



The Lacombe Legion



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2002

It's a New Year . . . and hopefully, one that brings the peace we continue to seek. We are living in turbulent times but, are also isolated from the tragedies imposed by terrorists and dictators in this world of ours.

We have a cruel reminder to be vigilant and thankful for those who defend our freedom.

Branch #79 Officers and Executive Members

President	Joyce Bradford	782-2886
1 st Vice President		
2 nd Vice President	Rod Oberg	782-1640
Secretary	Joan Handford	782-2037
Treasurer	Faye Chomoway	782-4169
Past President	Jack Thompson	782-6022

Executive Committee

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

Appointments

Chaplain	Shealagh McClelland	784-3367
Sgt-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 Dermott	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

The By-laws

. . . as proposed to Alberta Command have been approved and are now in effect.

It was agreed that the Executive from the year 2001 continue as Executive members and retain their committees until the election in June, 2002.

Elections will be held at this time.

Branch Committees

Membership	Sharon Pollard	782-7155
Honours & Awards		
Hall & Building	Roy Cucheran	782-1533
Lounge & Bar	Doug Handford	782-2037
Benevolent & Poppy	Rod Oberg	782-1640
Social & Entertainment	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	782-3273
Publicity		
Sick & Visiting	Hannah Cucheran	782-1533
Legion Lottery	Joyce Bradford	782-2886
Campground	Al Bunn	782-5058
Branch Rep	Joyce Bradford	782-2886
Casino	Jack Thompson	782-6022
Community Events Facilitator	New Committee	

Fun Night

January 26th, Saturday 7:00 p.m.

A night filled with Darts, Crib, Shuffleboard and Pool.

A non-competitive evening of fun for everyone.



Steak Fry and Dance

March 16th, Saturday, Supper 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Dance to follow with **SOUNDMAN MUSIC.**



W e l c o m e

New Members

Gwendolyn Glover	Lacombe
William Elliott	Lacombe
James Pratt	Calgary
Barb Burnett	Lacombe
Murray Seibel	Lacombe
Linda Penner	Lacombe
Kenneth Boyko	Lacombe



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

Remit to Lacombe Branch #79



Membership Report

For 2001 we had 29 new members.

Nine transferees and 6 reinstated.

As of January 2, 2002, 188 members have paid their dues.

We have approximately 339 members.

Membership dues were due January 1st, 2002.

Comrade Sharon Pollard, Membership Chairman.



Sick and

Comrade Bob Hill



H.D. Cucheran

Lacombe Legion Branch #79

Branch Hours

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

Weekly Activities

Monday	Bingo	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Darts	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Cribbage	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Meat Draws	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Meat Draws	4:30 p.m.
1st Saturday	Whist	7:00 p.m.
3rd Saturday	Military Whist	7:00 p.m.
Phone	Ruth Hoppus	782-5365
	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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Adjusting To The Times

Although the Legion was founded to advance the

cause of veterans, its grass roots structure led naturally to community service.



The "Foster Fathers Program", founded in the 1940s to help

children who had lost fathers in the war, stirred the imaginations of members who recognized the Legion's enormous potential to serve Canada.

Soon branches across the country were responding to needs in their communities - an ambulance here, a sports program there, and eventually large scale provincial and national projects, such as housing for the elderly, and the track and field program for young Canadians.

Today, with over 450,000 members, The Royal Canadian Legion is the largest veterans-based community service organization in the country contributing millions of dollars and voluntary hours to help Canadians, particularly veterans, seniors and youth.

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



Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Elsie Suter, Reporter

January 3rd - After a short meeting we held our installation of officers for the year 2002.

Our District Commander, Gloria Rogers was present to preside over the installations. (2 ladies, Marilyn Nordgren and Vera Brick took their names from the executive.)

A light lunch was served following the meeting.

Eva Whittaker won our cash draw of the evening.

Ladies, please remember that we will be hosting an afternoon of Bingo at the Lodge on January 21st at 1:30 PM.

The Legion On the Web

The Royal Canadian Legion



welcomes you to its website!

We are Canada's largest veterans', ex-service persons' and community service organization with more than 450,000 members and 1,600 branches in Canada, the USA (20) and Germany

We put more than \$350 million into our communities each year and provide services to veterans, ex-service persons, seniors, youth and numerous community-based charities.

We do it for our veterans and those who have served in Canada's military forces, to whom we owe so much; and the fallen, to whom our debt can never be repaid.

Browse the site and find out what the Legion really is. We are a lot more than you might think. We can take you other places too. Look for the links.

Do you have something to tell us at Branch #79?

You can reach us at the NEW e-mail address:

rcl79@rttinc.com.

Treasurer's Year End Report

We are approaching the end of the fiscal year. All accounts will soon be turned over to the accredited accounting firm of Ken Tweit Accountants. We have over the past year implemented a lot of new forms and accounting practices to ensure the accuracy of all departments. Bernice Daze and I would like to thank all the committees and lounge staff for their patience and willing participation in helping us to keep our financial records in an acceptable manner. When we have the complete audited statement we will put this in the upcoming newsletter.

Donations to various Charitable Organizations, Youth Groups, Seniors Programs are done through the funds raised from Pull Ticket Sales, Bingo, and the Benevolent Campaign. In the month of October donations were \$5,600.00. This amount included \$3,000 being donated from Bingo to the Building Expansion Account. The Legion donated approximately \$11,400.00 to various charitable organizations again in November. Included in these donations was a donation of \$6,500.00 for the Lacombe Auxiliary Hospital Extended Care (approved by command) for a special Standing Resident Lift.

To continue making these donations, we do need your support. Bingo is always looking for volunteers to assist with the Monday evening Bingos. Campaign volunteers are always needed at the time of the Poppy Campaign and patrons are needed to come in for a visit and enjoy the company of other members.

In the New Year we will be sending in our financial report to Community Lotteries Board for the Building Project. Look forward to seeing a copy of this in the upcoming newsletters. I am sure that everyone will be interested to see how the grant money was spent.

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

Comrade Faye Chomoway, Treasurer



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



NEW YEAR! NEW PLANS?

Well friends, here we are . . .
a month into the last and only year 2002.

Did you make New Year's Resolutions?

Did you keep them?

Did you not even bother to make any?

Is this just another day?

If you were given the gift of \$10,000, and told it must be spent today or it would disappear, what would you do?

I think you might plan things out, get moving, and make the most of the gift!

Our loving heavenly Father has given us the gift of time, one moment at a time, one day at a time and once it is gone, it is gone. We need to be sure we are using the gift in the best way possible!

To make this year different . . . maybe better, why not resolve to do something special for someone else every day?

Why not get involved in the Legion and volunteer for that activity you enjoy?

Why not call up an old friend and share some good news?

Some young people spend a lot of time wishing they were older, and richer and that things were better. Some seniors spend a lot of time wishing they were younger and healthier and that things were better. Joy comes with seizing the moment and making today the best it can be!

God gave us the gift of life.

What we do with our life is our gift to God.

You are blessed - share your love - on Valentine's day, all February, and all year - one day at a time!

Shealagh McClelland, Branch Chaplain



Lounge and Bar Report

This past year has been very successful with the opening of the new Lounge in May, 2001. This is due to the great amount of work done by Comrade Roy Cucheran and the volunteers and contractors that made our new lounge reality.

The Lounge and Bar has started a new money raising campaign with the introduction of the Legion Loonie Lottery. It is drawn every Friday night with one envelope picked and a matching number drawn from 1 - 21.

I was also assigned the responsibility for organizing the presentation of the new Peacekeeping Medals to three of our members, Jack Thompson, Vern Dool and Jerry Victor. Congratulations to these three members!

In November, one of our bartenders quit and after interviewing a number of candidates, Murray Siebel was chosen as our new bartender and he started work at the end of November.

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

Secretary's Report

There has been a number of duties I performed this past year. I pick up the mail and deposit to the right people. I answered Thank you letters (cards). Prepared the minutes for the General and Executive meetings. I have helped out New Years eve working the Bar, helped prepare the meal. For our annual Golf tournament went around to local merchants to ask for donations.

Remembrance Day went around for donations and selling of wreaths.

I am involved in Crib on Wednesday nights, Bowling Friday nights and the first and third Saturday playing whist.

Being Secretary of the Legion has been a great experience and a pleasure.

Wishing everyone a great 2002 and I am looking forward to represent the Lacombe Legion in the future.

Comrade Joan Handford, Branch Secretary

President's Report

On January 7, 2001 I was installed as President of Branch #79. It was a responsibility I took very seriously and I looked forward to working with the newly elected Executive.

Now, one year later as I reflect on what we accomplished during that year, it is with the realization that we did indeed accomplish many good things.

The completion of our Building Expansion was a major accomplishment. It is with many thanks to Comrade Roy Cucheran that we see it as it is today: a beautiful addition!

Along with the expansion came the obligation of how we would finance the project. Comrade Faye Chomoway and I came up with the plan to apply for a Government Grant. If approved, whatever they would give us would be less of a financial burden on the Branch. To our surprise they gave us all that we applied for \$105,550.00!

With the final report still to do we are not sure how close we came to Comrade Cucheran's estimations but none the less, it was with great joy that we accepted the cheque from MLA Judy Gordon.

Another major accomplishment was revising our By-laws. It was discussed many times over the last few years; finally it is a reality. Many thanks to Comrade Bill Suter and Faye Chomoway. The three of us spent many hours over many weeks debating on what should be in the By-laws and what should be in our Branch Policy Manual. We were very pleased that our efforts and hard work were rewarded with approval first from the Branch and then from Provincial Command.

The Policy manual has not as yet been completed. It is being worked on as Committee heads submit

their reports and should be kept up to date each year for future Executive to follow as a guideline on an ongoing basis. All chairman of every committee will now know what is expected of them and how each committee was previously run.

The accounting system for the Branch saw some changes as well. Thanks to the knowledge and expertise of our bookkeeper Comrade Bernice Daze. She along with Treasurer Comrade Faye Chomoway have all the accounts for the Branch completely up to date. This includes everything from the General account, Sunset Campground, Bingo, Benevolent and Pull Tickets. This is a committee that calls for accuracy and honesty. We are very fortunate to have two such committed people looking after the finances of our Branch.

Many thanks to the entire Executive for the effort and hard work they put into their committees. As well to all Branch members who gave so freely of their time to assist at any functions that the Branch held.

A reminder to all members that the Branch has a limited number of paid employees and the basic running of the Branch is done by volunteers. If you want to be involved come forward. Your assistance will always be appreciated.

With the current Executive retaining their positions until June when elections take place, we will not be taking it easy. You will see the same committed, hard working people working together so that the Branch can continue running smoothly and efficiently.

Comrade Joyce Bradford, President



Benevolent Report

Poppy campaign was very successful.
Over \$10,000 was raised this year.

Thank you to all volunteers that helped make it a success.

Comrade Rod Oberg, chairman

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

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

?Perspective is
in the eye of the beholder.

?Prejudiced people are all alike.

The Olympic Dream starts at Local Legions

For 45 years the Royal Canadian Legion has been the leader in the development of Canada's national track and field athletes. And for 25 years Legion members have funded and managed the foremost Canadian competitive event for them The Legion National Track and Field Championships. The list of Canadian Olympic and World Championship Team athletes who have benefited from the Legion's commitment to athletic excellence grows each year because we are still there and, like our predecessors, we are committed to the building of our youth mentally and physically to take on the challenges of the future.

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Lacombe Branch #79 Poster Poem Essay Contest Winners 2001

Poems

Junior	1st Scott Ellen	Lacombe Upper Elementary
	2nd Megan Wilson	Blackfalds
Intermediate	1st Jocelynn Gray	Lacombe Jr. High
	2nd Amber Atkinson	Blackfalds
Senior	1st Crystal Stork	Lacombe Comp. High
	2nd Daniel Kooman	Central Alta Christian High

Essays

Junior	1st Jessica Nawalski	Lacombe Upper Elementary
	2nd Jada-Lynn McCarty	College Heights Christian School
Intermediate	1st Patti Dick	Lacombe Jr. High
	2nd Jenny Evans	Lacombe Jr. High
Senior	1st Joshwa Kopstra	Central Alta Christian High
	2nd Erron Doering	Lacombe Comp. High

Colour Poster

Junior	1st Sarah Babchuk	Lacombe Upper Elementary
	2nd Jennifer Alverez	Blackfalds
Intermediate	1st Esther McDonald	College Heights Christian School
	2nd Sasha Lowen	College Heights Christian School
Senior	1st Francine Tiemstra	Central Alta Christian High

B & W Poster

Junior	1st Jesse Foulkes	Lacombe Upper Elementary
	2nd Jessie King Dymaes	Blackfalds
Intermediate	1st Matt Retzer	Lacombe Jr. High
	2nd Andrew Leung	Lacombe Jr. High
Senior	1st Rachel Gyori	Central Alta Christian High
	2nd Christina Faber	Central Alta Christian High



Alberta Facts

Of the ten Canadian provinces, Alberta ranks fourth in land area, forest area and population.

Area

661,185 km²
(255,285 square miles)

Land

644,389 km²
(248,800 square miles)

Water

16,796 km²
(6,485 square miles)

Parks

5 National Parks,
62 Provincial Parks

Cities

- * Airdrie
- * Camrose
- * Edmonton
- * Ft. Saskatchewan
- * Leduc *Lethbridge
- * Medicine Hat
- * St. Albert
- * Calgary
- * Drumheller
- * Ft. McMurray
- * Grande Prairie
- * Lloydminster
- * Red Deer
- * Wetaskiwin

Principal Industries

- * Petroleum
- * Tourism
- * Agriculture
- * Forestry
- * Manufacturing

Legion Sunset Campground Report

The Sunset Legion Campground is an excellent facility and for those of you who have not experienced it should consider doing so during 2002. You should contact the campground either by phone or personally to make your reservations as it is a very busy operation during the summer months.

This last year was a success considering the dry weather and the fire bans. During the year we had installed chain link fencing for two storage areas to secure boats and trailers when not in use. In addition to this we had 170 yards of gravel spread on the roadways. A second beach was opened in the KANNGIESSER Section as well as sand was added to the playgrounds.

Also during the beginning of the camping season we began monthly water tests to ensure the drinking water was safe. Each test advised the water was safe to drink.

The July fireworks were a huge success and a big thank-you to Brian and June MacIntosh, the campground operators, for putting this on and the great job they do for us all year round.

Comrade Al Bunn, Campground Chairman

Social Report

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped make 2001 a successful year. It wouldn't have happened without all the people who volunteered their time.

Our Steak Fry and dances were well attended. Everyone had a good time.

Christmas Party on December 14, 2001 was well attended with an excellent supper and dance. Music was supplied by Steve Palmer, and the meal was supplied by Bob Ronnie Catering from Ponoka. New Years Dance was 50s - 60s theme with music supplied by Soundman of Red Deer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2002.

Watch Newsletter for up and coming functions.

Wishing everyone a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Comrade Jim Rose

Sports Report

(2001 Sports Year in Review)

The Branch was well represented at all events.

Curling seems to be picking up again as 2 teams entered Districts this fall.

Cribbage will be played at Clive (Zone) January 12 and we expect to send a full contingent.

Golf - this past year representatives went to Grande Prairie for Provincials and our annual Fun Tournament was very successful.

Darts - Our branch sent one team to Mixed Provincials. The Fun Darts at the Branch is still a good night for the Branch.

Remember to check the Bulletin Board as usually the Sports calendar and other events are posted.

Comrade Dave Swarbrick

Hall and Building Report

Another year has come and gone by very quickly.

Our project 2000 was completed last year with the Grand Opening ceremony of our new lounge taking place on May 23rd. It was a pleasure to have our Honourable M.L.A. Judy Gordon and then Deputy Mayor Bill McQuestin cut the ribbon for us. It was great to have a full house to enjoy snacks and refreshments on this day. I am happy to say that I have had very favourable comments on our expansion thus far.

Our wheel chair lift has been operational for almost a year now, and has been used many times. Thanks again to all the volunteers that came out and helped when the help was needed. Thanks also to our suppliers and contractors for giving us extra discounts on materials and labour and just getting the job done.

We at the Legion are looking forward to this coming year and already have some plans in the works for improvements to our building to make it more accessible and pleasurable to not only our members but the community.

Don't only be a Legion member, be a participating Legion member.

Have a great 2002.

Comrade Roy Cucheran, Hall & Building Chairman

Your Legion Your Community

The members of the Royal Canadian Legion are men and women, just like you, who believe in the values of freedom and democracy. Some have fought to help us maintain our freedom, some have lost loved ones fighting for our way of life and some just want to help. All of them are committed to their communities and the future of our children.



Your support, through the Legion Million Dollar Lottery, is invaluable. Each ticket purchased gives you the chance to win cash prizes worth over 1.2 million dollars with the proceeds raised from your purchase directly assisting the funding of youth citizenship programs, housing projects, medical research and equipment and seniors' programs right where you live.

With Alberta's ever aging population, Legions are committed to enriching the way of life for shut-ins and long-term care patients by providing such things as better beds, family rooms, solariums, entertainment centers, craft rooms, upgraded medical equipment and park areas. With one of Canada's largest volunteer organizations, today's Legions are providing much needed assistance for our seniors.

Your contribution will help the Legion continue to provide for the needs in your community.

To order by mail, please complete the Official Ticket Request Form and send it with your cheque, money order, VISA or MasterCard number.

Tickets are only 3 for \$50 or \$25 each.

The Legion Branches of Alberta Present Legion Million Dollar Lottery 2002 Alberta's Affordable Lottery



Over 1.2 million dollars in cash prizes.

Today's Legion, serving tomorrow.

Just go ahead and 'win-it!
Please help your Royal

Canadian Legion make a difference.
1,054 prizes worth over \$1.2 million dollars!
Last year's Lottery sold out in less than 8 weeks!
Last chance to buy tickets April 13th.

Enter to win **Fantastic Cash Prizes TAX FREE!**

Early Bird Draw!
\$10,000.00

Hurry!
Final Draw April 20th

?? \$300,000.00	15 draws of \$5,000.00
?? \$200,000.00	40 draws of \$2,000.00
?? \$100,000.00	60 draws of 1,000.00
?? 350 draws of \$500.00	
?? 10 draws of \$10,000.00	
?? 575 draws of \$200.00	

Purchase Tickets by March 16th.

Early Bird Draw March 23rd.

Tickets must be purchased by 11:00 pm April 13, 2002 to be eligible for the final draw.

Final Draws will be held on April 20, 2002.

A total of 177,000 tickets will be sold.
Only 53,000 sets of tickets at 3 for \$50, and
18,000 single tickets for \$25 each will be sold.

**Take a chance . . .
Support your Branch!**

