



The Lacombe Legion



Volume 2 Number -12-01

Zone 3 District 4

December 2001

Season's Greetings

Christmas Party



Friday, December 14

Supper 6:30 p.m.

Dance 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$25.00 per couple

New Year's Party



Monday, December 31

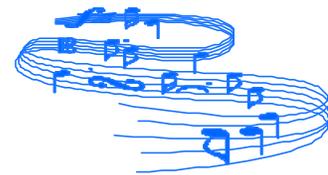
Tickets \$25.00 per couple

Cold lunch will be served

*Music by
Steve Palmer "*



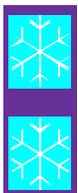
*Music by
Sound Man*



*Tickets available
at Lounge
Members and Guests
120 tickets only*

Celebrate
The True Spirit
Of

Christmas

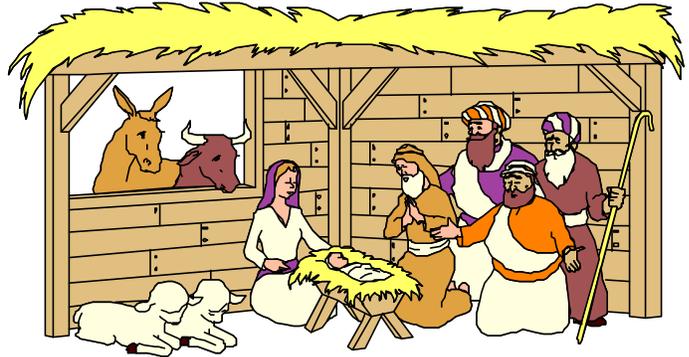


A medal commemorating the Liberation of Holland is available to veterans who had a hand in that liberation. The Veteran must write directly to:

**The Officer-in-Charge
Defence Assistance
Embassy of the Netherlands
Ste 2020 #350 Albert Street
Ottawa, ON
K1R 1A4**

The letter must include the Veteran's service number Military Unit and period of Holland service.

*If in Legion uniform, it must be worn with Legion medals (right side) and not with military medals.
Comrade Bill Suter*



W e l c o m e

New Members

Ronald Barnes	Eckville
Shirley Fander	Lacombe
Leslie Braunberger	Red Deer
Judy Loepky	Red Deer
Lee Loepky	Red Deer
Tim Oldford	Lacombe
Brian Hodgen	Lacombe

Carolyn Snider

L e s t W e F o r g e t

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		
Friday	Meat Draws	
Saturday	Meat Draws	
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 Thursday	7:30 p.m.

Ladies' Auxiliary

General Meeting	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m.

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Peacekeeping Medals

The presentation of the Peacekeeping Medals took place on Remembrance Day with President Comrade Joyce Bradford presenting the medals to Comrades Jack Thompson, Jerry Victor and Vernon Dool.

*Doug Handford, Chairman,
Peacekeeping Medal Presentation*



Sick and Visiting

None Reported.



H.D. Cucheran

Lounge and Bar Report

- 1. Monthly Inventory was completed on December 1, 2001.*
- 2. President Comrade Joyce Bradford and myself interviewed three people for the position of bartender at the Lounge. After long consideration Murray Seibel was hired to be the new bartender.*

*Doug Handford,
Lounge and Bar Chairman*



Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Elsie Suter, Reporter

New Executive	Year 2002
President -	Jean Bruns
Secretary -	Doris Dicknoether
Treasurer -	Helen Fannon
Past President -	Barbara Burnett
1 st Vice -	Trudy Friesen
2 nd Vice -	Joan Roback

Executive Committee

Eva Whittaker	Elsie Suter
Velma Price	Onagh Lidster
Vera Brick	Edith Hustad
Mary Slaght	Marilyn Norgren
Gwen Duffy	Amelia Collett



November 11th The Ladies held a raffle on a food hamper and a Christmas tree ornament as 2nd prize. 1st prize was won by Bill McAdam 2nd prize was won by F. Morrison.

The pot-luck supper was well attended with more than enough food for everyone. It was nice to see Shirley Coverdale again that day. She now lives in Saskatchewan, but is still a member here.

Our Bingo afternoon at the Nursing Home on November 30th was a success with more players than usual and every table except one had at least one lucky winner.

Our December meeting was the election of officers for the coming year. Comrade Clayton Brown assisted us with the elections. Thank you again, Clayton.

After the meeting we held our usual gift exchange followed by coffee and treats.

On December 5th The Lions Club hosted a Christmas turkey supper plus entertainment for the Blind of this area. It was held at our Branch. The Ladies Auxiliary catered to the meal. Doris Dicknoether was in charge. Thank you to all helpers. The evening was enjoyed by all.

At this time we would like to wish everyone within Branch #79 a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!



Dues It . . . or Lose It

"We just can't excuse it!"

We're talking about membership in good standing in Canada's largest veterans and community service organization . . . and much more!

The Legion Magazine, Member Benefits Package, access to Legion facilities, and programs that unite Canadians of all kinds.

And renewal is as easy as 1-2-3. Come to the Branch before January 31st and pay your dues.

Receive your card.

The renewal is immediate.

The pride lasts a lifetime!

Membership Dues are due by January 1, 2002. If you can't make it down to the Legion please feel free to mail in your payment and I will mail out your card.



Comrade Jack Collett won the November 1st Early Bird Draw.

Dues are still \$35.00

Break-down of dues:

\$ 9.50 Provincial Command

\$ 5.35 Magazine

\$ 6.15 Dominion Command

\$14.00 Branch

So far, only 50% of our members have paid their dues for our Early Bird draw which ended on November 30, 2001. To be a member in good standing, Dominion Command requests that your dues be paid by January 31, 2002.

*Sharon Pollard,
Membership Chairman*

Condolences

The Lacombe Branch #79 offers condolences to Branch Chaplain Comrade Shealagh McClelland on the passing of her mother Christine Mary McCormick on December 2, 2001.

Christine was the war bride of Branch member Comrade Don McCormick.

A Korean Veteran's Profile Comrade George Elliott

Comrade George was born on December 4, 1931 in the Eagle Hills district but took the first part of his schooling at Cottage Grove School.

When his father joined the Veteran's Guard, he moved with his family to Lethbridge where his Dad was stationed and went to school there. When his Dad took ill, they moved to St. Walburg, Saskatchewan where he finished his schooling.

Comrade George enlisted in the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry (P.P.C.L.I. and was sent to Asia to defend freedom in war between China-supported North Korea and south Korea.

Between June, 1952 and November, 1953 George served in Korea as Platoon Commander "D" Company of the P.P.C.L.I. He became a stretcher-bearer from October, 1951 to June, 1952 and was responsible for the evacuation of all casualties from forward positions his regimental aid post.

He was awarded the *British Empire Medal* when he was not yet 21 years old!

The following is an excerpt from an article which appeared in the Battleford Herald, October, 1953: *"The fine example that Sergeant Elliott set his stretcher-bearers and his skill and efficiency with which he organized the evacuation of casualties undoubtedly saved the lives of many wounded soldiers. His actions are worthy of the highest*

praise and are a credit to the Canadian Army."

He retired from the army as Sergeant Major on October 22, 1975 after serving 25 years.

George received the United Nations' Service Medal, Canadian Forces Decoration and Clasp and the Parachute Badge.

George was injured in November, 1984 which resulted in his confinement to a wheelchair. He currently lives alone in his own home in Lacombe.

George enjoys a variety of handicrafts and enjoys growing a wide selection of plants. During the summer months his home is surrounded by a large array of flowers and vegetables which his friends assist him in harvesting and storing for later use.



George continues to do his own cooking and preserves fruits and jams in abundance much to the appreciation of his friends and family whom he frequently and generously donates from his pantry. George also has a lively interest in the healing properties of herbs and has recently begun his own herb 'kitchen garden'.

During the long winter months while George is confined inside his home he occupies himself by creating and hooking rugs. He produces large quantities of Christmas decorations and wreaths. George enjoys to travel in his van and continues to do so whenever possible.

The Branch is proud to recognize the veterans from the Korean War!

?Everything is OK in the end -
if it's not OK then it's not the end.

?I have cobwebs in my basement: What kind of a bug is a 'cob'? I have never seen a 'cob'.

About the By-laws . . .

The By-laws under recent revision has been approved by Alberta Command.

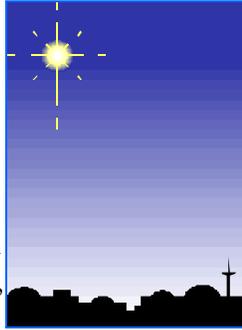
Previous policies have been reviewed and will become an integral part of the Branch affairs.

Thanks to President Joyce Bradford, and Comrades Bill Suter and Faye Chomoway for their many hours of research. A good job . . . well done!

Happy
New Year



Each year, when surrounded by seasonal lights, music, tinsel, and event-announcements, some people experience a palpable, yet indescribable gloom. This year many direct and indirect victims of September 11, 2001 can be counted in that total.



As can those who have been posted to military assignments overseas or have been caught up in the on-again-off-again circumstances well known to service personnel.

Hopefully the loving, caring, giving, and sharing which are especially associated with the meaning of Christmas can help many persons displace gloom with gladness.

It was Dr. Martin Luther King how wrote: "this is a season when we can still take heart. It is a time when Believers rejoice!"

It is an occasion when many others who make up our multicultural mosaic can benefit from the community-wide elements which mark the observances of an historical event.

Overreaching is the theme of God's yearning over all people, His provision for their welfare on earth and in heaven, and His desire that they experience personal fulfilment and joy.

Comrade Stewart Liddell

Note from President Jean Bruns Ladies' Auxiliary Branch #79

I would like to take this time to thank each and everyone of my Ladies Auxiliary for your support and help in the year 2001. I could never have done it without you.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Also to Branch 79, (President and Comrades of the men's Legion).

I will be looking forward to working with you in 2002. Thank you for giving me your support.

Yours truly,
President Jean Bruns



Sports

District Seniors Curling

Skip	Rod Oberg	Merle Craven
	Ted Lembicz	John Nemeth.

District Legion Curling

Skip	Edward Rice	John Soderberg
	Arnie MacAskill	Dave Best.

They had a good time!!

Zone Legion Darts, December 8th.

6 teams participated, 3 from Lacombe, 1 from Bashaw, 2 from Ponoka. Ponoka teams finished 1st and 2nd.

Lacombe team

Herb Draney	Bill McAdam
Glen Miller	Dave Swarbrick

They placed a strong third
Three teams go to District.

Zone Mixed Darts will be held in Ponoka, December 29th.

Senior Darts will be in Bashaw, January 5th.

Cribbage will be in held Clive , January 12th.



The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, "Take only one. God is watching."

Moving through the line, to the other end of the table, was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. One of the boys wrote a note. "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



When you cut a grapefruit and it squirts, why does it always squirt right into your eye? Failure is the only opportunity to begin more intelligently.
Henry Ford.



On one hand, I'm indecisive;
but on the other, I'm not.

**The Royal Canadian Legion,
Alberta - N.W.T. Command
Sports Calendar 2002**

Sport	Branch	Zone	District	Command	Dominion
Cribbage Legion Teams		Jan 12 Clive	Feb 2, Stettler #59	(4) Feb 22-24 Whitecourt #44	Apr 26-29 Chomedy #251 Laval, P.Q.
Cribbage Pairs		Jan 12 Clive	Feb 2, Stettler #59	(2) Mar 1-3 Fort Sask #27	
Cribbage Seniors		Jan 12 Clive	Feb 2, Stettler #59	(2) Mar 1-3 Fort Sask #27	
Curling Legion			Nov 16, 17, 18 Eckville #156	(6) Feb 6-10 Vauxhall #193	Mar 16-23 Hudson #115 Hudson, P.Q.
Curling Senior			Nov 16, 17, 18 Eckville #156	(6) Feb 6-10 Vauxhall #193	Mar 23-30 Forest #176 Forest, ON
Curling Mixed			Nov 16, 17, 18 Eckville #156	(1) Feb 13-17 Hythe #93	
Darts Mixed Seniors		Jan 5 Bashaw	Jan 19 Innisfail, #104	(3) Mar 15-17 Cold Lake #211	
Darts Mixed		Dec 29 Ponoka	Jan 26 Wetaskiwin #86	(5) Mar 22-31 Canmore #3	
Darts Legion		Dec 8 Lacombe	Feb 9 Ponoka, #66	(7) Mar 29-31 Brooks #63	May 17-20 St. James #004 Winnipeg, Man
8-Ball Pool Singles				(8) Apr 5-7 Edson #51	
8-Ball Pool Doubles				(5) Apr 19-21 Bowness #238	
5-Pin Bowling			Apr 6 - 7 Sylvan Lake #212	(6) May 10-12 Medicine Hat #17	
Shuffleboard Men's & Ladies			Apr 20 Red Deer #35	(4) May 3-5 Stettler #59	
Shuffleboard Mixed & Seniors			Apr 20 Red Deer #35	(9) Apr 26, 27 Jubilee #286	
Golf		June 15-22 Mirror	June 29 Warburg # 205 Breton Golf Course	(4) July 6 Red Deer #35 Balmoral	

Some people say that I'm superficial, but that's just on the surface.

On one hand, I'm indecisive; but on the other, I'm not.

If there's one thing I can't stand, it's intolerance.

The world's full of apathy, but I don't care.

Perspective is in the eye of the beholder.

Prejudiced people are all alike.

What is the probability that something will happen according to the odds?

Exaggeration is not all it's cracked up to be.

Evil is not all bad.

I'm still not sure if I understand ambiguity.

Always be on the lookout for conspicuousness.

There's no such thing as nonexistence.

Cooperation can only be reached if we work together.

As far as I'm concerned, treachery will sometimes bring loyalty into question.

He doesn't have much of a reputation, or so I've heard.

I disagree with unanimity.

I have my doubts about disbelief.

Avoid Alliteration. Always.

Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.

One should never generalize.

Avoid cliches like the plague.

Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.

Profanity sucks.

I have a twin brother; he's identical, but I'm not.

Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

Death to all fanatics!

An oral contract isn't worth the paper its written on. --
Sam Goldwyn

If we do not succeed, we run the risk of failure. -
VP Dan Quayle

I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous!

I always wanted to be a procrastinator!

Rehab is for quitters!

The shortest distance between two points is how far apart they are.

Don't be redundant by repeating yourself.

Grammar has got to be one of the most importantest things ever?

My identity lies in not knowing who I am.

I am becoming increasingly worried that there isn't enough anxiety in my life.

I have this nagging fear that everyone is out to make me paranoid.

Free advice is worth what you paid for it.

Entropy just isn't what it used to be.

I keep telling myself that I am a pathological liar, but I am not sure if I believe it.

Not only am I redundant & superfluous, but I also tend to use more words than necessary.

There are only three kinds of people; people who can count and people who can't.

Reality is a big, nasty, vicious dragon, but I don't believe in dragons.

Alberta Facts

Explore Alberta's Past! There are 19 Historical Sites located throughout Alberta. These sites offer an opportunity to experience, touch, and explore history in new and exciting ways. To locate the Historical Sites on the Alberta road map, just look for this symbol -



There are five National Parks in Alberta - Banff, Elk Island, Jasper, Waterton and Wood Buffalo. These parks offer visitors multi-use outdoor recreational opportunities and educational experiences. Look for these symbols on the map for locations of National campsites.

Alberta Environmental Protection operates over 200 Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas. Invest a little quality time and discover a wealth of delights in Alberta's Provincial Park and Provincial Recreation Areas. View the incredible moonscape of Dinosaur Provincial Park - a World Heritage Site - where the fossilized remains of dinosaurs are constantly uncovered. Experience the wonder of ancient aboriginal art at Writing on Stone Provincial Park. Wander among the forest and lakes of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park and climb from boardwalks to alpine valleys, sunbathe or build a castle in the white sands of Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park, observe rare Trumpeter Swans at Saskatoon Island Provincial Park, or catch a trophy fish in Lakeland Provincial Park and Recreation Area. Look for this symbol.

Alberta can offer you over 400 municipal and privately operated campgrounds to choose from. A description of each campground can be found in the Alberta Campground Guide. To help you locate them, look for this symbol and on your Alberta Road Map.

There are 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada. Alberta is home to 5 of them! These sites are so significant that responsibility for their protection belongs not just to their host states or province, but to the world. And it is up to the world to see that they are preserved. Dinosaur Provincial Park, Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks, Waterton

Lakes National Park, Wood Buffalo National Park and Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump showcase Alberta's cultural history. Look for this symbol.

Ethnic Backgrounds

* British 44%, * German 14%, *
Slavic 11%, * French 6%, *
* Scandinavian 7% *
Other 18%

Celsius-Fahrenheit Comparison Table

-18C = 0 F
-12C = 10F
0C = 32F
10C = 50F
21C = 70F
24C = 80F
37C = 98.6F
100C = 212F

Climate/Average Daily Minimum (L), Maximum (H)

Degrees Celsius (C)

	Calgary		Edmonton	
	L	H	L	H
Jan	-18	-6	-19	-11
Feb	-13	-2	-14	-5
Mar	-10	2	-10	0
Apr	-3	9	-1	10
May	3	16	5	17
June	7	20	10	21
July	9	23	12	23
Aug	8	22	11	22
Sept	4	17	6	17
Oct	-1	12	0	11
Nov	-9	3	-8	0
Dec	-14	2	-15	-6