

We Were There . . .

Lacombe Days

Once again we had a great time decorating the vehicles for the Lacombe Days Parade where we were awarded a 2nd place ribbon.

I would like to thank all those who helped with the preparation and decorating; also, the Legion members and Ladies' Auxiliary who participated.

A special thanks goes out to Trent Evenson for the use of his restored jeep.

After the parade the Red Deer Pipe Band played a few tunes in the Lounge for everyone after which there was "Beef-on-a-Bun" for lunch. Many thanks to the Red Deer Pipe Band.

Cheryl Swarbrick, co-ordinator



A new Season has begun!

The summer was great for those wanting long, hot, sunny days - but a disaster for the farmer with sun-burned crops and dry dugouts with no water for livestock! The weather does not please everyone.

September is the beginning of cooler weather and a sure sign that winter will follow. It is a time to complete outside jobs and prepare for the coming changes. This includes, of course, planning for the cold winter days and nights indoors. It is a good time to plan indoor activities.

Why not include the Legion in your plans?

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	7:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.

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Sick and Visiting



Veteran George Elliott
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Canada's Name

(excerpt from "Quick Canadian Facts")



The name Canada probably originated with a Huron-Iroquois chief who took French explorer Jacques Cartier to visit his village,

near the site of the city of Quebec. The Indian, a chief named Donnacona, used the word "Kanatta," meaning the collection of huts, and Cartier mistakenly assumed that this was the name of the entire country. He entered his spelling of the name in the records.

Some names considered at the time of Confederation were the Kingdom of Canada, Laurentia, New Britain, Cabotia, Columbia, Britannica, Boretta, Misopelagia and Ursalia.

Do you read your Legion Magazine?

The September/October issue has 16 pages dedicated to Alberta NWT Command.

Make time to read your national magazine!



Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Elsie Suter, Reporter

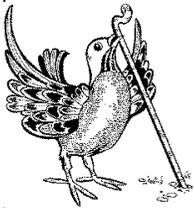
The Ladies Auxiliary has been busy over the summer months. We catered to several funeral teas. Two were for veterans and the others were local residents.

We participated in the Lacombe Days Parade and the Official Opening of the new Branch Lounge.

On September 1st we served a wedding banquet for 150 guests, which was held at the L.M.C. Thank you again to all the ladies who assisted President Jean Bruns.

Our regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, September 6 at the Legion Hall.

Early Bird



Once again it is time for our **Early Bird Campaign**.

For the months of September, October and November we will have a draw each month for a free membership for Comrades who pay their 2002 memberships early.

To date, 50% of our membership have been involved in this campaign for the last few years.

Branch #79 could be eligible for a prestigious award if members pay their dues early.

Membership dues are still \$35.00.

Should you choose to mail in your dues your membership cards will be mailed to you!

To avoid losing continuous Branch membership dues must be paid to the Branch by January 1, 2002.

A "**Membership Appreciation Night**" will be held on Saturday, September 22 from 6 - 8 p.m. Snacks will be served.

Sharon Pollard, Membership Chairman.

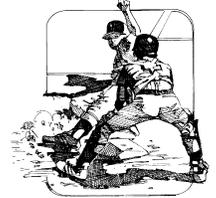
Sports Report



It was a good summer for the golfers with many of our members attending the Zone, District and Provincial Tournaments.

The **Annual Fun Tournament** was held August 18 at Amen's Gull Lake Course with 48 golfers having a great day. They all finished the day with a Steak Fry at Branch 79. Prizes were awarded to everyone. **Note:** Anyone who missed this year's tournament must register soon for next year's tournament!

The Legion sponsored **Senior Ball Team** had a very good year. They won the **Gold Medal** in the 55+ category at the Senior Summer Games in Lethbridge. Congratulations!



The Legion Annual Tournament in July was again another success with 20 teams attending. This tournament brings many visitors to the Branch. The Social Committee is already planning for next year's tournament planning to invite additional teams.

Are you in 'good shape'? Make yourself a note to enter as a player or come and support your team. Seniors play some pretty good ball!

Darts: -



The Fun Dart League is planned to begin during 3rd week in September. It is

held on every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. This is FUN DARTS!

It doesn't matter if you are a 'pro' or a new 'chucker'. You will have fun! Come in and bring a friend. Stop by the Branch for more details.

Watch the Bulletin Board for further sports at Branch #79!

Dave Swarbrick, Sports Chairman

Legion Branch #79 Social Events . . .

Friday October 12



Steak Fry and Dance
Music by Peace Hills Ramblers
Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Dance at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available at Lounge Sept 17
\$25 per couple
Members and Guests
120 tickets only

Sunday, November 11



Remembrance Day
Pancake Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Parade to L M C - 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Service at the L M C - 11:00 a.m.
Socialize at the Legion Hall 12:00 noon
Everyone is welcome!

Friday, December 14

Legion Christmas Party



Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Dance at 8:30 p.m.
Tickets \$25.00 per couple
Music supplied by "Steve Palmer"

Tickets available at Lounge November 19
Members and Guests
120 tickets only

Monday, December 31

New Years Eve Party



Music by "Sound Man" of Red Deer
Tickets \$25.00 per couple
Cold lunch will be served
Tickets available at Lounge

November 19
Members and Guests
120 tickets only

THE NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA



Adopted:

By resolutions of Parliament on December 15, 1964 (House of Commons) and December 17, 1964 (Senate); proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, to take effect on February 15, 1965.

Description:

This flag is red and white, the official colours of Canada as appointed by King George V in 1921, with a stylized 11-point red maple leaf in its center.

Proportions:

Two by length and one by width.

Canadian Flags History:

The **St. George's Cross**, an English flag of the 15th century, was carried by John Cabot and flown over Canada when he reached the east coast in 1497.

Thirty seven years later, Jacques Cartier planted the **fleur-de-lis** on Canadian soil when he landed here and claimed the land for the King of France. The fleur-de-lis was flown until the early 1760s, when Canada was ceded to the United Kingdom.

Although first flown over Canada in 1621, the **Royal Union Flag** (with the Crosses of St. George and St. Andrew) replaced the fleur-de-lis after 1759. Following the *Act of Union* (1801), the Cross of St. Patrick was added to the flag that we now know more commonly as the Union Jack.

The Red Ensign was created in 1707 as the flag of the British Merchant Marine. A form of the Red Ensign, with quartered arms of Canadian provinces, and later with the shield of the Arms of Canada, gave rise to the **Canadian Red Ensign**, various forms of which were flown from approximately 1870 to 1965. The red-and-white maple leaf flag replaced it on February 15, 1965.

- ?? Parasites \par'-ih-sites'
What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower
- ?? Pharmacist \farm'-uh-sist
A helper on the farm
- ?? Polarize \po'-lur-ize'
What penguins see with

- ?? Primate \pri'-mate'
Removing your spouse from in front of the TV
- ?? Relief \ree-leef'
What trees do in the spring
- ?? Selfish \sel'-fish'
What the owner of a seafood store does

Treasurer's Report

It is with great pleasure that we are able to say that all the bills have been paid for the expansion. The new lounge is now a bright and airy place to visit with friends and old acquaintances. We are now just waiting for all the final reports from the Project Manager, so that we may submit our financial reports to the Community Facility Enhancement Program. Receiving this grant was quite a blessing to the Legion.

On behalf of the Legion I would like to thank everyone that donated to the **\$79.00 buy a square foot Fund**. The Legion can use donations to the building fund to purchase new furnishings for the Lounge. If there are others who have not donated and wish to, the Legion would be very happy to accept your donations (there are spaces for your name (and others) on the board).

Over the past few months we have made several donations from our Pull Ticket, Bingo and Benevolent accounts. These funds must be used for charitable purposes. The following is a list of a few of our donations which total to approximately \$7,500.00

- ?? Life Line
- ?? Lacombe Fire Department
Medical Response Vehicle
- ?? Meals on Wheels
- ?? Home Support
- ?? Hire-A-Student
- ?? Salvation Army
- ?? Ghurka Welfare Fund
- ?? Korean War Vets
- ?? Lacombe Seniors Lodge
- ?? Ladies Auxiliary

By supporting the Legion we are able to continue to assist other non-profit groups.

Many thanks to all Legion supporters.

Good news! Sunset Legion Camp received the \$8,000.00 grant from Alberta Sports and Recreation. These funds will be used to pay for the fencing of the 2 new boat compounds as well as some extra sand and gravel.

Respectfully submitted,
Faye Chomoway

Executive Meeting, June 27, 2001

- ?? Rimbey Legion Branch #36 is celebrating their 75th Anniversary, September 15, 2001 at the Legion Hall Rimbey, Alberta. President Comrade Joyce Bradford will attend.
- ?? Duke of Edinburgh's award. Denied.
- ?? Letter submitted by Comrade Les Jeremiah asking permission to hold monthly Crib Tournaments. The Executive approved the Crib Tournaments on the condition Branch has control of the dates for such events. Bookings must be through the Branch (Lounge).
- ?? Motion moved by Comrade Sharon Pollard that Crib Tournaments be permitted. Seconded by Rod Oberg. Carried.
- ?? Motion moved by Comrade Faye Chomoway that Comrade Roy Cucheran form a committee to work on the Hall Rental Agreement. Seconded by Comrade Sharon Pollard. Carried.
- ?? It was discussed at the Executive Meeting that all employees must be dressed appropriately; no smoking behind the bar; appropriate language must be used. This information was given to Bar Chairman Comrade Doug Handford.
- ?? Received a cheque from the Legion Million Dollar Lottery in the amount of \$2158.22.
- ?? Motion moved by Comrade Al Bunn that users of the lower hall must follow operational hours, - 3 - 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Seconded by Comrade Rod Oberg. Carried.

President Comrade Joyce Bradford and Comrades Bill Suter and Jack Lidster attended a Special Zone Rally on June 24/2001. The Rally was for election of Zone Commander.

Dorothy Haughton from Ponoka is the new Zone 3 Commander.

A 60th Anniversary Reunion

was held in Edmonton from June 22 to June 24, 2001, honouring the Airwomen who enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division during World War II. There were 17,000 women who enlisted in the RCAF from 1941 to 1946 and many more in the Army and Navy who volunteered to serve their country where they were needed. Many served overseas and some lost their lives during that time.

A commemorative book was completed for us before the reunion, which contained messages from the Governor General, the Prime Minister, Senator Chalifaux, the Premier and the Edmonton Mayor.

At our banquet on the Saturday night, our guest speakers included the Lieutenant Governor, Senator Chalifaux, an M.L.A. for the Province, a city councillor and one of the first airwomen to enlist in 1941 (Sylvia Evans). There were nearly 700 ex-Airwomen that attended the reunion, coming from all across Canada, from Scotland, England, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

There were 6 busloads of tourists taken for an extensive city tour, which included a stop at the Aeronautical Museum to view the exhibits and have lunch there. Most of these people had never been to Edmonton and were greatly impressed with the size of the city and the number and variety of trees that were allowed to grow in the residential areas. It was a good time of year to visit Edmonton.

We had exceptional entertainment; including the "Raging Grandmas", the Aboriginal Family Dancers and a fashion show on Friday.

On Saturday night a marvellous pianist entertained us before and during the banquet, followed by the speeches by the dignitaries. We were then entertained by the Aboriginal Family Dancers, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Drummers, the young Ukrainian dancers, a country and western singer, two ballet dancers and

finally three young girls singing Air Force songs that one mother (who had served in the Peace Time Force) had arranged for them.

On Sunday a Military Band played the music for the Church Parade including that well-known favourite "The Maple Leaf Forever".

This 60th anniversary reunion was a happy occasion, with time to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances.

One thing that was very noticeable throughout the entire weekend was the total absence of the media.

As most of today's news covers murder, arson, drive-by shootings, drug busts and hockey players leaving Edmonton; coverage of our event must have seemed very dull and unimportant, although it is quite a milestone to reach a 60th anniversary and be able to have that many actual participants attend.

One comment must be made here. A belated interview with an ex-airwoman, Sylvia Evans, was published in the Edmonton Journal on July 4, 2001. Thank you to that news writer.

Some of the young people visiting the hotel asked what the reunion was for and they expressed their interest in the event.

P.B. Carmichael
An ex-Airwoman, WWII
Lacombe, AB

Editor's note

It is a sad situation, a "let down" for these veterans to be ignored during an important time in their lives! Apologies will not make up for the lost opportunity to recognize and honour these women who served alongside the men in serving the cause of freedom and democracy.

Canada and the Legion must 'Remember Them'.

The Purposes and Objects of the Legion shall be:

(Excerpt from the Legion Act to Incorporate)

- ?? To consult an association of those persons who have served or are serving in Her Majesty's armed forces or any auxiliary force thereof, and of other persons who support the purposes and objects of the Legion, which association shall be democratic and non-sectarian and not affiliated to or connected directly or indirectly with any political party or organization;
- ?? To bring about the unity of all who have so served;
- ?? To further among them the spirit of comradeship and mutual help. And the close and kindly ties of active service;
- ?? To pass on to their families and descendants the traditions for which they stand;
- ?? To perpetuate the memory and deeds of the fallen and of those who die in the future.
- ?? To promote and care for memorials to their valour and sacrifice, to provide suitable burial, to keep an Annual Memorial Day,
- ?? To preserve the records and memories of their service and to see that such services shall not be forgotten by the nation;
- ?? To ensure that proper attention shall be paid to the welfare of all who have served and the welfare of their dependants and to see to the maintenance and comfort of those who require special treatment, particularly the disabled, sick, aged and needy, and to promote the welfare of their dependants;
- ?? To educate public opinion regarding national duties to the dead, the disabled and others who have served, and their dependants.
- ?? To foster loyalty among the public and education in the principles of patriotism, duty and unstinted public service;
- ?? To strive for peace, goodwill and friendship among all nations, at the same time advocating the maintenance by Canada of adequate and sufficient forces on land, sea and in the air for the defence of our country and for the discharge of those obligations which rest upon us by virtue of our partnership in the Commonwealth;
- ?? To support suitable undertakings for the training, employment and settlement of ex-servicemen and women, and the education of their children;
- ?? To preserve their statutory, acquired and legitimate rights, and those of their dependants
- and, in so doing, to offer the Legion's co-operation to those officially charged with the responsibility of administering such rights by federal or other governments;
- ?? To assist comrades now serving, especially in connection with their return to civil life, and to safeguard the interests of their dependants while they are in service;
- ?? To assist ex-servicemen to secure no less than the recognized standard rates of wages;
- ?? To secure adequate pensions, allowances, grants and war gratuities for ex-servicemen and women, their dependants, and the widows, children and dependants of those who are dead, and to labour for honourable provision being made for those who, in declining years, are unable to support themselves;
- ?? To cooperate with Commonwealth, Empire and Allied associations of similar aims and objects;
- ?? To establish, organize and regulate provincial and local bodies, or commands and branches in convenient centres throughout Canada and elsewhere;
- ?? To establish, organize and regulate provincial and local bodies of women for the purpose of assisting the Legion in seeing to the maintenance and comfort of disabled, sic, aged and needy ex-servicemen and women and their dependants, and to cooperate with he Legion in the promotion and carrying out of all aims and objects of the Legion, such a group to be known as a ladies' auxiliary of The Royal Canadian Legion;
- ?? To acquire, hold, sell or lease real and immovable, personal and movable property;
- ?? To raise and co-ordinate funds for assisting those mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, to provide for the administration of the Legion and its authorized provincial commands, branches and ladies' auxiliaries, and to see that these and other funds raised for such purposes are applied to those purposes and none other;
- ?? To act generally on behalf of all those who have served in His Majesty's forces;
- ?? To encourage, promote, engage in or support all forms of national, provincial, municipal or community service, or any charitable or philanthropic purpose.

By-Laws
The Lacombe Branch #79
Alberta - Northwest Territories
Command
Royal Canadian Legion

Article I

General

1. This Branch shall be known as the Lacombe Branch #79 of the Alberta - Northwest Territories Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, and hereafter be referred to as the "Branch".
2. The following Branch By-Laws, in conformity with the General By-Laws with necessary modifications, will cover all exceptions and shall be the Constitution of the Branch.
3. "Robert's Rules Of Order" shall apply in all cases where the "Rules And Procedure For Legion Meetings" do not make adequate provision.
4. Year shall mean the time between elections.
5. Substitute the appropriate gender where applicable.

Article II

Officers And Executive Members Of Branch #79

1. The Officers of the Branch shall be the:
 - President,
 - First Vice-President,
 - Second Vice-President,
 - Immediate Past President.
2. The Executive of the Branch shall consist of the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the immediate Past President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and six other members elected to the Executive.
 - (a) The President shall appoint, for the remainder of the year, a member to fill any vacancy occurring on the Executive.
 - (b) Any member of the Executive who is absent from three (3) consecutive General and/or Executive meetings of the Branch, unless granted leave of absence by the President or Executive Committee, shall cease to be a member of the Executive.
 - (c) The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend any member, subject to the provisions of the General By-Laws.
 - (d) The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint or dismiss any salaried employee.

Article III

Duties And Responsibilities Of The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall perform the duties outlined in these By-Laws and carry out such other duties for the General Good and Welfare of the Branch, subject only to the limitations of the Provincial and Dominion Command By-Laws.
2. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month according to Branch Policy, or as called by the President, to transact the current business of the Branch as it is empowered to do so.
3. The Executive Committee shall appoint an Accredited Certified Accountant as Branch Auditor.
4. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to approve all expenditures up to a money figure pre-approved by the General membership, but be authorized to approve all emergency expenditures in the operation of the Branch.
5. The Treasurer:
 - (a) shall keep a just and true account of all financial transactions including a full and complete set of accounting records. Those accounting records shall be open to inspection at any time by the Branch Executive.
 - (b) shall ensure that monies be paid out by cheque only. No cheque shall be signed in blank.
 - (c) shall produce a complete financial report to the General Meeting of the previous month's business.
6. The Secretary:
 - (a) shall permanently record all proceedings of all General and Executive meetings of the Branch and retain those records safely at the Branch.
 - (b) shall be required, at all General or Executive meetings, to have the proper minutes and record books and all other necessary books and correspondence which are relative to the business to be transacted at those meetings.
 - (c) shall keep on file a true copy of all the correspondence sent out or received by him.
 - (d) shall keep an attendance record of all Executive members at all General and Executive meetings.

Article IV

Duties Of The Branch Officers

1. The President :
 - (a) shall preside at all General and Executive meetings.
 - (b) shall exercise a general supervision and control over the Officers, Executive, and business of the Branch and shall call additional meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee as deemed necessary.
 - (c) shall appoint a Service Officer, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Chaplin for the Branch.
 - (d) shall appoint Chairmen to all of the committees as Branch Policy dictates and be an ex-officio member of them.
 - (e) shall have the deciding vote whenever there is an equal decision over any question.
2. The Vice-Presidents:
 - (a) In the absence of the President, the rights and powers vested in the President shall be vested in the First Vice President.
 - (b) In the absence of both, those rights and powers shall be vested in the Second Vice-President.
3. The Past President:
 - (a) shall, when required, guide and advise the President in the operations of the Branch.

Article V

Nominations And Elections

1. The term of office for elected Branch Officers and Executive members shall be one (1) year.
2. A Nominating Chairman, appointed by the President, shall conduct Branch nominations each year at the May and June General meetings.
3. Only members as stated in the General By-Laws qualify for nominations.
4. A member must serve on the Branch Executive for at least one (1) year before being eligible for nomination as an officer of the Branch.
5. The Nominating Chairman shall conduct Branch elections at the June General meeting.
6. The Nominating Chairman shall appoint a Returning Officer to distribute, collect, and count the ballots to determine the elected members.

When the count has been concluded and accepted, all ballots shall be destroyed.

7. Formal installation of the newly elected Executive Committee shall occur at the June General meeting.

Article VI

Membership

1. Branch membership shall include all members as described in the General By-Laws.
2. Voting members shall include all members as described in the General By-Laws.
3. The annual dues payable by Branch members shall be determined at a Branch General meeting.
4. Membership dues for the current year shall be paid by December 31st. of the previous year.
5. Dues and delinquencies shall be dealt with in accordance with the General By-Laws.

Article VII

Meetings

1. Quorums for Executive and General meetings shall be according to Branch Policy.
2. Executive meetings shall occur once a month according to Branch Policy or as called by the President.
3. General meetings shall occur once a month according to Branch Policy or as called by the President.
4. Special meetings may be called by the President, but shall only deal with the specified business for which it was called.

Article VIII

Complaints And Rights Of Appeal

1. Complaints and rights of appeal shall be dealt with as outlined in the General By-Laws.

Article IX

Delegates

1. Attendance at Conventions by voting delegate(s) shall be permitted according to Branch Policy.
2. The delegate(s) shall be chosen by the Executive Committee according to Branch Policy.

Article X

Standing Committees

The following standing committees shall be established:

- (a) Bingo,
- (b) Hall and Building,
- (c) Honours and Awards,
- (d) Illness and Visiting,
- (e) Lounge and Bar,
- (f) Membership,
- (g) Poppy Campaign,
- (h) Publicity,
- (i) Pull Tickets,
- (j) Social and Entertainment,
- (k) Sports,
- (l) Sunset Campground,
- (m) Facilities Events Co-ordinator

Other committees as deemed necessary.

Article XI

Branch Policy

1. The Branch Policy shall adhere to the General and Provincial By-Laws.
2. The Branch Policy Manual shall be amended as necessary only by motion at a General or Executive meeting.
3. Executive members shall follow the Branch Policy Manual on the routine operation of the Branch.
4. The elected Executive shall ensure that the Branch Policy Manual is reviewed during each term of office.

These By-Laws shall not become effective until approved by Alberta - Northwest Territories Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the By-Laws of the Lacombe Branch #79 of the Royal Canadian Legion as amended and approved by a General meeting of the Branch on the ____ day of _____, 2001.

Branch #79 President

Branch #79 Secretary
Approved this ____ day of _____ on behalf of the Alberta - Northwest Territories Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

President, Alberta - N.W.T. Command

Provincial Secretary,
Alberta - N.W.T. Command.