



*There is Strength and
Power in numbers*

Lantzville Legion

Branch #257



June – August 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.

www.lantzvillelegion.com

Legion 2018 Executive

President: Tom De Marce
1st. Vice: Barry Ostrand
2nd. Vice: Clayton Williams
Treasurer: Kathy Stanton
Secretary: Penny Gordon
Sgt At Arms: Jim McEwan

Executive Members:

Ways & Means: Jeanne Ackles-Cardinal
Poppy & Bursaries: Barry French
Bar Chairman: Frank Mezzatesta
Publicity: Denise Palmer
Sick & Visiting Rosalie Stenning
Membership: Cindy Pleasance

Ladies Auxiliary 2018 Executive

President: Jean Brown
1st. Vice: Wendy Forsyth
Treasurer: Gloria Dunbar
Secretary: Lori Winters
Sgt At Arms: Ann Marment

Executive Members:

Jean Winters
Maureen Wright
Judy Turner
Marilyn Pritchard

Ladies Auxiliary President

Cde. Jean Brown



The Ladies Auxiliary are keeping busy with memorials, dinners after the meat draws, Honours and Awards, the Father's Day BBQ and assisting the branch with the meat draws. We have our 50/50 draw every Saturday, which helps us donate to various charities.

Our Ladies Night Out raffle assisted the PTSD Vets with food vouchers and gas cards.

We approved a new members since our last report and one transfer in from Kitimat but unfortunately we have lost another long time member, Dianne Kingsnorth.

We had our zone meeting in Port Alberni and six of our members attended.

Our zone commander, Sue Hodges attended our last meeting doing her official visit and was please to see how well we work with our branch.

We are planning our summer wind-up on August 18th and hopefully be rested when we start up again in September.

Have a wonderful summer everyone,
Jean Brown, L.A. President

Membership Chairperson

Cde. Cindy Pleasance

Membership:

Did you know that there are benefits for Members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Medipac Travel Insurance provides Legion members with extensive benefits and comprehensive travel insurance protection for trips outside Canada as well as out-of-province travel within Canada.

HearingLife Canada, ListenUP! Canada & their National Affiliated Partners are proud to provide exclusive hearing health care benefits to members of The Royal Canadian Legion.

To know more about affiliated organizations use the link:

<http://www.legion.ca/who-we-are/affiliated-organizations/member-benefit-partners>

Need help accessing your membership information, call the office and I can set aside time to help with your membership questions.

Cindy Pleasance,
Membership Chair

Poppy Chairman's Report

Cde. Barry French



Branch 257 is very proud to announce we have a national winner in the Essay, Poster and Poetry contest this year. Morgan Flint, a Grade Seven student from Randerson Ridge School won the National Intermediate Essay contest. She was presented with a plaque and cheque at the May 21st general meeting.

Eunsol Kim a grade twelve student from Dover Bay School also made it to the national final in the Senior Essay contest. We are very proud to have two national finalists from our branch.

The branch will be handing out two bursaries to deserving students this year. A presentation will be made at the Nanaimo Schools Foundation event June 12th. Thank you to Tom Demarce and Vicki Jones for attending this event.

Preparations are under way for the 2018 poppy campaign. This Remembrance Day will be the 100th anniversary to mark the end of World War I. We will be calling on volunteers soon to help ensure this Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day is a huge success.

Lest We Forget.

Barry French

National Intermediate Essay contest 2017/2018



Morgan Flint

A copy of the essay Morgan submitted is available on pages 8 - 9



Brian Edy & Bev Taylor, Kent & Kelly Flint, Linda & Roy Flint

Dear Father,

Not a day goes by that I'm not thinking about you. It's been sixteen months since you left for the war and I fear I will never see you again. I can barely remember the sound of your voice. I read the last letter you sent us every night before I go to bed. It calms me to see your handwriting.

Two nights ago a letter boy went to Mrs. Patterson's house informing her that she lost her son in the war. She hasn't left her home since. I don't ever want to see a letter boy at our front door. Uncle George lost his leg in battle, so they allowed him to come home. It's good to see him but he has been distant and he doesn't talk much anymore. He misses you. We all do.

My friend Diana wasn't at school again yesterday. Last week she learned her older brother Walter was killed in the war. She was so close to him.....I can't imagine the pain that she and her family are going through.

There's a new girl in our class from Liverpool, England. Her town was bombed so her parents sent her to live in Canada. She is staying here until the war is over. The stories she tells us about the war are so sad and scary. I'm so thankful the war hasn't come over to Canada.

Mother has started to work again. She's spending long hours on the assembly line in the munition factory. I can tell she is so tired when she gets home from work. She has large dark rings under her eyes and I know she is missing you dearly. She doesn't laugh like she use to.

With Mother always at work, I try to help out around the house. I've been cooking, cleaning, and looking after Sandra, Edward, and Robert. Baby Robert is getting so much bigger. I can't wait for you to meet him. Sandy and Edward are too young to help much around the house but I know they're doing their best.

Nana and Papa moved in to help us. Nana taught me to knit. We made socks, scarves, and hats this past winter and

donated them to the troops. This spring we're going to plant a Victory Garden. Papa thinks carrots and tomatoes will grow really well in this soil. We don't know when we will have sugar again. Last week I used some of my savings to purchase war stamps. I hope it helps you and the other troops.

I'm trying my best to look after everyone like I promised you....but it's just really hard. I can't wait for the war to be over so you can come home and we can be together again. I'm so proud of you and everything you are doing for us and our country.

I love you so much Father. Be safe.

Love, Dorothy

Written by:

Morgan Flint



Micheline Sen, Tom DeMarce, Mrs. Adelborg, Morgan Flint, Barry French, Roy Cardinal

Ladies Night Out 4



Terry Jensen
Winner of \$600 Keller's Jewelers



45th Anniversary



Previous Events

Red Skelton Comedy Tribute Show



Everyone enjoyed the dinner hosted by the Legion, thank you to the volunteers.

Thank you Al Greenwood, for the fun and lots of laughs
Thanks for the memories.

Mother's Day Breakfast



Thank you to all the volunteers for a great breakfast



Acknowledgements



Eunsol Kim

National Finalist in the Senior Essay Contest

2017/2018:

Grade twelve student from Dover Bay School
Congratulations Eunsol!!

Legion Member Tom Whipps

April 25, 2018 was presented at the Government House in
Victoria with the
British Columbia Community Achievement Award.
Congratulations Tom, on this well-deserved honour.



Legion Members Steve Benson & Mike Brenton

Represented Branch #257 at the Central Vancouver Island
Zone Dart Tournament, winning the CVIZ Dart Doubles
Congratulations!!! Steve & Mike

Weekly Events

Pool: Tues. @ 7:00 pm - Crib: Wed. @ 7:00 pm

Darts: Wed. @ 7:00 pm - Shuffleboard: Anytime

Horseshoes: Wed @ 4:00 pm

Come out and join our horseshoe practices in preparation for the upcoming **Annual Tournament against Bowser Legion.**

Everyone Welcome!!

Chase The Joker

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

Join us Saturday nights for your chance to draw the Joker from the deck of cards. Jackpot increases each time the joker is not drawn.

Meat Draw

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

Regular, Family & Breakfast pack tickets 3 for \$1

9 Regular meat draws

Family pack \$50 dollars of meat from Nesvog's

Breakfast pack \$30 of meat from Meat Craft

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

Upcoming Events

Honours & Awards

Saturday, June 9th

Presentation at 1:00pm in the Upstairs hall
Refreshments and snacks to follow downstairs
in the Rosewall Lounge

LA Father's Day BBQ

Saturday, June 16th

Choice of Steak or Chicken
Dinner served after the Meat Draw
Tickets are \$12 and available at the bar

Canada Day

Sunday, July 1st



8am - 10am Pancake Breakfast (by donations)

10:30am Children's Bike Parade & Races

12pm Magician: Phil Taylor

12pm - 2pm Burgers & Hotdogs (by donations)

6pm Dinner & Dance

Ticket are \$20 and advanced tickets only

Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 8th

Pryde Vista Golf Course

Sign up sheet available on the lounge noticeboard,
please sign up by **Tuesday, July 3rd**

\$45 per player for golf and Steak or Chicken lunch

If interested in joining us for lunch, tickets are \$20

Tickets are available at the bar



Legion Week June 22 to 29



Branch #257 60th Anniversary Gala

To celebrate 60 years of Service to our Veterans and our Community

Friday, June 22nd

Cocktails at 6:00pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

Dress Code: Military DEU 1A & Civilian Business or Semi-Formal

Tickets are \$20 and available at the bar

Advanced ticket sales only

Charitable Organization Open House

Saturday, June 23rd

10am - 2pm

This event is an information fair where organizations the Legion sponsors or donates to can set up a booth to display what they do, and solicit or recruit volunteers.

There will be a light lunch served after the event.

Veteran's Luncheon

Wednesday, June 27th - 2pm

Veterans, Spouses, Widows, Widowers & Caregivers are free,

Other Guests are \$15

Signup sheet available on the noticeboard.

Please sign up before June 23rd

Sports and Youth

Cde. Barry Ostrand

Sports activities for the year started off with the Super Bowl Party, February 4th. A good turnout of Members enjoyed the game, a sumptuous meal and lots of prizes.

The branch golf tournament is scheduled for July 8th at Pride Vista, to be followed by a meal at the Branch. Tickets are \$45 person, The team sign up sheet is now available on the notice board in the lounge, please sign your team up.

Stay tuned for a date for hosting our grudge horseshoe match with Bowser. In the meantime, I urge our 257 horseshoe players to get in lots of practice which commences May 23 and is every Wednesday at 4pm weather permitting.

Snooker, cribbage, darts and shuffleboard scheduled events are finished for the season. However, everyone is welcome to make use of the dart boards, snooker table and shuffleboard at anytime.

Yours in comradeship,
Barry Ostrand

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.

Ways and Means

Cde. Jeanne Ackles-Cardinal

The Branch fundraiser held on April 21st for the purchase of new round tables was very successful and we raised enough funds to buy all the tables and tablecloths. Thank you to the volunteers for your hard work in organizing the event and meal.

On Sunday May 13th we hosted a Mother's Day breakfast that was put on by some of our men members, was a great success with 69 adults and 9 children attending. Thank you to the volunteers for the wonderful breakfast.

Coming up on Saturday June 9th is the joint Honours and Awards, ceremony starting at 1pm and snacks served afterwards.

June 22nd through 29th is Legion Week!!!!

On Saturday June 23rd we are hosting a Charitable Organization Open House. The event is going to be an information fair where organizations the Legion sponsors or donates to can set up a booth to display what they do, and solicit or recruit volunteers.

We will be sending out invitations and advertising for this event, we have also asked each group/organization to use their own social media to promote the open house.

Wednesday June 27th is the Veteran's luncheon.

Veterans, spouses, widows, widowers and caregivers are free.

Other guests are \$15, please sign up on the notice board in the lounge.

Friday June 22nd will be Branch #257 60th Anniversary Dinner Gala. Tickets are \$20 per person and dress code is Military DEU 1A, Civilian Business or semi-formal.

Our Zone is organizing a fundraiser for the Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs, please watch the lounge notice board for further details.

Yours in comradeship,
Jeanne Ackles-Cardinal



Obituary

Dianne Kingsnorth
Long time LA Member and Legion
Volunteer bartender

Helen Sponaugle
Member since 1998, long time community volunteer

Branch Contact

BAR (250) 390-2841
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Branch Monthly Meetings

3rd Monday at 7pm
Except July and August

The meeting minutes are always available on the notice board
in the lounge.

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.