



The Legion Quarterly Newsletter



Dr. C. B. Lumsden Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 74, Wolfville, NS

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PRESIDENT DONN MILES - NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all. This year it sometimes seems to have gone too quickly, however, when considering other aspects it seems to have taken too long.

Our Branch renovations and the various other legion activities we have completed, and were involved with this past year have gone reasonable well.

Our "Poppy Trust Fund", through the efforts of many faired very well during these difficult times, putting us in a position to once again assist veterans and families or other causes the trust fund permits.

The Poppy Campaign and the two individual ceremonies, one at Acadia and a second at the Wolfville war memorial were well attend-

ed. They were followed by a successful and enjoyable "Remembrance Day" banquet at the White Rock Community Centre.. A great deal of thanks go to all who participated or attended. In particular regular support staff and soldiers from the West Nova Regiment and the members from 14 Wing Pipes and Drums.

Our membership continues to grow. With the opening of the newly renovated branch in the next quarter we are expecting more newcomers as members or as friends from the town and surrounding communities.

We look forward to welcoming interested citizens with friendship and respect. Your support, any and always, is required to assist our branch in covering the debt encountered to rebuild and to become a valuable community hub.

Please consider visiting us to see the new legion and what we have to offer. We currently have a good number of Veterans from all services and trades; RCMP and community folks from varying places and different occupations. Most important we offer friendship and assistance for those who qualify.

A great thank you to each and every one who has supported our endeavour to become a new style Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. It is my hope that just rewards of the new building for our struggle will be ample proof that all work and monetary assistance was very well worth the end result. All who have helped in any way should be justifiably proud to have supported a worthwhile cause.

On behalf of our membership I wish you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year".



President, Donn Miles

HISTORIC POPPY CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!

By Burnell Lyons



Burnell Lyons

During the summer, Comrade Peter Tatrallyay requested a volunteer to assume the role of Acting Chair for the Poppy Campaign due to a planned absence. After working with Comrade Peter over the past two years, understanding the operational structure, and duty of a Legion Member to support the Poppy Campaign I quickly informed Comrade Peter and our Branch Executive my intention to take on the task.

Our annual Poppy Campaign commenced on Friday, October 27th, 2023. Our Branch had table presence at Carl's Independent, NSLC (Wolfville location), The Home Depot, and at the Wolfville Farmer's Market on two Saturdays during the campaign.

Ms. Lynn Beaver assisted again this year coordinating with our schools and promoting the National Youth Remembrance Contest. Five of our comrades assisted with school visits and in addition our Branch was invited to present to the Grade 9 Citizenship Class at Horton High School.

This year we offered two new items to sell at our tables; Indigenous Lapel Pins recognizing the contributions and service of our Indigenous Veterans to the Canadian Armed Forces, and Legion Branch #74 chocolate bars, made locally by Chocolates by Gabrielle in White Rock. The Village of New Minas purchased twenty "We Will Remember Lawn" signs to display throughout the community. Through a social media advertisement on our Branch's Facebook page, we sold nineteen more signs remaining in inventory from previous year. All three items were very popular requiring additional orders to be placed.



I am very pleased to report Branch #74 raised over \$19,000.00, an historic high for our Legion. This total includes sales from poppies, lapel pins, chocolate bars, lawn signs, and memorial wreaths. These efforts couldn't have happened without the dedication and support of our membership and volunteers. I would thank each member and volunteer who helped staff our poppy tables, assembling, delivery and collection of our trays to merchants, our schools, and our retail locations who contributed to the success of our 2023 Poppy Campaign! Upon his return.

Comrade Peter mentioned that he expected to have periods of extended absence in the future as well and has asked me to take over as Chairperson of the Poppy Trust on a full-time basis, while he would act as Vice Chair and provide continued support as his availability allowed. As the Executive Committee was in favour of this solution, I look forward to serving our Branch in this role.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES WOFVILLE

By Co-Editor, Rodger LeDrew



The Dr. C.B. Lumsden Branch 74 Legion, and Acadia University enjoyed the pleasure of bringing you the Remembrance Day services at two locations in Wolfville, as we have done in past years. It provided a wonderful opportunity to take in the services at the indoor location at University Hall for those that wanted to, or to attend the Outdoor service at the Post Office cenotaph. Both services have a long running tradition of sharing official personnel to bring you the best of two memorable services.

To the delight of the general public this year, both services were held simultaneously on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. This is standard protocol across Canada and expected to be adhered to.

The indoor service at University Hall was well attended with the official service conducted by the Reverend Dr. Marjorie Lewis. The Ceremonial Marshall was Executive Director, Alumni Affairs Oonagh Proudfoot. Following the service the usual march to Acadia's War Memorial took place led by the Legion Flag Party with the playing of the Last Post and Reveille.

From the Wolfville Legion Branch 74 at 310 Main Street, a grand ceremonial parade was led by the 14 Wing Greenwood Pipe and Drum band followed by a distinguished parade of the West Nova Regiment, the Boy Scouts and other participants. The arrival of the parade by those waiting at the Post Office cenotaph was thoroughly enjoyed. O Canada and God Save the King was sung by our Legion trio Comrades Padre Jim Russell, Susanne Winters and Lawrence MacIsaac. The Parade Marshal was Branch 74 President Donn Miles and the Ceremonial Marshal was Rodger LeDrew.

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RENO UPDATE BY PAUL MURPHY, 1ST VP

Hello everyone. We have been extremely busy these past 3 months, and the next 3 months will be even busier as we anticipate the completion of the renovations and plans for our Grand Opening.



We completed the drywall, crack fill and 1st coats of paint, installed new heat pumps, duct work and electrical system. Mid-December we installed the front entryway and ramp and the rear concrete walkway. The commercial kitchen, now completed, includes an oven, stove, 2 fryers (one gluten-free), a dishwasher, a single, double and triple sink, new fridge, freezer, stainless steel table and shelving, bar fridges, counter top and cupboards.

In December, 3 volunteer work parties were required, consisting of installing flooring in the office, poppy and comms rooms, transporting major kitchen appliances, tables and chairs for the main level and deck. Thanks to Donn M, Terry B, Brian M, Peter T, John K, Heather K, Gary S, Dale P, Alan B and Paul M.

Final renovations over the next 3 months consist of installing tile and hardwood flooring, an elevator, emergency stairways, deck stairs, final coats of paint, trim work, bathroom and bar fixtures, cabinets, final finishes to the main entryway, internal stairways and the mechanical and electrical systems.

Brooks Levy Construction volunteered his crew to build the curved, live-edge wood bar using the counter top that he cut and dried in his garage for a year. Work began in December and hope to finish it Jan 2024. Thank you, Brooks!

The building, when completed, will house a sports bar in the lower level, our office, a commercial kitchen and bar with a stage on the main level and a counselling room, library, deck, bar, stage, dance floor and Veterans Suite training venue on the upper level featuring a completely windowed northern view of the Minas Basin and Blomidon. We will have a handicapped-accessible entryway and ramp to both the lower and main levels and all 3 levels have 2 handicapped-accessible washrooms and elevator access. We will host coffees, dinners, card parties, karaoke, dances, music events, fitness classes, dance lessons and rental opportunities for office parties and weddings for the community at large and more.



We have received funding from community groups, the Town of Wolfville, the Municipality of Kings County, the Province of NS and the Federal Government. We still require innovative ways to raise money to pay for the remaining renovations. We recently received a grant from the Eastern Kings Memorial Health Foundation for a defibrillator, 1st aid kits and training and a \$100,000.00 grant from the Federal Government which we will officially announce in 2024.

Our fundraising efforts have raised approx \$160K with the generosity of our members and the communities at large. We realize these are hard times, brought on by Covid, however if you are able to donate, whether it be \$5 or \$100, it is appreciated. You can still donate three ways. Through our **Go Fund Me** page follow this link <https://www.gofundme.com/en-ca> and type **Wolfville Legion** into the search engine and **click on the picture** of our new building to donate to our cause as we strive to Remember the Fallen, Care for our Veterans and their Families and become a community hub, hosting events that all can enjoy. Donate to the **75 Fund** by presenting a cheque to any of our executive members or mail a cheque to Wolfville Legion Branch 74, 310 Main Street, Wolfville, NS B4P 1C4 or e- **transfer** at wolfvillelegion@gmail.com. For the **Roger Prentice Library Fund** you can e-transfer funds to rogerprenticelegionlibraryfund@gmail.com, or mail a cheque made payable to the Roger Prentice Legion Library Fund and send to the Wolfville Legion address as above.

Coffee and tea socials continue at the White Rock Community Centre normally serving 30-45 folks on Wed from 930-1130am. A free-will offering gets you bottomless tea, coffee or juice plus a selection of sweets, treats and sandwiches. Legion members and community members are all invited to attend.

A big thank you goes out to all of the regular dedicated volunteers.



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NOODLE GUY HOSTS LEGION FUNDRAISER

By Co-Editor, Michael Bawtree

After some weeks of planning, and one postponement due to Hurricane Lee, the Wolfville Legion's fall fundraiser finally rolled in on Sunday, October 1st. It was a joyous affair. Forty souls crowded into one of Nova Scotia's most prized restaurants, and were treated to a rich brunch menu, with wine and beer flowing. Musical entertainment with vocals was provided by Mitch St. Peters and his guitar.



Ross Paterson

The Noodle Guy, of course, is Ross Patterson. Ross started his restaurant some six years ago, and in that short time has turned it into one of the Annapolis Valley's most popular eateries, with a reputation for good food well-cooked and attractively priced. Ross has shown great interest in the Legion's renovations, and offered to sponsor our fundraiser by providing not only his venue but also all the food and staff, and doing all the cooking himself!

The fundraiser took in just under \$2000, which went towards our needy Renovation Fund. We plan to hold another fundraiser at Troy Restaurant early in the new year, at the invitation of Troy's co-owner Will Lang - who has also become a member of our Legion. A warm thank you to Ross, and to his splendid staff .




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The Newfoundland Regiment 166 and the Royal Canadian Regiment in 1943 sent two fine young men, Harold Cross and Cyril Cross, off to fight during the deep hostilities of WW II in Europe.

After leaving home they lost track of each other as Harold signed up with the RCR in Canada and Cyril signed up for the 166 British Field Regiment.

One evening, Harold the RCR infantry officer undergoing an advance, with artillery cover provided by the 166 was so successful with the barrage laid down, the next morning he went over to the 166 field unit HQ to congratulate and thank the Artillery Officer for the coverage. He was shown into the office and met the greatest surprise of his life. The officer was his brother Cyril.

Submitted by our member Ted Cross, Nephew of Harold & Cyril



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