

BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTHLY

3rd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

Except July & August



## The

# Lantzville Legion

Branch 257



## DEC. - FEB. 2016/17

### THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Seaview Centennial

#### Royal Canadian Legion SEAVIEW CENTENNIAL BR. 257 2016 EXECUTIVE

President: Anne Marie Smith Past Pres: Barry Ostrand 1st. Vice: Jim McEwan 2nd. Vice: Clayton Williams Treasurer: Kathy Stanton Secretary: Penny Gordon Service Officer: R. Hutchison Honorary Pres. "Bob" Rogers

Executive Members: Tom de Marce T. "Bud" Klien Georgina Rosewall Kjell Pedersen Jeanne Ackles-Cardinal Barry French Vicki Jones (Chair) Sgt. @ Arms: Bill Wilken

#### Royal Canadian Legion Br. 257 Ladies Auxiliary 2016 EXECUTIVE

President: Jean Brown 1st Vice: Kathy Lakin Treasurer: Gloria Dunbar Secretary: E. Breingan

Executive Members: Mary Bowman Wendy Forsyth Jean Knighton Sgt. @ Arms: Ann Marment

"HALL RENTALS"

Parties, Dances, Meetings Reasonable Rates Call: (250) 751-2285

## <u>The Royal Canadian Legion</u> <u>Mission Statement</u>

"OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE VETERANS, WHICH INCLUDES SERVING MILITARY AND RCMP MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO PROMOTE REMEM-BRANCE AND TO SERVE OUR COM-MUNITIES AND OUR COUNTRY."





#### "OBITUARY"

Ronald Gladstone Canadian Army 1955 — 1983

#### **Sports** Cde. Tom De Marce

On November 19th & 20th Branch 257 hosted the 2016 "Zone" Crib Play downs. This was a successful event. Winners for the event were Port Alberni, Parksville and Comox Branches.

November 27th our Branch held a "Grey Cup" party in the lounge. This was also a very successful event. Door prizes at the end of each quarter and half time were handed out. In addition winners of the Score Board sheet were announced. Score Board sheet winners were 1st quarter (Roy Cardinal), half time (Roy Cardinal), 3rd quarter (Bob Taylor), final game score (Denise Palmer).

The "Sports & Youth Department along with The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 257 would whole heartedly like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations on making this event successful.

Lantzville Village Pub
Milano's Resta;urant
Simon Holt
Little Ceasars

Millers Pub Browns Social House Panago Pizza Sub Way

#### 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.



## 2016 - POPPY FUND

#### Where does the money go?

Many members of the public as well as Legion members ask "Where does the money go?" The "Poppy Manual" as provided by Dominion Command is very explicit on where the Poppy Funds are allowed to be expended. Hereunder are the expenses according to the "Treasurers" accounts of Br. 257.

Grants to Veterans and/or Dependents	\$ 1576.75
Veterans Dinners	4255.35
Bursaries	6000.00
Cadets, Navy, Army & Airforce	6000.00
Royal Canadian Ex-Serviceman League	2000.00
Cockrell House (Veterans Care)	2000.00
Branch Handicap Washroom (upgrade)	1120.16
Defibulator (Maintenance)	215.88
Elevator Maintenance	820.04
Poppy Campaign Exp. (Poppies, Wreaths	s) 5639 <b>.</b> 98
Poster, Literary Contest Prises (Schools)	1000.00
BC/Yukon Command Assessment	1814.92
Central V.I. Zone Assessment	150.00
Bank Charges	15.00
Total	\$42608.08

It is important to know that "Expenses" involving any individual or persons receiving assistance from the "Poppy Fund" are kept completely anonymous, with the exception of the "Branch" Service Officer.

## President's Message

Cde. Anne Marie Smith



Comrades: Another year is coming to a close quite quickly and it is amazing how fast they go by.

Thank you all for allowing me to be your President for one more year. A big thanks to the Executive for the past year and welcome to the new one. We have new faces and new ideas for 2017 and I expect it will be a very successful year.

I'm always looking for suggestions as to things you would like to see happen next year (2017) so please don't hesitate to contact me either in the office or at home.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year. May all your dreams and wishes come true!

### **1st VICE-PRESIDENT**



Cde Jim McEwan

Friends & Comrades: You may now be aware that I have decided to retire from the Branch Executive. There will be a new "publicity" person for the year 2017. Whomever it is, I wish them well and good success in the portfolio. I also hope and trust that the new 1st Vice-President, Cde. Tom De Marce will find his role interesting and challenging.

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## **Ladies Auxiliary**



Cde. Jean Brown President

We have been very busy in the last couple of months with a Pancake Breakfast, two Memorials, two Roast Beef Dinners and our annual Veterans Turkey Dinner.

December is looking busy with Christmas Parties and Elections.

We made our annual donation to the Salvation Army and Loaves and Fishes to help with hampers for needy families.

Our Christmas Raffle monies was used to give a donation to the Pedestriacs SP2 Ward.

Our Christmas dutch treat lunch was held at Simon Holt's. Very enjoyable.

The Ladies Auxiliary wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

## **Membership Chair**



Cde. Georgina Rosewall

I have been in my position on the executive since 1995. They have been good, rewarding years that have seen the Branch grow in size and numbers. My retirement from the Executive does not mean I am going away. I will still be around to greet the many members I have come to know over the years. My successor in the "membership" role is Cindy Pleasance and is very capable and enthusiastic. Thank you all. "CHASE THE ACE" CHOOSE IT FROM THE DECK AND YOU COULD WIN BIG ! WATCH FOR IT ON FRIDAYS AT MUSIC POKER AND FOLLOWING THE MEAT DRAW SATURDAYS.



## **New Year's Eve**

WILLIAMS - CHELL DJ

**ROAST BEEF DINNER** 

#### Formal & Semi-Formal Dress

**Time: 6:00 - 1:00 am.** 

\$35 / person (price increase to \$40 Dec. 22)



#### **RABBIE BURNS NITE**

SUN., JANUARY 22

"WATCH FOR DETAILS"



#### **"ON GOING EVENTS"**

Pool - Tues. @ 7:00 p.m. Crib - Wed. @ 7:00 p.m. Darts - Wed. @ 7:00 p.m. Shuffleboard - Anytime

> Meat Draws Saturdays @ 3:30 Lots of "GREAT" Prizes

50/50 Draw by L.A.

#### MUSIC POKER LOTS OF FUN & PRIZES FRIDAY NIGHTS FROM 6-10 P.M.

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR \$10.00

COME AND MEET NEW FRIENDS AND CHALENGE YOUR MUSIC SKILLS



# Poppy Chairman

The 2016 Poppy Campaign was a huge success raising over \$45,000 and spreading the messages of peace and remembrance throughout our community.

Once again the business community came through allowing us to set up booths and place poppy trays throughout the area. A huge thank you to everyone from the mall captains to the members doing the phoning and counting the money. It was a rewarding experience attending the school assemblies watching our youth pay respect to the fallen. There are over 200 entrants in the essay, poster and poetry contest. Winners will be notified this month. The work begins now to identify and help veterans in need of assistance. It truly has been a gratifying experience being the Poppy Campaign chairperson. Thank you again to everyone who participated in such a worthwhile endeavour.

## Maintenance

Cde. Clayton Williams Cde. Kjel Pedersen



As you may know Kjel Pedersen has decided to retire from the "Executive" at the end of 2016. As chairman of the Maintenance Committee, I would take this opportunity to thank him for his involvement in maintenance activities during 2016. Roy Cardinal, Kip Henderson and Kjel have been the backbone of the many changes and maintenance activities that were accomplished during the year.. Thanks Guys!

## YOUR NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE 2017

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**Executive Members:** Jeanne Ackles-Cardinal Barry French Cindy Pleasance Victor Giroux Denise Palmer Marjorie Pelton

#### **QUOTATION**

Learn from yesterday, live for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.

- - ALBERT EINSTEIN - -

#### **BR. 257 - A FEW DONATIONS**



\$500 Lantzville Vol. Fire Dept.



\$300 Upper Island Music Festival Society



\$1500 2422 Cdn. Scottish Anmy Cadets





\$1000 205 Collishaw Air Cadet Squadron

\$1000 HMCS Amphion Navy Cadets