



# The Lacombe Legion



Volume 2 Number

Zone 3 District 4

May/June 2001

Have a Great Summer!

See you this fall

## President's Remarks

The Lacombe Branch sponsored the District Bowling in April. This was a two-day event and included a banquet. Nine Branches within our District were represented.

Comrades Dave Swarbrick, Sports Chairman, Jim Rose, Social and Entertainment Chairman, and Cheryl Swarbrick did a wonderful job of ensuring the event went smoothly. From the Bowling to the Steak Fry the extra effort of these members made the weekend a huge success!

It is a large financial and social benefit to the Branch when we have a Zone or a District Sports event. Hopefully, with our expanded games and recreation area we will be able to hold more such events.

**Thank you all!**

**You did a great job!**

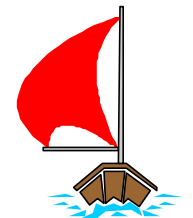
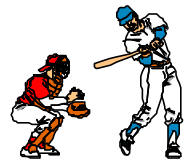
Note - Make sure up coming events are handed in to the Newsletter!

*Joyce Bradford, President*



## Royal Canadian Legion Sunset Campground (operated by Lacombe Branch # 79)

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| ?? Open year-round  | ?? Swimming and Beach areas                                |
| ?? 113 private sites                                      | ?? Sheltered picnic site                                   |
| ?? Camping May to October                                 | ?? Firewood  |
| ?? 24-hour security                                       | ?? Sewage disposal station                                 |
| ?? 2 large group areas                                    | ?? Public phone  |
| ?? 2 play grounds   | ?? Excellent Fishing<br>(Perch, Jack, Whitefish & Lingcod) |
| ?? Day-use area   | ?? Boat launch   |
| ?? Camp kitchen   | ?? Boat docks  |
| ?? 6 sets of horseshoe pits                               | ?? Fish-cleaning stands                                    |
| ?? Tap drinking water                                     | ?? and<br>Winter Events as supported<br>by Legion members  |
| ?? Toilet facilities -<br>wheelchair accessible           |  |
| ?? Shower & Laundry facilities -<br>wheelchair accessible |  |



## Last Post

Comrade John Ellen

Born August 27, 1913

Died May 29, 2001

**We Will Remember Them . . .**

## Lest We Forget

### Lacombe Legion Branch #79

#### Branch Hours

Monday to Saturday inclusive 3 p.m.-10 p.m.

#### Weekly Activities

Monday	Bingo	7:15 p.m.
Tuesday	Darts	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Cribbage	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	<i>Open for suggestions</i>	
Friday	Meat Draws	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Meat Draws	4:30 p.m.
Saturday - 1st and 3d	Whist	7:00 p.m.

Phone Ruth Hoppus - 782-5365

or Marie Long - 782-2186

#### Meetings

#### Lacombe Branch #79

General Meeting	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Last Wednesday	7:30 p.m.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

General Meeting	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Last Wednesday	7:30 p.m.

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## Convention Update

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #54

9912 - 101 Avenue

Grande Prairie, Alberta

Phone 780-532-3110

Comrades:

The following is your information package with regards to the Grande Prairie Royal Canadian Legion #54 hosting the Provincial Golf Tournament July 7, 2001.

Please note that all entry forms and cheques (\$65.00 per person), payable to Royal Canadian Legion #54 must be received by June 30, 2001.

This golf tournament is open to all Legion members and we look forward to golfing with you.

If you have any questions or need any other information, please contact the branch at (780) 532-3110 or Fax to (780) 539-6573.

Thank you,

*Phil Briard, President, Royal Canadian Legion #54*

## The Korean War Veterans (1950-1953)

now have a presence on the Cenotaph!

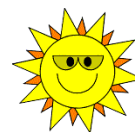
A plaque honouring the Veterans from Canada who volunteered to face the threat to world peace from North Korea and China. Lacombe had one member (J. Calkins) who was killed during that conflict.

The memorial is located on the North face. It is on the same side as those who lost their lives during WW II.

Let us hope and pray that there will be no need to include other names in the future!

*Al Walushka, Service Officer*

## Sick and Visiting



*H.D. Cucheran*

**The Legion Cares**

## Legion Executive Meeting

Minutes, March 28, 2001

A thank you letter from Joan Meeres was received for supporting young musicians with a \$50.00 award in the Lacombe and District Music Festival. This award will be given to the Best Performer in 20th Century Composers Piano Solo.

Ponoka Legion requested that support for the resolution that is going to Command that a highway in Alberta be renamed "Veterans' Memorial Highway".

Moved by Comrade Al Bunn and Seconded by Comrade Herb Draney that Branch #79 support the resolution. Carried.

It was also suggested that we add that the Highway #2 be the one to be named "Veterans' Memorial Highway".

Comrade Roy Cucheran reported that all the expenses are in except for the stuccoing of the outside of the building and the landscaping. Discussion was held as to the dates of the Official Opening of the new lounge. It was decided that it will be held sometime between the middle of May and June because of the preparation required and contacting guests and VIPs.

It was also discussed that we hold a special Appreciation Night for the contractors who helped in

the building of our new lounge.

Moved by Comrade Faye Chomoway and seconded by Comrade Al Bunn that the appreciation be held on Sunday afternoon, April 22, 2001 by invitation only.

Comrade Al Bunn reported that he has had a meeting with the Sunset Campground staff and that an Operations Agreement has been developed.

He also reported that as per camper contract, all camping fees are to be paid in full or be asked to leave the campground.

Comrade Roy Cucheran reported that he had a meeting with McMullen's Refrigeration about cooler replacement or moving the old cooler upstairs. He reported that a new cooler for the lounge would cost \$12,239.00. To move the old cooler upstairs would only cost \$1,600.00 and he also reported that McMullen's had a cooler that would be installed downstairs for a cost of \$2,895.00.

A proposal was put forward that Bernice Daze be hired by the Legion as a part-time office manager until December at a rate of \$400.00 per month.

Moved by Comrade Dave Swarbrick and seconded by Comrade Faye Chomoway that effective April 1, 2001 we hire Bernice Daze as part-time office manager. Carried.

**You are cordially invited  
to join us for the  
Grand Opening  
of our**

**New Lounge  
at the**

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch  
#79**

**5138 49 St**

**June 16, 2001 from 3 pm to 6 pm**

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 4:30  
pm**

Did you hear about the red ship and the blue ship that collided?

Both crews were marooned.

What do you get when you toss a hand grenade into a kitchen in France?

Linoleum blown apart.

### Early Bird Campaign

begins September 1/01

The 2002 Membership Cards will be available on September 1, 2001

Fifty percent of the Membership qualified for Early Birds last year. We would really like to beat that record this year!

We will gladly mail out your cards if you send in your cheque.

*Sharon Pollard., Membership Chairman*





## Ladies' Auxiliary

### March 25th

We served a lunch after the funeral for Lee Saunders.

### April 7th

was our yearly Bazaar and Bake Sale, which turned out to be quite profitable.

Thank you to Barb Westwood for her donation in cash. Much appreciated.

### April 10th

We celebrated birthdays at the Nursing Home with those patients having their special day in April. We served cup cakes and ice cream cups.

Ed Nowochin supplied the entertainment. Thanks again, Ed. A nice afternoon was had by all.

### April 11th

Vimy and Awards Night. Our ladies served a lovely roast beef meal.

Barb Burnett in charge.

Congratulations to all Branch members, Comrades Frank Lacey, Al Walushka, and Jack Thompson, who received Life Memberships, and also those who qualified for year pins.

### April 29th

Six ladies attended the District Rally held in

Innisfail.

### May 1st

Awards Night, banquet.

### May 5th

President Jean Bruns catered for J. Thompson funeral tea. Thank you to all the helpers. We served 130 guests.

### May 9th

was our Vets' Night banquet for approximately 70 guests. Sing-along followed with Frank Lacey at the piano.

Barb Burnett catered to the meal hosting all local veterans.

Barb thanked all the ladies who assisted in the kitchen and also appreciated the help given by 6 Branch members, Clayton Brown, Joyce Bradford, Faye Chomoway, Sharon Pollard, Bill Suter, and Frank Lacey for playing the piano.

### May 8th

Regular meeting.

A big thank you to Vera Brick for a cash donation towards our Bazaar and Bake Sale which was held

### April 7th.

Ladies Auxiliary regular meetings will now be held on the first Thursday of every month. Same day as the Branch.

June 7th is our next meeting night.

A mother was teaching her three-year-old daughter The Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she repeated it after her mother.

One night she said she was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride, as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end. "And lead us not into temptation", she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail, Amen."

At Sunday School class, my plan was to explore the children's notion of God. I began the lesson with the question, "Timmy, who is God?" Timmy is six years old. His brow furrowed as he thought about the question he had been asked. After a few seconds, a smile came to his face. "God," he said, "is the man who saved the Queen."

## Whist

*is still being played on the first Saturday of the month.  
Call Marie Long, or Myrtle Nicholson and make  
arrangements for a place at the table! ! !*

**Watch for Sports Events  
beginning this fall**

## Lounge & Bar Report

April 5th, 2001

- 1). Staff meeting was held on March 8 and the staff was given their new job descriptions and duties that will be performed during the shift.
- 2). Monthly inventory was completed on April 1, 2001.
- 3). I was in contact with the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission about the licensing of the new lounge. Our present license covers the entire building and we will not require an additional license. A member of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission will be coming to look over the new lounge.
- 4). I was in contact with Chief Fred Millar of the Lacombe Fire Department about getting the capacity set of the new lounge. Chief Millar informed me to contact Alberta Permit-Pro about the capacity

requirements. A Fire Inspector from Permit-Pro is to come the Legion on Wednesday, April 4th to do the capacity inspection.

Comrade Roy Cucheran was contacted and he will meet with the Fire Inspector.

5). I was in contact with Pepsi Canada about installation of the new fountain dispenser for the new lounge. This was turned over to Bernice Daze to contact our Sales Rep from Pepsi and Comrade Roy Cucheran and Bernice Daze will be meeting with the Sales Rep from Pepsi about the installation of the new fountain dispenser.

6). Discussion was held at the Executive Meeting regarding the hours of operation.

The hours are from 3:00 p.m. to last call at 10:00 p.m.

*Doug Handford, S. B. St. J., B.Sc.  
Lounge and Bar Chairman*

## Service Officer Report

On May 10, Madame France Royer, area councillor for the Edmonton District of Veterans Affairs Canada was invited to a special meeting in the Lacombe Branch.

It was unfortunate more veterans did not come to learn about their benefits - or lack thereof! It is important that contact is made with Veterans Affairs and eliminate any doubts about availability.

The rules have changed and there has been a severe erosion of veteran support.

Of special concern is the shaky status of the spouse. Support only exists for the veteran and when they are separated, for whatever reason, the support is gone from the spouse.

Twenty veterans attended this meeting and asked questions on availability for assistance.

The Royal Canadian Legion has fought and continues to fight the degradation of veteran support.

Transportation was made available for those with disabilities. Thanks to **Comrade John Parsons** of Parsons Holiday Tours Ltd. for offering a van

(not required) and **Comrade Bill Suter** for providing his car and transporting the veterans!

Should you have any questions as to requirements for assistance please call

Madame Royer

(Toll Free phone 1-800-866-1240) to arrange for a personal assessment and visit (if required).

The address is

Veterans Affairs Canada  
940 Canada Place  
9700 Jasper Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5J 4C3  
Fax 1 (780) 495 4496

The meeting was very informative and we thank Madam France Royer for her frankness about this misunderstood subject.

Our thanks to Ladies Auxiliary President Jean Bruns for providing coffee and donuts for all in attendance.

*Al Walushka, Branch #79 Service Officer*

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A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West.

He sidles up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

## Information for Golfers

? In primitive society, when native tribes beat the ground with clubs and yelled, it was called witchcraft; today, in civilized society, it is called golf.

? The man who takes up golf to get his mind off his work soon takes up work to get his mind off golf.

? Golf was once a rich man's sport, but now it has millions of poor players.

? Golf is an expensive way of playing marbles.

? The secret of good golf is to hit the ball hard, straight, and not too often.

? There are three ways to improve your golf game: take lessons, practice constantly, or start cheating.

? An amateur golfer is one who addresses the ball twice: once before swinging, and once again after swinging.

? Many a golfer prefers a golf cart to a caddy because it cannot count, criticize, or laugh.

? Golf is a game in which the slowest people in the world are those in front of you, and the fastest are those behind.

? Golf: A five mile walk punctuated with disappointments.

? There's no game like golf: you go out with three friends, play eighteen holes, and return with three enemies.

## Notice

Mirror Legion Branch  
Every Sunday - 2 pm to 7 pm  
"Come on Down"  
and join your Zone 3 Comrades  
in an afternoon of  
Socializing  
Cards  
and Shuffleboard.  
**'See you here!'**

Do you have a computer and are 'online'?  
Check out the Legion Web-site at <http://legion.com/>  
Use 'key words', such as legion+alberta, to search for other Legion sites. More information and other Legion sites are added daily! Give it a try!

**O**f special interest  
to darts players, the  
following article is included for your  
benefit.



June 15, 16, 17 - 2001

Mayfield Inn & Suites

16615 - 109 Avenue

Edmonton, AB

TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL "DARTS" RATE  
OF \$79.00/NIGHT, PLUS TAXES

CONTACT: SANDI ORR - 780-413-0475

OR VISIT DARTS ALBERTA WEBSITE AT:

<http://members.home.net/dartsalberta/>

DARTS ALBERTA - PROUD HOST OF THE  
2001 NATIONAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Membership Report

**April 5, 2001**

### Initiated New Members

David Kierluk

Greg Gordon

Kristofer Coleman

Paulina Oberg

### New Members

Joseph Neil Tidsbury, Lacombe

Candy Greff, Lacombe

Dierdre Hogarth Lacombe

**May 3, 2001**

### Initiated New Members

Maureen MacAskill

Arnie MacAskill

John Soderberg

Colin Campbell

Jim Bruns

### New Members

Andre Gauthier Red Deer

Ellen Gauthier Red Deer

Sharon Pollard, Membership Chairman

Shin: a device for finding furniture in the dark.

Laughing stock: cattle with a sense of humor.

I tried sniffing Coke once, but the ice cubes got stuck in my nose.

Drink 'til she's cute, but stop before the wedding.

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder ...

24 hours in a day ... 24 beers in a case ... coincidence?

I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.



# General Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2001

## Lounge and Bar Report

The new lounge opened for the members on April 23, 2001!

A special thank you goes to all the members of the Legion who gave up their Sunday to finish setting up the Lounge so that it could open.

## Initiation

Initiation of New Members was performed by President Comrade Joyce Bradford. New members were introduced by Comrade Sharon Pollard. These new members are as follows:

Comrade **Greg Gordon** Comrade **Kristopher Coleman**, and Comrade **Paulina Oberg**.

They were welcomed by the members who attended the meeting of Branch #79.

## Zone Rally

in Ponoka on March 12, 2001 was attended by 3 members from the Lacombe Branch.

## Membership

Comrade Sharon Pollard moved that **Joseph Tidsbury** be accepted as a new Associate Member and **Candy**

**Greff** and **Dierdre Hogarth** be accepted as new Affiliate Non - Voting Members. Seconded by Comrade Jack Thompson. Carried.

## Sports

The Legion mixed dart team went to Bellevue for Provincial Darts and had a great time.

## District Bowling

April 7th and 8th, 2001, is ready; approximately 90 bowlers will be attending.

*Note* The Jim Gordineer Memorial Dart Shoot and the Bunkie Dart Shoot are both postponed until September.

## Social and Entertainment

Comrade Jim Rose reported that there would be a Steak Fry and Dance on April 7, 2001, in conjunction with District Bowling.

Tickets are \$10.00 each.

Music by Sound Man of Red Deer.

## New Business

District Rally April 29, 2001 in Innisfail.

Registration 10 am to 12 pm.

## Canada's Largest Veterans Organization

There are many veterans' organizations in Canada but the largest by far is The Royal Canadian Legion with some 580,000 members and affiliates. It is a non-profit, dues-supported, fraternal organization with 1,720 branches in Canada, 34 in the United States and 3 in Germany. The Legion receives no financial assistance from any outside agency and membership is open to all Canadian veterans as well as serving and former members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP and their dependants.

From the time of its formation in 1925, the Legion has focused its efforts on the fight to secure adequate pensions and other well-earned benefits for veterans and their dependants. Acting as an advocacy agency on pensioners' behalf, the Legion deals directly with the Federal Government to ensure ex-military personnel and their dependants are treated fairly.

The Royal Canadian Legion has assumed a major responsibility for perpetuating the tradition of Remembrance in Canada. Each year the Legion organizes and runs the National Poppy-Remembrance Campaign to remind Canadians of the tremendous debt we owe to the 114,000 men and women who gave their lives in the defence of Canada during two world wars and the Korean War. Contributions made during the campaign are used to assist needy veterans, ex-service members and their families.

The Legion also supports programs for seniors, particularly through direct community-level activities, housing projects and medical training plans for doctors, nurses and therapists. The Legion's Youth program provides scholarships and bursaries, sports programs and support to activities such as cadets, scouts and guides.



**The Lacombe Branch is fortunate to have two young cadets included in the Colour Party for Branch meetings.**

**Melissa Schilling was the first member to have her career history and credentials profiled in the Newsletter.**

**We are pleased to have another cadet included for the Legion members to thank and appreciate.**

## **Joshua Kenney**

joined 1390 Royal Canadian Army Cadets (Red Deer) in June 1997. After completing a year of training, he participated in a summer training course at Penhold Summer Training Centre for Cadets. While there, his section competed against other sections of cadets and won gold medals in summer biathlon, skill at arms and a drill competition.

The next summer he attended the Cadet Leader course in Vernon, B. C., where he was awarded "Best Cadet" in his platoon. In his third year as an Army Cadet, Joshua attended the Cadet concentration "Thunder Cadet" at CFB Suffield. As well, his third summer training course was Cadet Leader Instructor (Drill & Ceremonial) and was also in Vernon. For the summer of 2001, he will be attending the Introduction to Aerospace course in St. Jean, PQ. He hopes to qualify for a European Tour in the summer of 2002.

At his home Corps in Red Deer, C/Sgt. Kenney was runner up for best second year cadet, was awarded the trophy for Best 3rd Year Cadet and several awards for perfect attendance. He holds the Gold Level for Fitness, Distinguished Marksman for shooting, is qualified for Standard First Aid with St.

John's Ambulance, and is a Junior Wilderness Survival Instructor with the Hunter Safety Association. He is currently in the process of finalizing his requirements for the Duke of Edinburg Program, Bronze Level.

As a Cadet Sergeant in the Army Cadet Corps, Joshua is responsible for a section of cadets, ensuring they are informed, prepared and ready for activities on a weekly basis. Having finished his fourth year of Cadet training, he is now responsible for teaching junior cadets in the program.

As a senior cadet, Joshua helps to maintain order and discipline in his cadets and during this past year, he helped to do that in Montreal and Ottawa as he participated with the Corps in an Interprovincial Exchange. During the provincial cadet concentration "Grand Cache Challenge", C/Sgt. Kenney helped to maintain base camp in support of the exercise.

C/Sgt. Kenney has been on the Corps Drill Team and is a current member of the Corps Flag Party. As a member of the flag party, he participates in flag & guard ceremonies when opportunity arises, like Legion meetings in Lacombe & Red Deer, and Remembrance Day Activities in the Community.

C/Sgt. Kenney's cadet peers have described him as smart, informed, efficient, patient, organized, always constructive - never negative, well disciplined, and a good leader.

Joshua lives in Lacombe with his cat Max, who also allows the rest of the family (parents and two brothers) to stay around as well. He enjoys reading, fixing things, and is creative with crafts. He also likes to write sonnets to someone special in his life!

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## **Hall & Building Report**

*June 1, 2001*

As many of you already know, our new lounge is fully operational. Even our Security System is in place. The stucco on the exterior of our building is being completed as I write this report. We can now get on with our landscaping.

I would invite everyone to come in, have a look around and enjoy a 'cool one' with us. . Join us for our Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, June 16th.

*Roy Cucheran, Building Chairman*