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*Members of the Coldwater Legion's Colour Party stand with Forces personnel by the Cenotaph on November 11  
(Photo by Private Emily Petley, CFB Borden)*

## THANK YOU COLDWATER

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater held its annual Remembrance Day parade and service on Saturday November 11. Despite the cold, dozens of people did show up to pay their respects to our Fallen, many to lay a wreath in memory of a loved one. This annual event would not be possible without the tremendous support given by Canadian Armed Forces personnel from CFB Borden, who provided troops and much logistical support. As Remembrance Day also signalled the end of this year's Poppy Campaign, we wish to thank the many groups, local businesses and individuals who contributed in so many ways to the Coldwater Legion's Poppy Campaign. Thank you to those who marched and stood on parade, and those who attended as spectators. Thank you to our own Legion Branch members and Ladies Auxiliary volunteers who spent hours in the cold, "tagging" for Poppies, or preparing and serving lunch after the parade, working behind the counter in the club room, and doing whatever was required to "make it happen." Finally, thank you all of you who proudly wore your Poppy during the past two weeks.

This simple gesture of Remembrance is perhaps the best guarantee that in the future, We Will, indeed, Remember Them.

Of course, with the end of our Poppy Campaign comes the preparations for the Holiday season. Members of the Board of Management and committee Chairpersons at the Coldwater Legion wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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## FROM THE BOARD

Comrades

November 23, 2017 marked one year the Board of Management has been looking after the affairs of your branch. Everyone should be aware by now that the BOM is in the process of winding down here at Branch 270. I had a meeting with the other Board members and we believe that the tools and training needed to run the branch successfully have been put in place. Now it is time to put it to the test. It has been decided that, because there is no general meeting in December, we will be scheduling an interim election for this branch on January 24, 2018. I have been in touch with Zone E-4 Commander Frank Beasley and his Deputy Commander Paul Howe to conduct this election. This election will run out the rest of the 2017-2018 term and new elections will be held in May as per your branch regulations for the 2018-2019 term. I was asked at the October General Meeting to provide clarification, which I did at the November General meeting, and I have promised they will be read out at the election meeting. I would ask that everyone consider the best candidates for the positions when the elections come up. This is not a popularity contest and it requires a lot of time and commitment to do the job properly. A good executive member should be willing to commit to many hours of volunteer work every week to be successful. Please have a hard look at the candidates and the commitment they have made to the branch when you are considering them for a position.

Comrades this is your branch and it is every member's duty to look after it. Sadly, we still have a lot of gossip going around the branch. This does no good for anyone and when gossip is taken at face value the truth is left behind. All members should be working as a team and not peddling distrust and innuendos. We have a lot of good people at this branch and they do not need to have their hard work ruined by the petty jealousies that question their abilities. If there is a real problem, there are procedures in place to deal with them that start by bringing your concerns to me or the General Meeting and not to the BS table.

For those I may not see before the Christmas Season is upon us, please have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and enjoy the Holidays.

Yours in Comradeship

Bob Ladouceur, Board of Management Chairman



## GENERAL MEETINGS

The December General Meeting is cancelled, therefore the next General Meeting will be on Wednesday January 24, at which time an interim election for an executive will take place. Branch General Meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from September to June, in the upstairs hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.

## POPPY CAMPAIGN

*Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray,  
Poppy Co-Chairperson*

I appreciate so much everyone's efforts over those few critical weeks in early November, I want to share with you my enthusiasm for having devoted so much of your time to the campaign. Before I tell you the balance in the Poppy Account, I would like to say 'thank you' to everyone who helped with the campaign. Thank you to Pat Sinclair who did the leg work to obtain many donations from local merchants, obtaining a commitment from 18 of our local businesses to have a poppy display in their window and

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*Comrade Ellie Schull (right), seen here with Randy Fagan at one of the numerous business locations in town, was one of the 35 volunteer Poppy "taggers" who made the campaign a success (Photo by Wayne Tutt)*

for negotiating and returning the amp system for the Remembrance Day Service. Thank you to the many people who took part in "tagging" for the campaign. I would love to list them all, but there were just too many: Thirty-five volunteer "taggers"! George Sinclair in his kilt raised the most, \$356+ in one individual effort, and Marcia Leblanc who made about seven trips to Foodland and generated about \$650 overall. Thank you everyone! And thank you to Norm Marion and Tom Thompson for the many hours spent counting bills and rolling coins.

We are grateful to the Ladies Auxiliary for having absorbed the cost of the food for the Veterans' Appreciation Dinner and as a result, we have deposited the money from the dinner ticket sales into the Poppy Account, rather than having withdrawn funds to cover the cost of the veterans' meals. Thank you Ladies.

Okay, I have kept you in suspense long enough. Thanks to the generous residents and some visitors to Coldwater, and our diligent 'taggers' our combined Poppy Campaign efforts, when every dollar is in, will have raised roughly \$12,000, leaving us with a bank balance of \$13,459.93. My heartfelt thanks to everyone! Remember, these funds are trust funds held to assist veterans and their families when in need. The very essence of our mandate. Thank you so much everyone.

## MEMBERSHIP

*Submitted by Comrade Wayne Tutt, Membership Chairperson*

As of November 27, 74% of the membership have renewed for 2018 Early Bird. It is important to renew early since the more Early Bird memberships are recorded, the more money we receive from Command.

At the November General Meeting we had the opportunity to initiate two new Affiliate members: Greg Whitehead and Steven McLeod. Thank you gentlemen for taking an interest in our Legion, and welcome aboard!

During that same meeting, applications for two transfers and five new memberships were submitted to the membership for acceptance. As a result, applications were supported for one Ordinary member from Branch 68 Penetanguishene, John O'Hara, to transfer to our branch; one Affiliate member, Frank Calmus from branch 426 Newmarket, to transfer to our branch (Frank has moved to Coldwater); one Ordinary member, Ronald Williams from Coldwater; three Associate members, Charlie Carswell from Coldwater; Denise Parliament from Coldwater; and Paul Flatley from Utterson; and finally, one Affiliate member, Bonnie Duffy from Waubaushe. New members will be initiated at a later date.

## THE MAPLE LEAF

*The Maple Leaf* is the newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater, published each month in the first week of the month. It is primarily an internal communication tool through which the Branch Executive and Committee Chairpersons disseminate information and report to the membership on their respective activities. Opinions expressed in feature articles are those of the writers and do not imply endorsement by the Branch or the Legion.

Committee reports and pre-arranged article submissions must be received no later than the 21st of each month in order to be published in the following month's issue. Please submit by email addressed to: Branch PRO – Maple Leaf at [branch270@rogers.com](mailto:branch270@rogers.com).

## WAYS & MEANS / ENTERTAINMENT

*Submitted by Comrade Maggie Murphy, Ways & Means Chairperson*

Thank you to everyone who came out for Remembrance Day. We had a great turnout for our Saturday afternoon entertainment provided by Rebecca Pascal, and from the look of the dance floor, everyone enjoyed the day. We do not have special entertainment in December, although our regular monthly Meat Draw (Saturday Dec. 9) and Jammin' at the Legion (Saturday 16 Dec.) will take place as usual. There won't be a New Year's Eve party this year, but we hope to see you in the New Year for our New Year's Levee on January 1st, with the Renaissance Band. We are working on continued entertainment for 2018 and if there is a band you would like to have, let us know. It's your club room and it's there for your pleasure, so let's get it rocking. Thank you for your continued support.

## BAR MANAGER

*Submitted by Comrade Maggie Murphy, Bar Manager*

We have a survey at the bar to find out if you would like a different kind of draught beer served and/or if there is a preference to a different kind of beer. Let me know and we will work with you to try to get something different in. We have brought in mild/med casbi at a price of \$3.00, mild/med pepperettes at \$2.00, and pickled eggs at \$1.50.

We are still looking at prices for red & white golf shirts for the bar stewards to wear. Bar stewards are the first line of communication with visitors to our Legion and should be presentable. When the golf shirts come, they will be a MUST wear.

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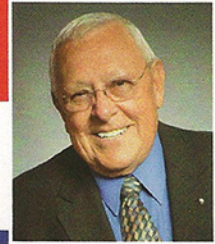
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We do have two more volunteers who will be joining the bar team in the next couple of weeks. Once again, we are looking for volunteer bar stewards. Smart Serve is a must and the branch is willing to work with volunteers to get you Smart Serve. And thank you Rosalie for volunteering. Rose will be working the upstairs bar, which will take a lot of pressure off the downstairs bar stewards. Thank you all for your continued support.



*Just one of many posters submitted by students of the Coldwater and Moonstone Public Schools. Winners will be announced in December.*

**YOUTH EDUCATION**

*Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray on behalf of Debbie Robitaille, Youth Education Chairperson*

I am pleased to say the entries submitted for the Remembrance Day Poster Competition have been judged and will be forwarded for the Zone competition this week. Thanks to the many students who submitted their posters

and literary entries. We will be announcing the winners' names in early December. And just to give you a head start, the Public Speaking Competition will be held in early March, so you can remind your children or grandchildren to begin thinking about their topics and have something ready before spring break.

Thank you all who take part in, or support these competitions.

**SERVICE OFFICER**

*Submitted by Comrade Randy Rice, Service Officer*

If you know of any Veteran or members of their family who have questions or need information about the Legion's support to Veterans programs, please contact me. I can be contacted via the Coldwater Branch office or my home phone (705) 739-0062 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., or by email at [ricerandolph@gmail.com](mailto:ricerandolph@gmail.com)

**TREASURER**

*Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, Treasurer*

The General Account balance at October 31, as per the bank statement, stands at \$30,202.95. However, with the cheques issued and deposits made, the balance at November 22, 2017 stands at \$22,952.44. Standard 'housekeeping' accounts paid during the month of November totalled \$15,859.60 which includes almost \$2k for the new canteen stove and \$1,200 for snow ploughing for the season. The Nevada account shows a balance of \$641.36, as a donation of \$1,000 has been made to the Coldwater Minor Hockey Association. (Photo on page 7)

As Christmas shopping season is bearing down on us, I would like to remind you of the Legion supply cabinet and suggest you take a look in the cabinet or catalogue to see if there isn't something there that could go under your tree for a loved one. It helps the branch and makes shopping pretty easy for you. And if there is something you particularly would like to receive from Santa, please feel free to give me the word and I will make sure it reaches the right ear. That is all for my treasurer's report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

*Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer*

**TALK-OF-THE-TOWN:** We had good coverage in November in the local monthly paper Talk-of-the-Town (TOTT). We had a front page article about Remembrance; an ad for branch sports and activities; an ad for Shelly Cummings' visit, and the Poppy Report for 2016. In the December issue we are running the activities ad again plus a short thank-you note to the Coldwater community for its support with the Poppy Campaign.

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Comrade Norm Marion (center) presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Kyle Heckendorn, Captain of the Pee wee #2 team, who accepts the donation on behalf of the Coldwater Minor Hockey Association. The presentation takes place at the Coldwater Arena in front of Kyle's team and the president of the association, Frank Brazda (right) (Photo by Betty-Jean Murray)

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IMAGES FROM VETERANS WEEK: Images from the Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Remembrance Day are posted in separate albums on Facebook and the website: one for the dinner, one for the awards presentations, and one for Remembrance Day. They are also available in hard copies in the binders in the club room.



Comrade George Sinclair (left), our "man of the kilt", shares the traditional Gaelic Piper's Toast with piper Tracey Devine during the Veterans Appreciation Dinner on November 4 (Photo by Norm Marion)

MAPLE LEAF: As announced earlier, the December issue of the Maple Leaf will be the last one involving our graphic designer Cathy Cleary. Cathy has done a wonderful job with the ML since 2010, and we certainly will miss her experience and expertise. Thank you Cathy for your support to the Coldwater Legion in all those years.

Cathy's departure means that, comes January, you can expect some changes in the look of the ML. This is not because there was anything to "correct" or "improve" in the layout, but simply because of the lack of experience of the new layout designer (me!) and the limitations of the software that will be used in the future.

### COLLECTION MANAGER

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Collection Manager

TRIBUTES TO FALLEN: Flags were lowered on November 6 and 9 in honour of Privates George Beach, Alexander Dunkin, and Ronald McDonald, who were killed in action at Passchendaele 100 years ago. A short biography for each one was posted on-line on the day of the 100th anniversary of their passing. The next "Fallen" tribute will be in July next year.

### Quote of the Month

**"In the end, what counts is not how many years in your life, but how much life in your years."**

– Quote often (wrongly?) attributed to Abraham Lincoln, but traced to a 1947 book about aging  
*"The Second Forty Years"* by Edward J. Stieglitz, M.D.  
 Suggested by Dean McArthur.

### STAND PROACTIVE RATHER THAN REACTIVE

Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt

On November 14th, as part of her bi-yearly visit to the Legion Branches throughout her area of responsibility our Provincial Service Officer, Comrade Sherry Culling visited our Branch to meet and answer questions from our Veterans and their partner. Our Service Officer, Randy Rice facilitated these confidential interviews. On several occasions Comrade Randy patiently explained to us the difference in the various services available to Veterans.

On many occasions at our various Branch General Meetings information for Veteran assistance has been shared. Add to this the knowledge and wealth of information available from the Poppy Chairman and you are a more

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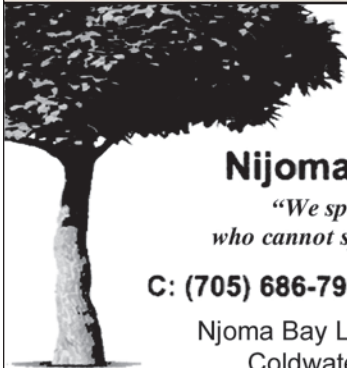
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## HONOURS & AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

*Photos submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer*

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater held its 2017 Honours & Awards presentations during the Veterans Appreciation Dinner that took place on Saturday November 4. Several Legion Service pins, Certificates of Appreciation, Past Office Medals and Branch Service Medals were presented to deserving members of the branch. Photos of the presentations can be viewed on our branch website ([www.coldwaterlegion.com](http://www.coldwaterlegion.com)), on our Facebook page ([www.Facebook.com/coldwaterlegion](http://www.Facebook.com/coldwaterlegion)), or in the in-house Maple Leaf binders in the club room at the branch. Congratulations to all recipients!



*Comrade Randy Rice (left) is presented his Past Office Medal with Executive Committee and Service Officer bar by Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Robitaille (Photo by Norm Marion)*



*In recognition of her services to the branch, Comrade Rosalie Pratt (left) is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Comrade Bob Ladouceur, Chairman of the Board of Management at Branch 270 Coldwater (Photo by Norm Marion)*



*Comrade Shawn Gouin (left) is presented his 5 year Associate pin by Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Robitaille (Photo by Norm Marion)*

### **Stand Proactive Rather Than Reactive** *continued from page 7*

informed Branch member with a better understanding of what could be available to you, our Veteran.

It is best to be proactive about your possible future needs; do not wait and react at the last minute. This narrative is shared because we automatically assumed that only persons receiving a military disability pension are eligible for assistance. Our interview experience allowed us to explore other

options. As you were of service to our country, allow the Legion system to be of service to you; let it make the determination of your category eligibility.

It's simple: you sign a document allowing the Provincial Service Officer to access your military medical records. From these, a determination will be made from where possible assistance can be accessed. This also allows the

Provincial Service Officer to start 'your file' in readiness for your future needs.

If your schedule did not permit you to meet with Comrade Sherry, please make the time to meet with Comrade Randy. We well remember his words of wisdom, "Veterans choosing to seek assistance demonstrate a genuine desire to address their needs." You owe this to yourself; you owe it to your loved ones.

## LADIES AUXILIARY

*Submitted by Comrade Donna Packer, President of the Ladies Auxiliary*

Greetings Comrades:

November was a very busy month for our Ladies Auxiliary.

The Veterans Dinner on November 4th was wonderful and was well received by our Veterans, Branch and community. We received many compliments on the dinner, service and venue. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this a success!

Our Remembrance Day buffet was also well received and it was wonderful to have the troops from Base Borden participate in our parade and services. Our Ladies Auxiliary again outdid themselves.

The Lions Club Dinner went very well and again, we received many compliments on the dinner. Thanks again to Ladies Auxiliary members and Branch members who helped make this a success.

Our Fall/Christmas Craft & Bake Sale was amazing. We surpassed all previous years in sales. The vendors were very pleased with the turnout and we were so pleased with the variety of vendors and merchandise. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this year's sale awesome!

Congratulations to the team of Anne McArthur and Dianne Sauvé who placed 2nd in District Darts. They will now move on to the Provincials in April in Burlington. Well done!!

### Upcoming Events

Saturday December 9th – Butler Show Horses Awards Banquet – help will be needed on December 8th for prep and set-up and on December 9th for cooking, serving and cleanup. I would like to see more Ladies Auxiliary members volunteer as this is part of the criteria in being a member.

\*\*\*\*\* **Thursday December 21** \*\*\*\*\*

### LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS MEETING

6:00 PM Pizza & Wings (\$5.00 ea.)

Followed by a short meeting and Secret Santa Gift Exchange

If you wish to participate in the Secret Santa, please bring a gift (\$5.00 - \$10.00)

I would like to wish all Ladies Auxiliary Comrades a Very Merry Christmas filled with love and joy and a healthy and Happy New Year!!!

Yours in comradeship,  
Donna Packer, President



## OUR FALL/CHRISTMAS CRAFT & BAKE SALE

There are so many to thank for making this year's sale a huge success.

To the Ladies Auxiliary team and Branch members who sold tickets, set up tables, donated baked goods and merchandise, served lunch and worked so hard!

To the various Coldwater businesses that donated prizes and merchandise for our tables.

To the Coldwater Community for attending and supporting our sale.

To the various vendors who purchased tables. The variety and quality of vendor products was wonderful!

**THANK YOU!!!**



*Comrade Denise Ladouceur of the Victoria Harbour Branch is a regular participant at our Ladies Auxiliary's Fall/Christmas Craft & Bake Sale (Photo by Norm Marion)*





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Men's Lone Hands – Brian Strong  
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November 7  
Ladies High Hand – Nancy Barron  
Ladies Lone Hands – Jean Carson  
Ladies Low Hand – Sandra Bourgeois  
Men's High Hand – Brian Strong  
Men's Lone Hands – Ted Baker  
Men's Low Hand – Larry Hutchinson  
Sunshine – Marg Marchant

### November 14

Ladies High Hand – Shirley Giles  
Ladies Lone Hands – Jean Carson  
Ladies Low Hand – Pat King  
Men's High Hand – Bev Richards  
Men's Lone Hands – Ted Baker  
Men's Low Hand – Georgie Waterson  
Sunshine – Jean Carson

### November 21

Ladies High Hand – Shirley Giles  
Ladies Lone Hands – Jean Carson  
Ladies Low Hand – Angela Stewart  
Men's High Hand – Pat King  
Men's Lone Hands – Lloyd Sibley  
Men's Low Hand – Bill Stone  
Sunshine – Vicki Watson

### November 28

High Hand – Elva Laughlin  
Low Hand – Bill Stone  
Men's High Hand – Brian Strong  
Sunshine – Lloyd Sibley

## TUESDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE

### November 7

1. Jackie Lennox  
2. Marcia Leblanc  
3. Carl Swanson  
4. Ross Pipher  
Sunshine – Tom Wainman

### November 14

1. Janet Hamilton  
2. Ross Pipher  
3. Maggie Maynard  
4. Gary Hamilton  
Sunshine – Tom Wainman

### November 21

1. Janet Hamilton  
2. Leslie Lovering  
3. Robert Hoguean  
4. Bill Kinnear  
Sunshine – Carl Swanson

## TUESDAY NIGHT POOL

### November 7 (wins)

Tom Dearman (3)  
Kari Malmstrom (3)  
Larry Hutchinson (2)  
Louise Dearman (1)  
Dorothy Gerrard (1)

### November 14 (wins)

Rheese Henwood (3)  
Larry Hutchinson (2)  
Kari Malmstrom (2)  
Louise Dearman (1)  
Dorothy Gerrard (1)  
Maggie Murphy (1)

### November 21 (wins)

Dorothy Gerrard (2)  
Larry Hutchinson (2)  
Cathy Larkins (2)  
Maggie Murphy (1)

## THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD

### October 12

First – Larry & Rosalie  
Second – Lloyd & Betty  
Anne  
Third – Magda & Ellie  
Sunshine – Rosalie

### November 2

First – Lloyd & Brian  
Second – Dean & Larry  
Third – Heather & Ellie  
Sunshine – Dean

### November 9

First – Rosalie & Betty Anne  
Second – Maggie  
Third – Lloyd & Larry  
Sunshine – Maggie

### November 23

First – Lloyd & Rheese  
Second – Rosalie & Brian  
Third – Heather & Ellie  
Sunshine – Betty Anne

## FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DARTS

### November 3

1. Tess  
2. David  
3. Gaetanne  
4. Grace  
5. Larry  
6. Grace  
Sunshine – Dianne

### November 10

1. Dianne  
2. Gene  
3. Dianne  
4. David  
5. Shelley  
6. Diane  
Sunshine – Dean

### November 17

1. Gil  
2. Chris  
3. Anne  
4. Dianne  
5. Lorne  
6. Grace  
Sunshine – Anne

### November 24

1. Melissa  
2. Grace  
3. Tootie  
4. Edith  
5. Gene  
6. Gil  
Sunshine – Lee

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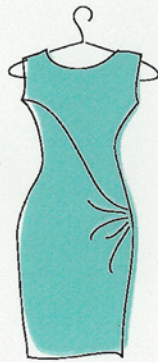
## JAMMIN' AT THE LEGION

We thank all those who participated in our *Jammin' at the Legion* session on Saturday November 18. We had the chance of listening to George Sinclair on keyboards and vocals; David Correy and Barbara Curran, guitar and vocals; Clarence Cole, lead guitar; and Jan McGee, vocals. Thank you all for joining us. Our *Jammin' at the Legion* sessions normally run every third Saturday of the month, from 2 to 4 p.m.





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