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Newsletter of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The year 2016 has been highlighted by significant accomplishments as well as many challenges for members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater. We thank all of you who have worked so hard to make sure that the organization continues to meet its goals and plays its role in the community. For many years the members of the Branch have served military veterans and the community at large, and it is our intention to reassert ourselves to the purposes and objects of the Legion to ensure this commitment continues. We hope that you all had the opportunity to take a well-deserved holiday rest, unwind, and hopefully spend time with loved ones. We look forward to working with you and facing the opportunities and challenges that 2017 will bring us. We wish to all members of the Branch 270 a happy and prosperous New Year!

*The Board of Management*

## POPPY CAMPAIGN

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

Poppy Campaign was a success and provided me with an opportunity to meet many delightful people I may not have made contact with had it not been for the campaign. Thank you everyone. On a separate note, I would like to congratulate Michelle Russell on the beautiful Christmas lunch she prepared for the township's 'Monday/Wednesday Fitness Group' led by Mary Ann. Michelle initially agreed to prepare for about a dozen and when all was said and done, she and some helpers successfully served a delightful turkey meal for 34. Kudos to Michelle, her sons and all the ladies who helped prepare and serve this delicious meal. Thank you Michelle from 34 well fed and appreciative adults.

## YOUTH EDUCATION

*Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, Youth Education Chairperson*

The posters, essays and poems submitted by students of Coldwater Public School and Moonstone Elementary School for the Remembrance Day Competitions have been returned to them along with the rewards for achieving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

The Public Speaking Competition will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2017, beginning at 1 p.m. Please try to attend as the students always put a lot of heart in their speeches and you would find it very enjoyable. The topics are subjects of their choice, generally something they feel strongly about. We will be looking for some judges to help with this event so please let me know if you are



*Veterans Ted Baker (left) and Dean McArthur proudly wear their new Veteran ball caps. Thanks to an initiative from the Ladies Auxiliary, every Veteran member of the Coldwater Branch was given a Veteran ball cap as a Christmas gift.*

willing. Try to join us on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 1 p.m. You won't be disappointed.

Winter is definitely here, it is time for the new year to roll in. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and safe New Year and I look forward to seeing you at the branch in 2017.

## ENTERTAINMENT

*Submitted by Comrade Debbie Robitaille, Entertainment Chairperson*

First off, I would like to wish everyone health, happiness, peace and of course prosperity this new year of 2017. Our jamming sessions are getting a bit busier with new faces showing up every time. I would like to thank everyone that participates, shows off their talents and introducing us to new styles of music. Our November entertainment on the 26th, by "Riverton Duo", was a blast. I want to thank them again for bringing some extra musical friends to make the duo a band.

At print time, we are working hard behind the scenes, to prepare for our new years' eve bash and the "Legion levee". We look forward to seeing everyone. Entertainment lined up for January will be "The Renaissance Band" on the 28th from 1 pm to 5 pm. Hope everyone will take a moment to come and enjoy their talent. Jamming will be on the 21st, starting at 2 p.m.

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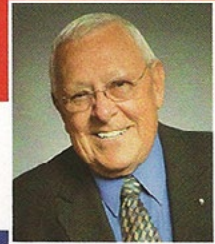
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## WAYS AND MEANS

*Submitted by Comrade Debbie Robitaille, Ways & Means Chairperson*

The tree of warmth is getting nice and full. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. It will continue for January. All donations will be donated to those within our community that are in need. Remaining items will be donated to the Salvation Army, Orillia. If anyone knows of someone in need PLEASE let me know. The tree will remain up. Some ideas are coming in for other special times like Valentine's Day, Easter etc. Again all ideas are welcome. The dime jar is starting to fill. Remember dimes also represent a message from heaven. I would love to see the jar filled by the spring. Other fundraising ideas are coming, once our grid is completed. The grid is located behind the bar. Each square can have a price behind it from a good luck, a trinket or one of four grand prizes of \$100. Each square is only \$5. Prizes will be handed out once the entire grid has been sold out. All funds collected will be going back to our Legion.

## SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

*Submitted by Comrades Dave & Debbie Robitaille, Branch & L.A. Sergeant-at-Arms*

We would like to take a moment to thank everyone that have participated in the parades, come out for practices and have supported us with their guidance. The Santa Claus parade went well. We would once again like to thank the two Air Cadet volunteers that helped complete our colour party. It was really appreciated and we hope it won't be the last time. Next parade is in May, the Lions Club Duck Race. This gives us lots of time to prepare and schedule time off. It would be great if we could do a full colour party and show all the flags. Wishing you a safe and happy 2017!

## GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

*Question submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt*

Last month's question about someone with 60+ years of service was "This Comrade was recognized at the October 19th General Meeting. He is a Transfer with 60+ years of service. Do you remember his name? The correct answer is: Alexander E. Williams

## UNRECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER

*Question submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt*

Last month's question about an unrecognized volunteer was: "This Comrade rejuvenates all used chips in the drum by painting over old information thereon." Congratulations to Cathy Larkins who correctly identified Roger Pratt as our mystery volunteer.



*Branch Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Robitaille and L.A. President Donna Packer enjoy the lunch provided by the Ladies Auxiliary at the President's Levee on New Year's Day.*

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer*

**FACEBOOK:** We continue to have good results on our Facebook page. Hundreds of people reached, with many "Like" and "Share".

**NEWS ARTICLES:** The Coldwater Current continues to run the articles we submit. The "Christmas in Uniform" article was published in the December issue. If you would like to submit articles for the Maple Leaf or external publications please contact me before you write it so I know what is coming and I can plan accordingly.

**WEBSITE:** Our site is now fully up and running. For the past month it was live but "hidden" from search engines so that only branch members could look at it and provide feedback. Please check it out at [www.coldwaterlegion.com](http://www.coldwaterlegion.com) The more visitors we get, the more visibility for the Branch.

**MAPLE LEAF:** The PRO has temporarily taken over the production of the monthly newsletter until a new coordinator is appointed. Please continue to submit your monthly reports and other material through the Branch email at [branch270@rogers.com](mailto:branch270@rogers.com), with "Maple Leaf" in the subject line.



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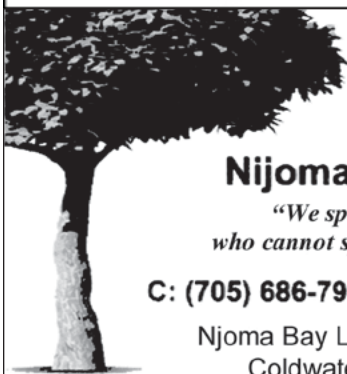
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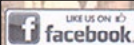


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## COLLECTION MANAGER

*Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Collection Manager*  
**VETERANS PHOTOGRAPHS:** Several photos of deceased Coldwater area Veterans in uniform were digitized and arranged in a presentation that ran on TVs on Remembrance Day in the Club Room and upstairs Hall. We received good feedback from some viewers and people have already brought in new photos of deceased Veterans that will be added to the presentation. The presentation can now be viewed on our website on the In Memoriam page.

## SPORTS

*Submitted by Comrade Bob Gourlie, Sports Chairperson*  
 Comrades, now that the Holiday Season has come and gone we will be getting down to business again! On December 3, our Legion hosted the Zone 8 Ball Tournament. It was a great success. We had 22 teams taking part. Unfortunately neither of the Coldwater Legion teams made it to the District Tournament. For those that are interested in Darts, the Zone Dart Tournament will be held in Orillia on January 14. Check the notice on the Board at the entrance or in the Sports room. Registration forms and money must be submitted by January 7. All registrations must come through your Branch with a cheque for the full amount from the Branch. If you have any questions, please call me. The Zone Euchre Tournament will be held on Feb 4 and the Mixed Darts on Mar 4. Watch for the upcoming postings. I hope to see some teams from Coldwater at these events!



*Member of the Ladies Auxiliary Jennine Crowe gets her "Secret Santa" Christmas gift during the December L.A. General Meeting.*

## SENIORS

*Submitted by Comrade Eleanor Schull, Seniors Chairperson*  
 Prescription and over the counter medications can save lives and help people of all ages manage certain conditions. When used correctly, medications are largely safe, it's when shared or taken in error that reactions and injury can occur. Seniors who may be taking several different medications can mistakenly cause drug interactions by mixing the wrong pills. Make sure your doctor knows about all the meds you are taking, including non-prescription products e.g. herbal remedies, dietary supplements and vitamins. Any pills look the same. Keep them in original packaging and double check labels. Store as directed on labels and out of sight/reach of children. Keep dangerous medications locked away. Discard expired or unneeded medications by returning them to the pharmacy. Do not put it in the garbage or flush. Hopefully, the recent flu epidemic has passed you by. If not, remember get lots of rest, drink plenty of fluids, keep warm and don't forget that old standby chicken soup. Once again, I want to wish you all a happy and healthy 2017.

## SICK AND VISITING

*Submitted by Comrade Eleanor Schull, Sick & Visiting Chairperson*  
 Since my last report, two Get Well cards, two Sympathy cards, and one Thank You card were sent. So far, I have sent 13 Get Well and Thinking of You cards, 10 Sympathy cards, and one plant since I took over this job in August.

## THE RIGHT WAY TO FLY THE FLAG

*Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt*  
 Before we know it, we'll be celebrating our country's 150th Birthday. Show your pride and fly our flag, the right way. If you are planning to run the flag up a pole on Canada Day and care about doing it according to established protocols, here are some suggestions from Canada's Department of Heritage: Always treat the flag with dignity; Never let it touch the ground; It should always be flown alone on its own pole; The Canadian flag takes precedence over all other flags; If it is displayed with a flag from another country (flown on another pole) then the flags should be the same size and flown at the same height so that you don't give more prominence to the other flag; No flag flown with it, whether national, provincial, municipal or representing an organization should be larger; The flag may be flown at night as well as by day; It should not be used as a table cloth, a bed spread or a seat cover; It should not have anything pinned, sewn or written on it. Looking for a flag? Ask to see our Legion Catalogue. All orders must be prepaid by cash or your cheque made payable to R.C.L. Branch 270.





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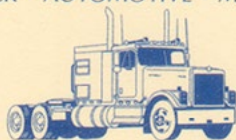
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*Military ancestors seem to be found in just about every family history, and their research has become increasingly popular in recent years (Photo by Kev Parle).*

## Digging for your military roots

*By Norm Marion, Branch PRO*

Military ancestors seem to be found in just about every family history, and their research has become increasingly popular in recent years. At the Coldwater Branch - just like at all other Royal Canadian Legion branches across the country, people often come with questions about a relative who has served in the military. It could be about the great-grandfather rumoured to have served in Africa during the Boer War, or the mysterious great-uncle that no one seems to know the whereabouts after his return from the Great War. There's also the mother, father, aunt or uncle that can be seen on an old photograph wearing some kind of wartime military uniform, but left this world without ever whispering a word to their children about that period of their life.

While in some families the stories of military ancestors and relatives are well documented and preserved, in others they remain much of a mystery. If you happen to be in the latter group, here's some good news. It is now easier than ever to track down information about your Canadian military heritage, thanks to modern tools such as the Internet and digital imaging technology.

The Internet has opened the door for lots of new resources now available to the amateur genealogist, many of them free of charge. On the Library and Archives Canada (formerly known as National Archives) site you can now find attestation papers for the vast majority of Canadian soldiers of the First World War. Attestation papers are forms that soldiers filled at the time of their enrolment with the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). They

provide the basic information about the individual including age, place of birth, residence and enrolment, previous employment, and a brief physical description. Until a few years ago, Attestation Forms were all that was available on-line. But very soon, the entire service records for those soldiers will also be posted on-line. The LAC is now half way through the process of digitizing all 620,000 files of CEF soldiers, with the objective of completing the project by 2018.

Another useful site for amateur researchers is Veterans Affairs' Canadian Virtual War Memorial, a site that lists all Canadian military personnel who died in wars and operations around the world since Confederation. The site provides a searchable registry of the more than 118,000 names inscribed in the seven Books of Remembrance located in the Peace Tower in Ottawa.

Indeed, whether it relates to military personnel or civilians, the Internet has opened the door for amateur genealogists to access digitized copies of documents that were traditionally handled by professional researchers, including census and birth, death, and marriage certificates. More specific to military history, unit's War Diaries of the First World War are now on line, and the new Canadian Military History Gateway site ([www.cmhg.gc.ca](http://www.cmhg.gc.ca)) offers links to several other resources.

Of course, we, at the Coldwater Legion, are always happy to help you with your search for your military roots. We may not have all the answers you're looking for, but we can certainly steer you in the right direction. Happy digging!

### HOUSEHOLD TIP

*Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt*

The simplest way to slice a bunch of cherry tomatoes is to sandwich them between two plastic lids and run a long knife through all of them at once.

### *Quote of the Month*

*Submitted by Comrade Dean McArthur*

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## SPORTS AT BRANCH 270

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON EUCHRE

#### November 22

Ladies High Hand – Shirley Giles  
 Ladies Lone Hands – Pat King  
 Ladies Low Hand – Nancy Barron  
 Men's High Hand – Bill Stock  
 Men's Lone Hands – Jean Carson  
 Men's Low Hand – Brian Strong  
 Sunshine – Shirley Giles

#### November 29

High Hand – Brian Strong  
 Lone Hands – Pat King  
 Low Hand – Marley Marchant  
 Sunshine – Nancy Barron

#### December 6

High Hand – Marley Marchant  
 Lone Hands – Ted Baker  
 Low Hand – Angela Stewart  
 Sunshine – Brian Strong

#### December 13

High Hand – Pat King  
 Lone Hands – Jean Carson  
 Low Hand – Marg Marchant  
 Sunshine – Brian Strong

### TUESDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE

#### November 22

1. Marie Kinnear  
 2. Donna Packer  
 3. Maggie Maynard  
 4. Bill Kinnear  
 Sunshine – Bill Kinnear

#### November 29

1. Doug Bennett  
 2. Robert Hogean  
 3. Janet Hamilton/Barry Emo  
 4. Diane Emo  
 Sunshine – Doug Bennett

#### December 6

1. Ross Pipher  
 2. Marie Kinnear  
 3. Donna Packer  
 4. Gary Hamilton  
 Sunshine – Doug Bennett

### THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD

#### November 24

First – Heather & Brian  
 Second – Maggie & Ellen  
 Third – Dean & Lloyd  
 Sunshine – Roger

#### December 1

First – Rose & Roger  
 Second – Ellen & Brian  
 Third – Ellie & Lloyd  
 Sunshine – Brian

#### December 8

First – Brian  
 Second – Rheese  
 Third – Dean  
 Sunshine – Ellie

### FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DARTS

#### November 25

1. Frank  
 2. Kathy  
 3. Gaetan  
 4. Larry  
 5. Gill  
 6. Debbie R  
 Sunshine – Lorne

#### December 2

1. Joan  
 2. Dean  
 3. Angie  
 4. Joan  
 5. Dean  
 6. Joan  
 Sunshine – Frank

#### December 9

1. Chris  
 2. Kathy  
 3. Chris  
 4. Dean  
 5. Frank  
 6. Dorothy  
 Sunshine – Monica

#### December 16

1. Jim  
 2. Dean  
 3. Lorne  
 4. Jeremy  
 5. Heather  
 6. Kathy  
 Sunshine – Dianne

### JAMMING SESSION

*Submitted by Comrade Debbie Robitaille, Entertainment Chairperson*

Thank you to the participants to the December 17th jamming session:  
 Joe Barron • Larry Quinton - harmonica • Xander Lloyd - vocals and 6 string guitar • Type Lloyd - 5 string banjo • George St. Clair • Clarence Cole • Gerry Brown



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**OUR DECEMBER 10th**  
**MEAT DRAW WINNERS**

1. Doug Bennett
2. Donna Packer
3. Alain Piche
4. Monica Stevenson
5. Pam Davidson
6. Wendy Watson
7. Louise Dearman
8. Jane Lauder
9. Eddie Bourque
10. Jim Davidson
11. Dianne Sauve
12. Wendy Watson
13. Judith Pacey
14. Jim Davidson

### MAPLE LEAF SUBMISSIONS

For the February 2017 Maple Leaf, please send your reports and submissions no later than Monday, January 23. Kindly submit by email to **branch270@rogers.com** with "MAPLE LEAF" in the subject line, addressed in the body to Branch PRO Norm Marion.

While we strongly encourage submissions from the membership, some items may not be published due to various reasons including lack of space, poor quality of original document, infringement of copyright laws, or other reasons as determined by the editorial board. Note that the Suggestion Box will be cleared every month on the submission due date.

## LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



### Greetings Comrades:

Hoping that everyone had a Merry Christmas and my best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Thanks to all the Ladies who attended our December meeting and Christmas party. I know many of you could not attend due to the weather. Santa Claus dropped by and a fun time was had by all. The food was delicious and our Secret Santa gift exchange was wonderful!

The Veterans Baseball Cap program was a huge success! We have received many thank you calls and notes from our veterans who were so pleased with the caps. Thanks to all who participated in making this happen – packaging, mailing and delivering them. Great job Ladies!

Many thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and Branch members who helped to make our New Year's Eve party and the Legion Levee successful. A great time was had by all who attended. Your dedication and commitment is always inspiring.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday January 19 at 6:30 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!

*New years come and new years go,  
Pieces of time all in a row.  
As we live our life, each second and minute,  
We know we're privileged to have you in it.  
Our appreciation never ends  
For our greatest blessings: our family and friends.*

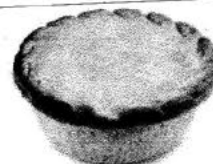
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Yours in comradeship,  
**Donna Packer, President**

### Royal Canadian Legion Coldwater Ladies Auxiliary

### Meat Pies For Sale

**\$4.00 ea**



**Cooking Instructions:**  
Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 min.

**Made by the Ladies Auxiliary  
Sports Team  
Can be purchased at the Legion**

### LADIES' AUXILIARY

### HOMELESS VETERANS JAR

This donation jar is located on the bar  
at the Coldwater Legion.

The funds collected by all Ladies Auxiliaries  
across Canada go to providing  
housing and the necessities of life  
for homeless veterans.

**PLEASE HELP US FILL THE JAR!!!**

Thank You!!  
Ladies Auxiliary, Coldwater





*Congratulations to Kierra Tonn who won 1st place in the Colour Poster - Intermediate category.*

## POSTER, POEM AND ESSAY WINNERS 2016

Congratulations to winners and all participants in our Branch's annual Remembrance Day Poster & Literary Composition Contest. Entries were submitted by students of Coldwater Public School and Coldwater-Moonstone Elementary. And the winners are...

Poster 1, Category 1  
Black and White Poster  
Grades 1, 2, and 3  
1st Lauren Crothers  
2nd Kailey Booth  
3rd Silver Tremblay

Poster 1, Category 2  
Black and White Poster  
Grades 4, 5 and 6  
1st William van der Weg  
2nd Lacey Sisson  
3rd McKenna Karn

Poster 1, Category 3  
Black and White Poster  
Grades 7 and 8  
1st Rachel Ward  
2nd Hunter Sisson  
3rd Genevieve Devine

Poems, Category 1  
Grades 4, 5 and 6  
1st Kaytee Welsh  
2nd Megan Black

Poems, Category 2  
Grades 7 and 8  
1st Kierra Tonn  
2nd Connor Evans  
3rd Wesley O'Leary

Essays, Category 1  
Grades 4, 5 and 6  
1st Robyn Osborne

Essays, Category 2  
Grades 7 and 8  
1st Megan McKee  
2nd Paige Hannan  
3rd Will Burbidge

Poster 2, Category 1  
Coloured Posters  
Grades 1, 2 and 3  
1st Luke Duivenvoorden  
2nd Claire Lunstroth  
3rd Sara Cunningham

Poster 2, Category 2  
Coloured Posters  
Grades 4, 5 and 6  
1st Melanie McKee  
2nd Jack Cherewaty  
3rd Carlie Green  
and Kendall Booth

Poster 2, Category 3  
Coloured Posters  
Grades 7 and 8  
1st Kierra Tonn  
2nd Avery Lovering  
3rd Kaitlin Ransome

# ***R** the Renaissance Band*



Mark Westbury - bass  
Chris Sharpe - vocals, guitar  
Dan Buckley - vocals, lead guitar  
Billy Graham - vocals, drums



**Performing at  
the Coldwater Legion  
January 28, 2017  
1pm to 5pm**

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