



The Lacombe Legion



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Zone 3 District 4

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Introducing . . .

Branch #79 Officers, Executive and Committees for the Year 2001

Branch #79 Officers and Executive Members

President	Joyce Bradford	782-2886
1 st Vice President	Herb Draney	782-3687
2 nd Vice President	Rod Oberg	782-1640
Secretary	Joan Handford	782-2037
Treasurer	Faye Chomoway	782-4169
Past President	Cam Armstrong	(deceased)

Executive

Al Bunn	Roy Cucheran	Sharon Pollard
Jim Rose	Dave Swarbrick	Doug Handford

Appointments

Chaplain	Shealagh McClelland	784-3367
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dave Kenney	782-9854
Service Officer	Al Walushka	782-3273

Ladies Auxiliary Officers and Executive Members

President	Jean Bruns	782-4205
1 st Vice President	Barbara Burnett	782-7876
2 nd Vice President	Trudy Friesen	782-6832
Secretary	Doris Dicknoether	782-6378
Treasurer	Ellen Fannon	782-7550

Executive

Mary Mullins	782-5380
Carol Albers	782-6470
Isabel Dernott	782-6224
Elsie Suter	782-4634
Velma Price	782-6741
Mary Slaght	782-6755

Sergeant-At-Arms

Eva Whittaker 782-3746

Phoning Committee

Daphne Payne 782-4074 Onagh Lidster -782-3959

Branch Committees

Membership	Sharon Pollard	782-7155
Honours & Awards		
Hall & Building	Roy Cucheran	782-1533
Lounge & Bar	Doug Handford	782-2037
Benevolent & Poppy	Rod Olberg	782-1640
Social & Ent	Jim Rose	782 4143
Sports	Dave Swarbrick	782-6441
Bingo	John Schroeder	782-6087
Pull Tickets	Doug Handford	782-2037
Seniors Activities		
Newsletter	Al Walushka	782-

The Cenotaph

located next to the Lacombe Memorial Centre (LMC) has been restored and cleaned. A concrete base has been placed under the original granite blocks for support.

Funding for the major portion of the renovations came from Dominion and Alberta/NWT Command.

The Lacombe branch provided funds in excess of the Cenotaph Grant.

VALENTINE PARTY

Date - February 9
Time - 8:30 pm

Sweetheart Prizes

An Idle Time Dance

Music by Country Notes

Tickets \$15 per couple

?? Late Lunch
?? Cash Bar



'Been a little sluggish'

about paying your dues?
 Maybe this reminder will help you pick up the pace:

- ?? **Legion Magazine**
- ?? **Access to Legion Facilities**
- ?? **Member in Good Standing**

Don't lose it all.

Renew your membership today!

Amount Due \$35.00

It's a Bargain !!!

Please remit payment to the branch.
 Come in and see the changes being made!



The **Personal** Touch

Branches that maintain contact with members are invariably the most successful.

Why not establish a phone committee to contact each member at least once a year. Not only will this demonstrate that you care about your members, but it will also give you an opportunity to get new members involved in Branch activities, encourage members to renew memberships, confirm addresses, remind members of meetings and upcoming events, or find out if a member is ill, or in need of assistance.

Such contact can provide a wealth of information about the members and can make a difference in how they feel about the Branch.

This newsletter is supplemental to communicating with the members-and the public. Become a volunteer and help the Branch to grow!

Personal contact - how does our Branch measure up in the "care" department?

A big job is not intimidating when you break it up into small pieces and work on each small part in an organized and consistent way. All tasks are made up of small parts and when we work on one piece at a time, we will get the job done.

Lacombe Legion Branch #79

Branch Hours

Monday to Saturday inclusive 3 pm - 10 pm

Weekly Activities

Monday	Bingo	7:15 pm
Tuesday	Darts	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Cribbage	7:00 pm
Thursday	<i>Open for suggestions</i>	
Friday	Meat Draws	6:00 pm
Saturday	Meat Draws	4:30 pm
Saturday - 1st and 3d	Whist	7:00 pm
Phone Ruth Hoppus - 782-5365 or Marie Long - 782-2186		

Meetings

Lacombe Branch #79

General Meeting	1st Thursday	7:30 pm
Executive Meeting	Last Wednesday	7:30 pm

Ladies' Auxiliary

General Meeting	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Executive Meeting	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm

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Sunset Legion Campground



Family Fun Day

- ?? **Date February 19**
- ?? **Tim 1:00 to 5:00 pm**
- ?? **Cost Donations**
- ?? **Place - Legion Sunset Campground**

- BBQ**
- hamburgers**
- Smokies on a bun**
- Carrot cake**
- Hot Chocolate**
- Pop**

Bring -
 Kids
 Mom & Dad
 Grampa
 Gramma
 Uncles
 Aunts
 Cousins, and
 ...

?? Hay Rides
 ?? Skating
 ?? X - Country
 ?? Skiing
 ?? Lunch

Make Memories!



Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Elsie Suter, Reporter

January 13th Our Ladies served hot stew as a luncheon for 40 hungry Legion dart players. Workers were Elsie Suter and Onagh Lidster with Doris Dicknoether coming in later to help with the dishes.

January 15th A funeral tea for the late Henry Sahlin of Clive, Alberta. Doris Dicknoether was the convenor and would like to thank all the ladies who assisted in any way.

January 15th Belated Birthday Greetings to Millie Szabunio who shares the same birth date with Margaret Simpson.

January 26th We served a light lunch after the funeral service for Branch Past President, Cam Armstrong. Elsie Suter was in charge and, again, a big thank you to the nine other ladies who helped out on the January 25th / 26th.

January 29th The Auxiliary will be hosting an afternoon of Bingo at the Lodge.

A big 'Hello' to Eva Whittaker! It's good to know you're on the mend.

Welcome back to Vera Brick after her holiday in Arizona.

Good Luck to Harley and Edith Hustad at their new address.



February 14!



Sick and Visiting

Comrades . . .

Veteran Vic Szabunio

had heart surgery in Calgary and returned home. Comrade Vic is back and is recovering.

Veteran John Ellen is in the hospital.

Veteran Bob Hill is home from the hospital.

Comrade George Damant is home from the hospital and is recovering from surgery.

H.D. Cucheran



“Thank You, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #79”

Our Remembrance Day Service held on November 9 was an exceptional tribute to our war veterans and a moving example of how students and adults today can reflect on the price that has been paid for our many freedoms. Members of the Lacombe Legion Branch #79 set the tone for a sincere and moving service.

A special thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 79 and to the Ladies Auxiliary members for the very important role they played in this service.

*This article appeared in a
Lacombe school newsletter for parents.*

Project 2000

The "Build a Square Foot" program is still going strong. In two short months we have received over fifty donations from members, businesses and citizens of Lacombe to our "Wall of Fame". The excitement is building towards the Grand Opening of our new lounge. We can all take some satisfaction that we, as members, made this happen.

\$79 FOR BRANCH #79

A worthy contribution you can make to your Branch.

It's working!

President Joyce Bradford

Golden rules for easier living today

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it up.
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it, call someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission.
11. If you don't know how to use it, leave it alone.
12. If its none of your business, don't ask questions.
13. If it will brighten someone's day, say it.
14. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

Sports Report

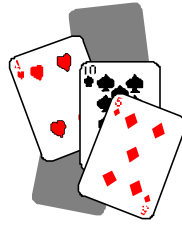
Herb Draney

Cribbage

Lacombe Legion Branch #79

is hosting the *District Cribbage* on Feb

3. About eighty crib players are expected to compete in the three categories: 'Legion Fours', 'Senior Pairs' and 'Legion Pairs'.



Branch members competing are: Legion Fours; Floyd Sebry, Elsie Sebry, Les Jeremiah and Suzette Jeremiah.

Legion Pairs

Irene Belmore, Marie Long and Ken Long, Albin Siermachesky.



Darts

The *Lacombe Branch*



has one *Mixed Legion Dart team* advancing to District level. The competition will be held on February 10 in Ponoka.

Branch representatives are Dave and Cheryl Swarbrick, Madelaine Babiuk and Dave Richmond.

Best of luck and . . . Congratulations!

More Darts

Feb 24 Red Deer/Lacombe Challenge.

This is a fun challenge! The teams are chosen from all entrants. Entry fee is \$5.00 per person.

March 30, 31 and April 1

A Charity Dart Shoot is being held in Ponoka on This event is being held to raise money for Baby Cassidy who was injured during child birth. Make up your team(s) and support this important event!

April 14 "Jim Gordineer Memorial" Mixed Triples Entry fee is \$10.00 per person.

For information and registration phone the Lacombe Branch at 782-6441 after 6:00 pm.

Every one is welcome!

May 5 "Bunkie" Memorial" Mixed Triples Entry fee is \$10.00 per person.

Yes! The Legion cares!

**Check the Bulletin Board
for other events!**



Roy Willard

Branch President Year 2001

Hugh Greene

Past president
Dominion Command

Lloyd Johnstone

Member Bashaw Branch

?? *Meritorious Service Medal*

?? *Palm Leaf* Year 2001

Bev Gallagher

Commander - Zone 3 District 4

Branch #79 Chaplain Shealagh McClelland (left) accepting 75th Anniversary Medal from Zone Commander Comrade Bev Gallagher. In the background - President Joyce Bradford.

President Joyce Bradford and Remembrance Day Contest winners from the Blackfalds School.

About the Newsletter

Question? - Who produces the Newsletter?

Answer! - Volunteers!

Question? - Why does this Branch have a newsletter?

Answer! - Branch members decided to purchase a computer for accounting and other record-keeping requirements. In the year 1992, it was also agreed by a few interested members to produce a newsletter!

Question? - How often is the newsletter published?

Answer! - About once a month. There have been about 80 newsletters produced averaging 6 to 8 pages since 1993!

Question? - Why does our team event, or my name not appear in the newsletter after a Legion event?

Answer! - Details of the event were not given to the editors, in written form, for inclusion in the newsletter! We need a reporter who is conscientious and willing to tell the readers about the event!

Question? - Why is my name mis-spelled; why are there are incorrect and missing details and other mistakes?

Answer! - We depend on a 'reporter' to research the details and provide correctly spelled names of the members involved in the event.

Question? - When is the Newsletter published?

Answer! - It was agreed by some members of the executive to reduce the number of issues to a bi-monthly schedule! It was also decided to mail the newsletter to all members - as necessary!

Question? - Why do you produce a newsletter anyway?

Answer! - Because the Legion has you, your family and community in its interest! The Royal Canadian Legion is the best organization in Canada for reminding Canadians of the sacrifices made by so many in securing the 'good life' we have today.

Question? - I have an idea that would be of interest to the members. How can I get the support of the Branch?

Answer! - Any member in good standing, with a good cause, and getting the support of several dedicated members can initiate an event, or program of their choice. Take your suggestion and commitment) to the committee chairman to be included in the Agenda!

Question? - Do you have some guidelines?

Answer! - Remember - Who; What; Where; When; Why and How!

Question? - What else can I do?

Answer! - Get involved and encourage your friends and family to

Join the Legion.

**Make the Legion your friend and
be a friend of the Legion!**

Welcome New Members

Comrades

?? Colin Campbell, *Blackfalds*

?? Gordon McKay, *Lacombe*

?Jean Hore *transferred from Red Deer*

?Derek Kelly *transferred from Ponoka*

?William Kinley *from Victoria*

?Bernadette Siermachesky *Lacombe*

?Cliff Benedictson *transferree
from Fort McMurray*

?Jim Bruns *Lacombe*

?Jacques Fyfe *transferree
from Red Deer*

?Valerie Hawes *Lacombe*

“Whatever you have to say to people be sure to say it in words that will cause them to smile and you will be on pretty safe ground. And when you do find it necessary to criticize someone, put your criticism in the form of a question which the other fellow is practically sure to have to answer in a manner that he becomes his own critic.”

John Wanamaker

“Name the Lounge” Contest

The new Lounge is nearing completion. A suggestion has been made to give it a name as is done in other Branches. A prize will be awarded for the chosen name.

Place your name on a slip of paper include your name, address, phone number and your selected Lounge Name.

Place this information in a sealed envelope marked
“*President, Lacombe Branch #79 Lounge Name Contest*”

The date and the prize will be announced at a later date.

**“When we each do a little,
then no one does a lot.”**

The Nova Scotia International Tattoo Society

has produced a book entitled *A Century of Service: Canada’s Armed Forces from the Boer War to East Timor*. The book contains articles about the men and women of our armed forces during the wars, peacekeeping, humanitarian aid and disaster relief missions. There are sections covering the Merchant Navy, the First Nations, RCMP and the Reserves and the contributions made by women of Canada.

Did you know that WWI veterans were recruited to perform ‘guard duty’ in Canada? Learn more!

The letter and details are posted on the ‘Bulletin Board’.

Comrade George Damant
Poppy chairman - Year 2000

Royal Canadian Legion Literary and Poster Contest - Branch #79

LUE	B&W Poster	Jr	Sheri Jackson	4 - 6	1st
LUE	B&W Poster	Jr	Kyle Cooke	4 - 6	2nd
LUE	B&W Poster	Jr	Eric Soderberg	4 - 6	3rd
LUE	Colour	Jr	Carlyn Duckett	4 - 6	1st
LUE	Colour	Jr	Christina Stark	4 - 6	2nd
LUE	Colour	Jr	Steffani Jardine	4 - 6	3rd
CACH	B&W Poster	Sr	Emily Leenstra	10 - 12	1st
CACH	B&W Poster	Sr	Kristen Dykstra	10 - 12	2nd
CACH	Colour Poster	Sr	Jeff Andersen	10 - 12	1st
CACH	Poem	Sr	Maria Hunting	10 - 12	2nd
CACH	Poem	Sr	Amanda Stol	10 - 12	3rd
CACH	Essay	Sr	Kim Ingwersen	10 - 12	1st
BKFDS	B&W Poster	Interm	Karl Hellwig	7 - 9	1st
BKFDS	B&W Poster	Interm	Jordan Stryker	7 - 9	2nd
BKFDS	Colour Poster	Interm	Frankie Skripal	7 - 9	1st
BKFDS	Colour Poster	Interm	Shawna Hausager	7 - 9	2nd
BKFDS	Poem	Interm	Brianna Guenther	7 - 9	2nd
BKFDS	Poem	Interm	Melissa Tschirren	7 - 9	3rd
BKFDS	Poem	Jr	Kurtis Paul	4 - 6	1st
BKFDS	Poem	Jr	Sunny Stryker	4 - 6	2nd
BKFDS	Essay	Jr	Robert Bailey	4 - 6	1st
LCHS	Poem	Sr	Christian Shlinkmann	10 - 12	1st
CHCS	Poem	Interm	Robbie Graber	7 - 9	1st
CHCS	Essay	Interm	Arlene Ambrose	7 - 9	1st
CHCS	Essay	Interm	Jessica LeBreton	7 - 9	2nd

Lest We Forget

Royal Canadian Legion Literary and Poster Contest - Zone3			
Contest	Contestant	School	Legion Branch
<u>Essays</u>			
Junior			
First	Devon Hunter	Bashaw	Bashaw # 38
Second	Anna-Marie Cubbon	Ponoka Elementary	Ponoka # 66
Intermediate			
First	Sarah Davis	St. Augustine, Ponoka	Ponoka # 66
Second	Cynthia Hiscock	St Augustine, Ponoka	Ponoka # 66
Senior			
First	Kim Ingwersen	Central Alberta Christian H S	Lacombe # 79
Second			
<u>Poems</u>			
Junior			
First	Kurtis Paul	Blackfalds	Lacombe # 79
Second	Amanda Schweer	Clive	Clive # 171
Intermediate			
First	Robbie Graber	College Heights Christian School	Lacombe # 79
Second	Courtney Desaulniers	St Augustine, Ponoka	Ponoka # 66
Senior			
First	Amanda Stol	Central Alberta Christian H S	Lacombe # 79
Second	Maria Humting	Central Alberta Christian H S	Lacombe # 79
<u>Posters - (Colour)</u>			
Junior			
First	Lisa VanderVelde	Ponoka Christian	Ponoka # 66
Second	Wilma Roeland	Ponoka Christian	Ponoka # 66
Intermediate			
First	Haley Campbell	Crestomere	Ponoka # 66
Second	Greg Allen	Diamond Willow	Ponoka # 66
Senior			
First	Jeff Andersen	Central Alberta Christian H S	Lacombe # 79
Second	Other entries in this category were of poor quality		
<u>Posters - (B & W)</u>			
Junior			
First	Sheri Jackson	Lacombe Upper Elementary	Lacombe # 79
Second	Sarah Friesen	Clive	Clive # 171
Intermediate			
First	Karl Hellwig	Blackfalds	Lacombe # 79
Second	Camille Louis	Diamond Willow	Ponoka # 66
Senior			
First	Emily Leenstra	Central Alberta Christian H S	Lacombe # 79
Second	Kristen Dykstra	Central Alberta Christian H S	Lacombe # 79
<i>Bev Gallagher,</i> Zone #3 Commander			

From the Internet

“By joining The Royal Canadian Legion you will have the opportunity to make new friends, become involved with your community and to develop and share your leadership skills. You will help to perpetuate the Remembrance of those who gave so much for the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today and the proud heritage of this great Canadian organization will be enriched by the enthusiasm, energy and new ideas that you bring to it.

Here are just some of the many benefits membership in The Royal Canadian Legion brings:

Social Activities - Most branches have recreational facilities and may have licensed lounges. Members can enjoy a wide variety of social events such as dances, barbeques, entertainment and a host of other special events.

Member Participation Sports - The Legion has sporting events such as darts, curling, cribbage and golf, with competitions ranging from local, provincial to national levels.

Community Service - You can serve your community by assisting with the many Legion programs in support of youth, seniors, the disabled and others. The Legion also provides bursaries and scholarships to students from Secondary School to

the University level and is the largest single supporter of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. It is also a major supporter of sea, army and air cadets.

Leadership - You will have the opportunity to grow within this great organization. The Legion needs members who can take on the Leadership challenge. If this is where your interest lies you can become involved by serving on the branch executive. You may even wish to go to higher levels such as zone, district or provincial. You may even aspire to the national level. Every Dominion President who has served in this capacity over the past 75 years started out as a branch member. You, too, could one day be President of the largest community service organization in Canada.

Service - As Canada's largest volunteer organization, tremendous intangible benefits are gained through the commitment of members to fulfill the mandate of remembrance, service to the community and our country. Our fallen comrades served in battle, you have "*another way to serve*" by joining The Royal Canadian Legion.

Legion Magazine - Your membership includes a subscription to the Legion Magazine which is published five times a year. It contains articles on various topics including history, current events and general interest stories, as well as keeping members up-to-date on the many and varied Legion activities. It also contains a section dedicated to the recognition of those who served their country.



Through the efforts of Branch member, Comrade Faye Chomoway, this branch has acquired a new computer at a reduced cost.

This was realized through a program initiated by the Federal Government to assist volunteer organizations in their operations and management. The use of the internet for gathering information and communication is a practical need for service organizations to continue their community involvement.

This Branch is now ‘*on-line*’ and has begun utilizing the Internet. The above article is an example of what can be ‘downloaded’! With input from members and the community the Lacombe Branch can reach out

and be more effective in its aims and objectives.

Please send your news and reports through this new and effective medium. We will continue to use paper, but the internet saves everyone time and also, money. Please note the addresses for articles pertaining to the Royal Canadian Legion and also, the Lacombe Branch #79.

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