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FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Management

Spring has sprung Comrades, and for most of us, not a day too soon. In a few weeks all that white stuff will be gone and we will be thinking about our gardens, or whatever it is that people enjoy doing outdoors.

Spring also brings us reminders of the anniversary of the assault on Vimy Ridge, a battle that has since come to symbolize the birth of Canada as a nation. For this 100th anniversary of the battle, we decided to make this April issue of the Maple Leaf a special Vimy Ridge issue, and pay tribute to the fallen in our own humble way. Please take a moment to read about it in this issue, and consider attending our Vimy Ridge – Branch 270 luncheon on Sunday April 9.

Also a familiar spring event, the spring convention for Zone E4 was held in Warminster on March 12, with nine members of the branch in attendance (four as voting delegates). At the meeting Comrade Frank Beasley was elected Zone Commander; Comrade Paul Howe was elected Zone Deputy Commander, and our own Sports Officer, Comrade Bob Gourlie, was elected as Zone Sports Officer. Congratulations Bob, and good luck.

Here at the Branch we had three very successful activities in March, namely our Training and Organizational Development (TOD) seminar on the 4th, the Public Speaking Contest on the 5th, and the St. Patrick's Day parade and party on the 17th. While all three events were highly successful, the St. Patrick's Day celebration was definitely the most spectacular in terms of sounds and colours. Kudos and thank you to the organizers and participants of all three events.

Finally, we are happy to announce that "The Grid" has been unveiled. You can see the list of winners on page 9. Thank you to all participants, and congratulations to the winners.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 26. We hope to see you there.

ENTERTAINMENT

Submitted by Comrade Michele Russell, Entertainment Chairperson

Our main event in April will be a special 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge luncheon on Sunday April 9, beginning at 2 p.m. You can get tickets at the bar until closing time on Friday the 7th. The lunch is FREE TO VETERANS AND CAREGIVERS! Others are \$8 per person. We have our regular Meat Draw on Saturday the 8th, and the Jammin' at The Legion on Saturday the 15th. And there will be live entertainment in the Club Room on Saturday the 29th with Wendy Whelan & The Rubber Band, from 2 to 5 p.m.



Congratulations to this year's St. Patrick's Day parade Queen and King, Gaëtanne Robinson and Kari Malmstrom.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

We continue to work at improving the Public Relations side of the branch, and that includes reaching out to both internal and external audience. For those of you (many, I hope) who visit our website or Facebook page, you probably noticed an increasing number of photos of our branch activities. On these sites, physical space for images is not as critical as in the print world. So, since we do not have the necessary space in the Maple Leaf to publish as many photos as we wish, we intend to add extra pages of photos in the in-house Maple Leaf binder that members can view in the club room. Photography is an area where we could use some help from talented photographers from the branch. If you're interested in volunteering to cover some of our activities, please let me know. You don't need to have a fancy camera (most cell phones or tablets can do a pretty good job) or be a trained professional. I can help you with some tips if you're willing to learn.

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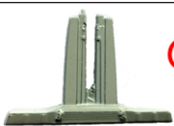


Binoculars identified as having belonged to Lieutenant J.J. Doble, killed in action at Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917.

COLLECTION MANAGER

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Collection Manager

In my report last month I mentioned that I would be writing about King's and Queen's crowns in the next issue. I had forgotten about the Vimy Ridge 100th anniversary, which we are commemorating on April 9. So, instead of crowns, let me tell you about a few items that we have in our collection that relate to Vimy Ridge. We have a map on display that shows the position of the Canadian troops during the famous battle. We have binoculars that are said to have belonged to Lieutenant J.J. Doble, killed at Vimy Ridge while serving with the 116th Battalion. And we have a piece of "trench art", made from a brass shell and a brass blade engraved with "Vimy Ridge 1917". Of course, any one of our artefacts from the First World War may have a link to Vimy Ridge. But perhaps our collection's most important reminder of Vimy Ridge for our community is a large framed photograph (and accompanying plaque) of Private Andrew Durnford of Coldwater, killed in action at Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917. Please take a few minutes to read more about Private Durnford in this issue on page 10. We will Remember him.



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SPORTS

Submitted by Comrade Bob Gourlie, Sports Chairperson

Comrades, don't forget about our Men vs Ladies Dart Tournament. April 22 is the date for this year. Cost is \$5 per person and it is blind draw for the teams. Hope you can join us as it is always an enjoyable time. There is also going to be a Zone Horseshoe Tournament this year. It will be held in Port McNicoll on May 13. We are also looking to have a Zone Golf Tournament. It will be held sometime in June at Bonaire Golf and Country Club. Watch the Sports Board for sign up information for both of these events. If you have any questions, please email me robertgourlie@gmail.com or call me at (705) 715-2368.

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Submitted by Comrades Dave & Debbie Robitaille, Sergeants-at-Arms

I (Debbie) would like to thank everyone for their well wishes, concerns and appreciate the support. Looking forward to getting back into the swing of things.

We are busy preparing for Canada Day. We will be having a parade to celebrate Canada's 150th. Once we have all the details in place we will be posting more information. We encourage everyone to join us in this parade and if you need help (cars, uniform pieces etc.) Let us know and

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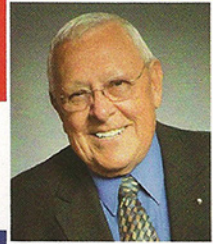
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we can arrange things. There are new pins available for the 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge. They are \$6.00 and can be worn on our uniform starting April 1 till December 31. As always we are always available if you would like to learn or practice, or if you have questions about drill, parades, etc. We also have booklets available.

SENIORS

Submitted by Comrade Eleanor Schull, Seniors Chairperson

Spring is upon us; with that comes allergy season. It is a good time to remember safe medication practices and usage. When used correctly, medications are largely safe. Prescription and 'over the counter' medications can save lives and help people of all ages manage certain conditions. It is 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 that your doctor knows about all of the medications you are taking including non-prescription products such as herbal remedies, dietary supplements, and vitamins. Many pills look the same; keep them in the original packaging, and double check labels. Store all medications as directed on the label, out of sight and reach of children, and keep dangerous medications locked away. Discard expired or unneeded medications by returning them to a pharmacy. Do not flush or put in the garbage. Also, a reminder that shingles vaccinations are available through your doctor or pharmacy and covered by OHIP for people ages 65-70. To all of the snowbirds returning this month, welcome back! Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Quote of the Month

"Under the orders of your devoted officers in the coming battle you will advance or fall where you stand facing the enemy. To those who will fall I say 'You will not die, but step into immortality. Your mothers will not lament your fate, but will be proud to have borne such sons. Your name will be revered forever and ever by your grateful country, and God will take you unto Himself.'"

- From Lieutenant-General Arthur Currie in a special order to his troops in France, a week before the assault on Vimy Ridge.

SICK & VISITING

Submitted by Comrade Eleanor Schull, Sick & Visiting Chairperson

There were no requests for Get Well or Sympathy cards in the month of March. If you know of anyone in need of this service I can be contacted at 705-686-7789 or emails can be sent to eschull@rogers.com. Starting in April I will be posting information on the Sick and Visiting Board next to the canteen as I receive it.

Volunteers are not paid; not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.



Hannah Dixon is presented the 1st prize in the Grades 4 – 6 category by Comrades Betty-Jean Murray (left) and Pat Fitzpatrick right) of Branch 270 Coldwater during the Public Speaking Contest.

YOUTH EDUCATION

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, Youth Education Chairperson

On March 5, our local segment of the Legion's annual Public Speaking Contest was held at our branch. Eight young contestants ranging from Grade 4 to Grade 8 took turn at delivering their own original speech in front of judges and an audience of family and friends. Congratulations to all participants, particularly to Hannah Dixon, who won the Grades 4 – 6 category, and Paige Hannan, who took first prize in the Grades 7 – 9 category. Several photos of the Public Speaking Contest can be viewed on our branch website (www.coldwaterlegion.com), on our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/coldwaterlegion), or in the in-house Maple Leaf binders at the branch.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



Greetings Comrades:

Spring has arrived and hopefully the snow will soon disappear and the winds will be warmer! Have already noticed blooms sprouting in my garden!! Our thanks to the Branch for the wonderful St. Patrick's Day event. A great turnout and lots of fun! Thanks to the ladies who helped out at the Celebration of Life we catered to in March. Your commitment always inspires me!

Our Shepherd's Pie/Coleslaw Dinner on March 21 went very well! The food was delicious and we received many compliments on the dinner. We ended up serving 43 dinners. Thanks to the Branch members and community for coming out to support us! And again, thanks to the ladies who worked so hard to make this happen!! The leftover Shepherd's pie will be individually portioned and frozen and can be purchased at the Legion.

At our March meeting, we accepted membership of two new members and they will be initiated at the April meeting. So good to have new ladies join our auxiliary!

Upcoming Events:

May 18 – Elections and meeting. If you are interested in being an executive member, please advise a member so you can be nominated. We need a strong and committed executive team to take on the various committee chairs, keep our auxiliary strong and ensure its continuance.

May 28 – Zone E4 Convention in Collingwood. All members are invited to attend as this is a wonderful opportunity to meet other auxiliaries and get suggestions and ideas. We will discuss this more at our April meeting.

The Ladies Auxiliary Appreciation Luncheon and Honors & Awards will take place on Sunday September 10th and I look forward to seeing many members attend. Details will follow at a later date.

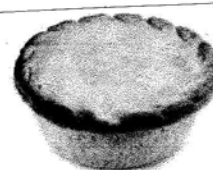
Our next meeting is on Thursday April 20th at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!!!

Yours in comradeship,
Donna Packer, President

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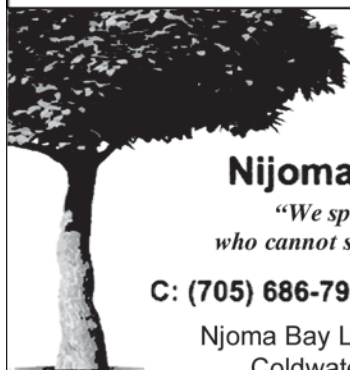


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AND THE WINNERS OF "THE GRID" ARE...

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray

Yes, the long awaited reveal of "The Grid" has taken place on March 21. Thank you to all who contributed to, or helped with the fundraising initiative, and congratulations to the winners: Anne McArthur, who won a \$100 gift card from Canadian Tire; Diane Sauvé, a \$20 Foodland gift card; Paul Bolya, a \$15 gift card from Em's Cafe; Vic P, a fridge magnet (hey, we did say there were mystery trinkets in there!); Norm Marion, a flashlight; Michele Russell, a gift from The Christmas Villager; Marie Langley, a \$50 gift card from the Mill Street Bistro; and finally, Jerry Kyle, a \$20 gift card from Tim Horton's.

Note that since not all the winning squares were selected, the remaining prizes will be used in a future contest, raffle, or other fundraising initiative. Once again, THANK YOU all!



Long-time Legion member Grace Mahoney (waving) was the Queen for Coldwater's first St. Patrick's Day parade back in 1987, and has taken part in the annual event ever since.

IRISH FOR THE DAY

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

In keeping with what has now become a 30-year tradition, members of RCL Branch 270 Coldwater organized and took part in Coldwater's annual St. Patrick's Day parade. On Friday March 17, dozens of members of the branch were joined by an enthusiastic crowd of local residents to march on the main street in Coldwater and enjoy the beautiful sunny afternoon. Many carried on afterwards inside the Legion's Club Room to celebrate in a definitely Irish-for-the-day environment. More photos of Coldwater's St. Patrick's Day celebrations can be viewed on our branch website (www.coldwaterlegion.com), on our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/coldwaterlegion), or in the in-house Maple Leaf binders at the branch.

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt

On occasion we may become privy to others' well-hidden, yet surfacing hurts. Sometimes an oversight has occurred in the most unintentional manner leaving the recipient of the omission feeling under-valued and ill-appreciated.

It has come to light that there are Comrades who are feeling slighted, and over-looked; in short, taken for granted. We should take great care to give credit to those individuals who have and are contributing their acts of volunteering from behind the scenes. These individuals do not seek the limelight; but the flicker of acknowledgement would be appreciated. Whether the volunteer act is accomplished by donation of product, service or effort, all is worthy of recognition. The assistance offered need not be monumental in size; the most miniscule contribution is of gigantic proportion. With all of us contributing as best we can, our Branch can continue to provide a multitude of enjoyable programmes in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for our Veterans, their friends and family.

Our financial accomplishment is calculated in accounting terms by realizing a positive bottom line. While positive figures may reflect healthy finances, this is not necessarily what motivates our members to support our Branch. Once we recognize that money is a short term motivator, we need to determine what motivates Comrades to spend their precious time and the ever-shrinking value of the dollar at our Branch. Our true wealth and success is measured by the number of happy, involved and contributing members.

It's quite simple. It is a basic human need to feel valued and to be recognized for work done in the past, now, and to receive encouragement and support for future endeavours.

Please take a moment from your busy day and share a simple 'thanks, for all you did and/or for all you do' to someone who has served or is currently serving Branch 270.





Private Andrew Durnford of Coldwater was killed in action on the first day of the assault on Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917.

COLDWATER "CHUMS" AT VIMY RIDGE

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

One hundred years after Canadian troops launched their assault on the now famous Vimy Ridge, it is hard to tell which ones, among the dozens of young men from the Coldwater area who served in the First World War, actually fought in the historical battle. Surviving records held at Library and Archives Canada will confirm that this or that individual was part of a certain unit at a certain time, and whether the unit in question did or did not take part in the battle. Generally speaking, that's about all the official records will confirm. But there are some cases where a direct link to the battle can easily be made, for example when a gallantry decoration with citation was awarded, when the soldier was mentioned in the unit's War Diary, or when he was wounded or killed in action at the time of the battle. Sadly, two of Coldwater's volunteer soldiers fell in the latter group. Private Andrew Durnford was killed in action on the first day of the assault on Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917, and Private George Hill fell a few days later on April 12. They had enlisted together in Coldwater a year earlier along with other "chums" (as described in a 1917 newspaper clipping), and were serving together in France with the 1st Battalion (Western Ontario Regiment) at the time of their death.

Durnford and Hill enlisted in Coldwater in the spring of 1916, along with James Langley, Charles McKerrall, George Woods, Alexander Dunkin, Samuel Eplett, and Bruce Griffin, all born and raised in Coldwater, or residing there at the time. Once in France, six of them - Durnford, Hill, Woods, Eplett, Dunkin, and Griffin - were assigned to the 1st Battalion, while Langley and McKerrall went with the 116th Battalion. Since both units were in the Vimy Ridge area at the time of the battle, it can be assumed that all of them did indeed, fight at Vimy Ridge. Not long after Durnford and Hill were killed, it was Private Woods' turn to fall on the battlefield on May 3. Then came McKerrall on July 23, Langley on August 29, and Dunkin on November 6. Of the group, only Sam Eplett and Bruce Griffin survived the year 1917 at the front. Both suffered gunshot wounds at the time of the battle for Vimy Ridge. Bruce Griffin was later awarded the Military Medal for bravery in battle.

A century after they gave their lives for their country, we certainly can take a moment to remember who these men "killed in action" were. As was announced in October last year, the Coldwater Legion will continue to recognize each local soldier killed in action in the First World War by flying flags half-staff on the day of the 100th anniversary of their passing. We will also post biographical notes about each individual on our website and Facebook pages. This month we recognize Private Andrew Durnford on April 9, and Private George Hill on April 12. We Will Remember Them.



Canadian machine gunners dig themselves in, in shell holes on Vimy Ridge. (Credit: Canada. Dept. of National Defence/Library and Archives Canada/PA-001017)



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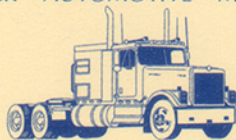


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Canadian soldiers return victorious from Vimy Ridge. (Credit: Canada. Dept. of National Defence / Library and Archives Canada)

THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

If you've been paying attention to the news in recent weeks, you're probably aware that Canadians are getting ready to commemorate the centenary of a battle that, according to many, unified the country by giving it a new sense of a national identity. It was a battle in which, for the first time, four Canadian army divisions (more than 100,000 men) fought side by side as a Canadian Corps, and came out victorious. I am, of course, referring to the Battle of Vimy Ridge. At the time of going to print, thousands of high school kids from across the country (some from our area) have started packing for a trip to Vimy Ridge, part of an effort to ensure that the sacrifices made by our soldiers a century ago are not forgotten by the new generations. So, just in case you haven't been watching the news, here's the Coles Notes version of the Canadian assault on Vimy Ridge.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge began at 5:30 a.m. on Easter Monday, April 9, 1917. After months of intelligence gathering, planning, and rehearsing, a first wave of more than 15,000 Canadian soldiers attacked German defenses, forcing their way through mud, defensive obstacles and deadly machine gun fire. Even the weather was against them. But the extensive preparation and innovative tactics soon gave the Canadians the advantage. Advancing behind a precisely timed "creeping" artillery barrage, Canadian soldiers were able to capture German positions at the critical moment before the enemy could emerge from their bunkers to counter-attack.

One hundred years after Vimy Ridge, how do our Veterans fare today? Here's the Legion's view on the latest federal budget announcement:

Federal Budget 2017 – 'Promises, promises' says The Royal Canadian Legion

OTTAWA March 22, 2017 – The Federal Government's budget has checked off a couple more priorities from the Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) mandate letter, but it certainly has missed the opportunity to deliver on key recommendations brought forward by the VAC Ministerial Advisory Groups, specifically, the need for lifelong financial security for ill and injured Veterans. Budget 2017 provides vague promises and no clarity on how the government will deliver lifelong financial security for our Veterans and their families.

Canada's ill and injured Veterans need and deserve financial security, critical supports and benefits, and this budget missed the mark by not delivering substantive details.

"Bottom line, this budget doesn't do enough for our Veterans and their families," says David Flannigan, Dominion President. "How long do Veterans have to wait?"

For those who served to protect the very rights and freedoms we enjoy today, we owe our Veterans our commitment to press Government to ensure the care and benefits they receive are the best they can possibly be.

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While Canadians suffered heavy casualties, they were successful in reaching and taking their heavily defended objectives on time. Hill 145, the main height on the ridge, was taken by April 10, and the other significant height nicknamed "the Pimple" followed two days later. At that point, the Battle of Vimy Ridge was all but over, leaving the Allies in control of the high ground overlooking enemy positions. Together, the Canadian and British Corps had captured more ground, prisoners and artillery pieces than any previous British offensive of the war. But there was a cost to the battlefield victory. By the end of the battle, Canadians had suffered 10,600 casualties, 3,600 of them killed.

In 1936 the Canadian National Vimy Memorial was unveiled – it took 11 years to build – on the highest point of Vimy Ridge, on land granted to Canada for all time by a grateful France. The monument bears the names of 11,285 Canadian soldiers listed as "missing, presumed dead" in France during the First World War.



Canada's most impressive tribute overseas to those Canadians who fought and gave their lives in the First World War is the majestic and inspiring Canadian National Vimy Memorial which overlooks the Douai Plain from the highest point of Vimy Ridge. (Source: Veterans Affairs Canada)

VIMY RIDGE: CARRYING ON THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY

Submitted by Comrade George Sinclair

The following text is part of a letter written by Marcus Matucci about his experience as a tour guide at Vimy Ridge. It is reproduced here with permission from the Matucci family.

Vimy Ridge. It's a place all Canadians have heard of. It's a part of our history, our culture, our Nation. Heck, it even made it into our passports, and on the \$20 bill. Never would I have imagined myself working there, and what a ride it was. My name is Marcus Matucci, a 20 year old University of Ottawa student who hails from Richmond Hill, Ontario. I was also one of fifteen Canadian university students working in France for 4 months as a guide, sharing the history of Canada with our visitors.

When I reflect on my time here in France, it comes with a bittersweet taste. The guided tours and interactions with visitors are unforgettable, and to be at such a sacred place makes me proud to represent my country. However, knowing why we're here in the first place is something else. The horrors and losses suffered almost 100 years ago are no longer as poignant as they once were. Walk around the site, and you wouldn't believe that over 3000 Canadians

were killed there in 1917. Instead of dirt and mud, we have grass. Instead of a barren wasteland, we have over one million trees. It has truly turned into a site of peace and serenity. Still, the bumps, holes, and trench lines litter what was once a battlefield, serving as a reminder of what the realities really were back then.

The truth is this, there are no veterans from the First World War to tell us about what they experienced, their generation has long passed. However, it is important to us, not only as Canadians, but as people, to remember the sacrifices they made for us. This is why the Canadian government offers this program, so we can be educated, by educating others. Being university students, we are around the same age as a lot of the people who served during this war, giving us a personal connection to those who have fallen. It's a fantastic opportunity to try and work in, eye opening to us who have been so withdrawn from a World War.



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March 7

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 Sunshine – Anne Stock

March 14

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 Low Hand – Vicki Scott
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March 21

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March 7

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 3. Ross Pipher
 4. Jackie Lennox
 Sunshine – Ross Pipher

March 14

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 2. Carl Swanson
 3. Bill Kinnear
 4. Larry Hutchinson
 Sunshine – Robert Hogeant

March 21

1. Carl Swanson
 2. Robert Hogeant
 3. Gary Hamilton
 4. Larry Hutchinson
 Sunshine – Janet Hamilton

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 2. Bob
 3. Michele
 4. Jeremy
 5. Mary.
 6. Gaetan
 Sunshine – Grant

March 3

1. Albert
 2. Frank
 3. Michelle
 4. Dean
 5. Gaetan
 6. Dean
 Sunshine – Lorne

March 10

1. Grant
 2. Larry
 3. Larry
 4. Dianne
 5. Dianne
 6. Dianne
 Sunshine – Frank

**MARCH 11th
MEAT DRAW WINNERS**

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2. Larry Hutchison
3. Michele Russell
4. Jack Lauder
5. Pete Lumree
6. Brian Vaughan
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9. Gaetan Robinson
10. Jane Lauder
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MARCH 18 JAMMIN' SESSION

We thank all those who participated in our *Jammin' at the Legion* session on Saturday March 18. We had the chance of listening to George Sinclair on keyboard and guitar; Joe Barron on fiddle and guitar; Tyler Lloyd on five-string banjo; and David Correy, Barbara Curran, David Huntley and Xander Lloyd on guitar and vocals. Thank you all for joining us. Our *Jammin' at the Legion* sessions run every third Saturday of the month, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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