde. Clayton Williams



The roof over the lounge has been repaired and another fence panel has been replaced.

We did the annual yard cleanup on Nov.5th and I would like to thank everyone who showed up to help.

I am looking into having a water flow sensor installed at the main shutoff valve to stop any potential flood from faulty plumbing as per the request by our insurance company.

Clayton Williams



Obituary

Norm Baildham - #256 Past President

Victor Eaton - Member since 1998

Diana Harvey-Smith - #257 LA Past President

John Mackenzie - Member since 2009

Branch Contact

BAR (250) 390-2841

OFFICE (250) 390-2108

Branch Monthly Meetings

3rd Monday at 7pm

Except July and August

The meeting minutes are always available on the notice board

To become a Legion Member:

Legion members no longer are required to have served in the
Armed Forces.

Membership is open to any Canadian over 18.

Have you volunteered?

If you are interested, please call the branch office.