# Royal Canadian Legion

Brighton Branch 100

# Centurion

Newsletter Fall 2018 Issue

'A TIME TO REMEMBER - LEST WE FORGET'



'NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WECOME'

# President's Message







**President Stew Sharp** 

Greetings to all Branch 100 Members.

I hope you have enjoyed the "hot" summer. With fall coming and all of our leagues starting, the Branch will start to get busier. Our Bar has Shawn move away and she will be missed. We now have two new bartenders with Bev and John joining us. Be sure to drop by and say hello to them. Our Casey Corbett golf tournament was a great success.

As of September 15th we have a new Membership Chair Judy Fleiger. All inquiries directed to her at 613-475-8973.

See you around the Branch . . . . . Comrade Stew





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# **Executive Notice**

#### This Fall 2018 Newsletter is the final issue of the 'CENTURION'.

In January 2019, consideration is being given for the creation of a one page monthly newsletter called 'The Dispatch'. Distribution of 'The Dispatch' would be the Branch 100 Facebook site; emailed to members; and, a few printed copies would be available in the Club Room.

# Executive Reports

#### 1st Vice President's Message – Brian MacKenzie

Summer is over, most of us will not miss the very hot & humid times. The Branch is back to full hours including Monday evenings due to Ladies darts who had a nice turnout to start the new season. Candle & Poppy times have arrived. Remember your obligation to these functions, even an hour or two helps our Veterans & their families. We recently lost one of our dedicated bartenders, we wish her all the best in her new endeavors. Our two new bartenders, Bev & John are fitting in quite nicely, come out & say Hi. Our Catch the Ace is up & running for the 4th time, our last Progressive Jackpot to the winner was \$7,754.50. This lottery type game is open to the Public & governed by OLG rules; drop by the branch, see the bartender for tickets & rules. Looking forward to seeing all out & about at the Branch. . . Yours in Comradeship, Brian.

#### Sick and Visiting – Cheryl Langevin

There are three unwell comrades posted on the board. Please continue to visit. Visits are enjoyed by all. Continue to look at the boards, in the bar, for updates on your fellow comrades. If you have a family member or friend who is in hospital or ill, please call the Legion/Bar at 613 475 1044, to let us know or you may call Cheryl at 613 475 9967. Due to Privacy Laws, the family should call or be aware that you are calling for them. This includes sympathy cards. I telephone all sick or ill members/families prior to sending a card or gift to ensure that I have the correct information. Have you had your FLU shot?

#### Ways and Means Committee - Kathie Woodcox

The Ways and Means team is off to a great start for the Fall season. The Applefest pub night dinner/dance tickets sold out in 7 days. These dinner/dances bring in extra revenue to the branch each month and the support of the members and community is vital. The team works hard to plan their monthly events to provide great dinner and excellent music. So keep in mind to purchase events tickets quickly. We are always looking for new members to help out, so if you are interested please leave your name and phone number at the bar.

#### **Pubic Relations** – *Kathie Woodcox*

A reminder to the membership that the Branch events are posted on the large outside bulletin board, on the Facebook page, on the local radio station *Myfm* 100.9 and on their webpage of events, in the two local weekly newspapers, in the quinte area in the Coffee News, as well as on posters placed at various locations around Brighton. I also advertise by placing information with the local Welcome Wagon organization.

#### Sports – Kevin Taylor



Legion Week Winners of Thursday Night Euchre



Thursday Night Men's Dart League Champs from left to right is Roger Koebel, Manny Ajayi, Dave Rittwage, Jason Garrison

## **Sports** – *Kevin Taylor*

#### **Legion Week Winners**



Dart Night left to right Linda Rittwage Ladies high score 121, Kevin Taylor Mens Best Record 6 wins 0 loses, also won men's high score 123, Lisa Amos Ladies Best Record 5 wins 1 lose



Cribbage Night Lisa Amos 5 wins 95 points



April 8 2018 we had the Marj Varley Memorial Dart Tournament winning that tournament was from left to right Dave Dunk (Grandchild of Marj) Lisa Valks, Mike Clarke, Tama Tucker (Grandchild of Marj) Karen Roche, Norm Henry Jr



**Casey Corbett Tournament Winners** Stew Sharp, Chuck McLeod, Ken Strausse, Brian Clark



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Pat Sine





Closest to the pin winner on the ladies hole Arlene Boers, Dustin Patterson took the closest to the pin on the men's hole



Dave Rittwage (left), Dan Armstrong (right), Congratulations to the gentleman winning Zone and District Washer Toss, Brighton Branch 100 will be hosting zone and district washer toss this upcoming season



Thursday Night Men's Dart League Playoff Champs from right to left Jim Cummings, Dan Armstrong, Jim Emptage, Brian Mackenzie

# World War I Armistice on November 11th, 1918

The **Armistice of November 11<sup>th</sup>**, **1918** was the armistice that ended fighting on land, sea and air in World War I between the Allies and their opponent, Germany. Previous armistices had eliminated Bulgaria, the Ottoman Empire and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Also known as the **Armistice of Compiègne** from the place where it was signed, it came into force at 11 a.m. Paris time on November 11, 1918 ("the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month") and marked a victory for the Allies and a complete defeat for Germany, although not formally a surrender.

The actual terms, largely written by the Allied Supreme Commander, Marshal Ferdinand Fosh, included the cessation of hostilities, the withdrawal of German forces to behind the Rhine, Allied occupation of the Rhineland and bridgeheads further east, the preservation of infrastructure, the surrender of aircraft, warships, and military material, the release of Allied prisoners of war and interned civilians, and eventual reparations. No release of German prisoners and no relaxation of the naval blockade of Germany was agreed to.

Although the armistice ended the fighting, it needed to be prolonged three times until the Treaty of Versailles, which was signed on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1919, took effect on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1920.



Photograph taken in the Forest of Campiègne after reaching an agreement for the 1918 Armistice

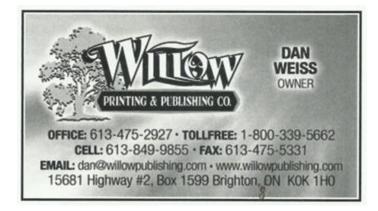
# Consider Playing 'Catch the Ace'



Draw will take place every Friday at 5PM in the Brighton Legion Branch 100 Club Room (lower level), 25 Park Street

Ticket Price: \$5.00

- ► Tickets are only available at the Club Room Bar.
- ► Price: \$5.00 per play.
- ► Non-Legion Members can participate.
- ► Weekly Draw Friday @ 5PM
  - Prize: 20% of weekly ticket sales.
- ➤ 30% of weekly sales goes into the cumulative pot until the ace of spades is drawn.
- ► In early September a legion member won almost \$8,000.00





# The Royal Canadian Legion



# The Annual Candlelight Vigil

November 10th @ 6:30PM at Branch 100 on Park Street Service at 7:00PM in Memorial Park



# Poppy Campaign



November 11th - 10:30AM Remembrance Day Service in Memorial Park

This November obtain a poppy, dedicate a candle or wreath to perpetuate

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by ensuring that the memory and sacrifices of our veterans are never forgotten.







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Month 6:30 to 9:30PM



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Enjoy a Great Evening of *Karaoke* every third Saturday of the month at 7PM.

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## **Branch 100 Curator Report**

Not long ago our two display cabinets were cleaned & material rearranged. There are some interesting articles to be seen. Should you or someone you know have an item that would make our small display more appealing please bring it to me for consideration. We are very proud to display Military Medals, rather than see them fall into the hands of vendors at flea markets or such venues.

Yours in Comradeship . . . . Brian MacKenzie



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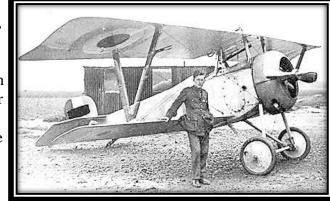
February 8, 1894 to September 11, 1956

# Canadian Flying Ace - - - Billy Bishop

Billy became a fighter pilot in 1916; was a Canadian flying ace of the First World War; known for his crack shot. Canada did not have their own air force, so pilots had to

join the British Royal Flying Corps. Bishop was awarded a Victoria Cross, the highest honour for bravery and he became an Air Marshal. He was officially credited with shooting down 72 enemy planes, more than any other allied fighter pilots making him the top Canadian and British Empire ace of the war. According to one

American ace, "Billy was a man incapable of fear". By 1918, 40% of



RAF pilots were Canadian. During the second World War, Bishop was instrumental in setting up and promoting the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.





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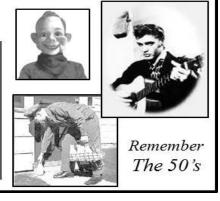
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#### "Memories Corner"





Remembrance

# Branch 100 Poppy Report 2017- 2018

I would like to thank all our volunteers and the residents of the Brighton Community that made the Poppy Campaign for 2017-18 a success. Our Branch Poppy Fund for the financial year 01 October 2017 to 31 September 2018 started with \$8,921.39. As a result of your efforts we received \$19,688.65 in donations. That established an account balance of \$28,610.04 for us to support our Veterans and our Community. Poppy campaign expenses and donations during the year totaled \$18,952.05.

With those funds we donated to various support groups including \$3,000 to the Ontario Command "Leave the Streets Behind" campaign, a campaign that helps Veterans leave the dangerous life on the streets and move into a future they deserve. We have also donated \$2,500 to the District "F" Hospital Trust Fund, \$3,000 to the District "F" Charitable Foundation, \$3,000 to the Royal Canadian Army Cadets and \$1,000 to Community Care Northumberland, all of which help us support our Veterans. We now have a balance of \$9,657.99 to start our next financial year.

To make this year another success **We** need more volunteers so please contact me at 613-475-4467. Again thank you all for your time and efforts to support our Community and the Veterans that have, and continue to, serve us.



Lest We Forget

Bob MacKay, Poppy Chairman, RCL Brighton Branch 100

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# John McCrae Statue Honours Veterans

The Canadian doctor who penned the poem "In Flanders Fields" in the midst of one of the bitterest battles of the First World War has been commemorated in Ottawa with a statue. The statue of Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae was unveiled during a ceremony in Green Island Park. It features McCrae sitting, writing the poem, with poppies at his feet.









# **Branch 100 Provincial Service Officer**

Comes to 8 Wing the third Friday monthly in the morning. Veterans wishing an interview should contact comrade Paul Langevin, the Branch service officer who will arrange an appointment.



# Ask a Friend . . .

Membership is open to veteran and non-veteran who will support the aims and objects of the The Royal Canadian Legion.

Reasons for Considering Membership

Service, Friendship, Family, Ethics, Leadership...

# NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME'

Join us at one of our Friday social events,

Saturday meat draw, darts, pool, cribbage, euchre, etc... for lots of friendly fun... our facility is handicap accessible.

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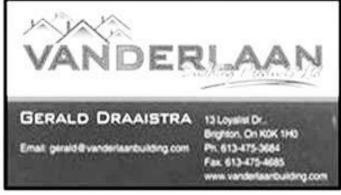


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# The Poppy Campaign History



Each November, Poppies blossom on the lapels and collars of over half of Canada's entire population. Since 1921, the Poppy has stood as a symbol of Remembrance, our visual pledge to never forget all those Canadians who have fallen in war and military operations. The Poppy also stands internationally as a "symbol of collective reminiscence", as other countries have also adopted its image to honour those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

This significance of the Poppy can be traced to international origins.

The association of the Poppy to those who had been killed in war has existed since the Napoleonic Wars in the 19th century, over 110 years before being adopted in Canada. There exists a record from that time of how thickly Poppies grew over the graves of soldiers in the area of Flanders, France. This early connection between the Poppy and battlefield deaths described how fields that were barren before the battles exploded with the blood-red flowers after the fighting ended.

Just prior to the First World War, few Poppies grew in Flanders. During the tremendous bombardments of that war, the chalk soils became rich in lime from rubble, allowing "popaver rhoes" to thrive. When the war ended, the lime was quickly absorbed and the Poppy began to disappear again.

The person who was responsible more than any other for the adoption of the Poppy as a symbol of Remembrance in Canada and the Commonwealth was Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian Medical Officer during the First World War.



It is the responsibility of every able body Legion member to actively support and participate in the Annual Poppy Campaign.

#### We are the Guardians of Remembrance



# The Torch

The Torch symbol at the top of the south face of the War and Peacekeeping Cenotaph in Memorial Park symbolizes the freedom, justice and honour for which our soldiers fought and died.

The young Brighton
1 Can Para Army
Cadets Corp 100
have pledged to hold the Torch
high. The cadets played a pivotal
role in the October 20th, 2012
Dedication Ceremony as the
Torch of Remembrance
was passed from
generation to generation.



# The WRENS – Outstanding Service

- Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service -

This article was written by Fran Martin as a series of stories for The Brighton Gazette in the early 2002 period



Some early ground breakers for the Canadian women's movement gathered in Halifax's Grand Parade April 29 this year (2002) to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service. More than 50 former Wrens, as they were referred to almost immediately after the WRCNS was stood up, participated in a commemorative parade and flag raising ceremony. The weather was East Coast spring at its worst - cold, blustery, and wet - but the Wrens scoffed at the suggestion that the ceremonies be moved indoors. They'd marched in worse than that, they agreed.

The WRCNS was established in 1942 to free up badly needed sailors for sea duty. Wrens performed duties that in the Second World War era were utterly non-traditional for women. They maintained anti-submarine equipment and aircraft: they practically took over East Coast cryptography, communications, signaling, and wireless telegraphy, and contributed in many other fields; and they earned the reputation for being able to drive anything over any kind of road in any weather, all in support of the war effort. Of the 6,665 who served during the Second World War, about 1,000 served overseas, many in Northern Ireland and Scotland, and more than 500 in Newfoundland, the island nation of Canada's East Coast still four years away from becoming a province. "You helped shape the women's movement for the last 30 years. You were, I believe, trailblazers, pathfinders," said Rear-Admiral Bruce MacLean, Commander MARLANT. "You had an important influence on two generations of daughters".

The mayor of Halifax thanked them for their outstanding service to our country in wartime, and throughout their lives as active community members. Marching with the Wrens were female members of MARLANT (Maritime Forces Atlantic), Halifax Regional Police, and the RCMP, as well as a Royal Canadian Legion Colour Guard and a contingent from the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires. Each one of these Wrens have a story to tell and, like all the men who were in combat, remember it as if it was yesterday.

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# The Importance of Giving Back

Your Legion Branch is a non-profit organization assuming the responsibility of maintaining the tradition of Remembrance of those who paid the supreme sacrifice by defending our great nation in past and present conflicts, so that we as Canadians can live in the freedom that we enjoy today!

Your Branch continues to support and represent our Veterans of past and present with many benefits as a result of the determination of our dedicated members.

Your Branch works together with their affiliated organization, the Ladies Auxiliary, to raise funds in support of the numerous programs benefiting our Veterans, seniors and youth within our community.

Your Branch will only survive if it's members **VOLUNTEER** to support the various Branch and Ladies Auxiliary fund raising projects . . . offering to perform a service willingly and without pay will result in an immense amount of personal satisfaction.

Remember, the number one reason to volunteer isn't about you at all . . . it's about others. It's about giving back to your Branch, the veterans, our community and the youth in it.

# **Branch 100 History**

Brighton Legion has a long and celebrated history. Before the Legion became a Legion it was called a Branch of the Great War Veterans Association. A club was formed in Brighton in 1924. In the early days this club met in the Orange Hall. It was in 1931 that the Brighton club received its charter and became the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Branch 100.

With the end of the Second World War and the return of the service men and women, the Legion grew rapidly. By 1947 the younger veterans were in the majority. The meetings were held in the Oddfellows Hall above Scanlons' Drug Store. This was too small, so it was decided that a Legion Hall should be built.

Scotty and Ruth Broughton had a 10 room house on the corner of Park and Division Streets. Scotty offered this property to the Legion for \$1. At a meeting in April 1949, it was decided to accept the generous offer of Scotty and build the Legion Hall at this location. Within a week first sod was turned. It is to the everlasting credit of the returned veterans that there were no monies expended on wages, the hall being built entirely by volunteer labor.

The branch held its first meeting in the basement of the hall on Nov. 11, 1949 on a dirt floor. The hall was dedicated Nov. 19, 1951.

# **Peace Keeping and the Nobel Peace Prize**

In 1956, in the crucible of the Suez Crisis, Canadian L.B. Pearson invented United Nations peacekeeping. The Canadian foreign minister did not do so alone, and peacekeeping as it evolved was not exactly what he had in mind. Yet the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), which resulted from his persuasive diplomacy, set a precedent and a pattern. **Pearson won a Nobel Peace Prize** for UNEF, and the force was led by a Canadian general, E. L. M. Burns.

Then in 1988, the **Nobel Peace Prize was awarded collectively to UN peacekeepers** in recognition of their historic efforts to limit violence and promote peace. Canada has always been one of the world's most committed peacekeeping nations. In a small way, every Canadian can share in the honour the Nobel Prize confers on the peacekeepers of the world, including Canada's peacekeepers.

# ARMY CADETS CORPS 100

#### 1st CANADIAN PARACHUTE BATTALION

Brighton Army Cadet Corps 100

# **Quarterly Report**



Greetings one and all from the Brighton Army Cadets!

We are back in training at ENSS on Monday nights after a very eventful summer. We are looking to grow our corps this year and we are actively recruiting new members. Once again, Ian Douglas has been a wonderful advocate for the program as he picks up cadets and goes to local schools and presents the program to the students of our area. If you have a child or grandchild who is looking for adventure, fun and new friends, we would love to meet them and share our program with them.

Many cadets spent the summer at various summer training centers across Canada as well as Europe. We had 2 cadets, MWO Brendan Pennington and MWO Brittany Pennington on the Senior Leadership course in Alberta, attending the Calgary Stampede, horse back riding and learning to climb the Rockies. Their sister, MWO Sarah Pennington traveled to England on the Maple Leaf Exchange where she met UK cadets and shared their training experiences while traveling through England, Scotland as -well as traveling to France to visit battlefield memorials such as Vimy.

MWO Jonathan Powers was also in England as a member of the Canadian National Rifle Team. He competed at Bisley and also travelled to France for a tour of the battlefield memorials. Being named to the National Rifle team is a huge honour and it reflects all of the hard work and training MWO Powers completed since he started cadets. CWO Meaghan Jones and MWO Quinn Stacey extended their professional development at the Blackdown Summer Training Center at CFB Borden this summer. They were a comforting sight for their junior cadets who were missing home – seeing a friendly face made things a lot easier for them. We had many cadets attending drill and ceremonial courses, sports and fitness courses as well as Expedition and Marksmanship courses. Two cadets, WO Jeremy Kearney and WO Jamie Thornton attended a Regional Expedition in late August/early September – another great opportunity to extend their training and meet other cadets enjoying the fruits of the Army Cadet Training program.

1 CAN PARA started the year off with a Senior Leadership weekend in Ottawa. 15 cadets and training staff attending the Canadian War Museum as well as Parliament Hill, before they close it for refurbishment that will take 10 years. The weekend was capped off by rock wall climbing at the Boiler Room in Kingston – a great way to build your confidence and rely on your partner to keep you safe.

We have a very busy fall ahead of us. Applefest, exercises, Food Drive for the local Food bank, Candlelight Vigil, Remembrance Day – we look forward to serving our community and seeing everyone at these different events. We are anticipating another exciting training year, culminating in a trip to Alberta in June where we will commemorate D-Day and 1 CAN PARA at a special ceremony on June 6.

Capt Robin Brooks

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Held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 4PM

#### **Operating Hours**

Sunday CLOSED

Monday NOON – 9:30PM

Tuesday:

1st & 3rd NOON - 9:30PM 2nd & 4th NOON - 7:00PM Wednesday NOON - 10:00PM Thursday NOON - 11:00PM Friday 11:00AM to Closing Saturday NOON to Closing

#### **Hall Rental**

The Legion Hall is available for rent for Receptions, Weddings and Private Parties.

It is licensed for 212 people, with kitchen facilities and catering. The hall is air conditioned and wheel chair accessible.

> 613-475-1044 9:30 to 11:30AM



#### **General Membership Meetings**

Held every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7PM

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 100 Needs





#### **Monthly Activities**

Saturday Meat Draw 50/50 Draw and Loonie draw

3:00 to 5:00PM.

Notices of any additional activities will be posted in the Club Room (lower level).

