



The Lacombe Legion



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Zone 3 District 4

January / February 2003

Legion Million Dollar Lottery

Purchase your tickets now!

Last year's lottery sold out in less than 6 weeks.

Include branch name in the space provided for greater benefits for our Branch # 79!

Grand Prize	\$500,000
Cash Prize	\$150,000
Cash Prize	\$100,000
5 cash prizes of	\$10,000 each
15 cash prizes of	\$5,000 each
30 cash prizes of	\$2,000 each
50 cash prizes of	\$1,000 each
350 cash prizes	\$500 each
575 cash prizes	\$200 each

Early Bird Draw - \$25,000.00

Purchase tickets by 11 p.m.

Friday, March 14, 2003.

Early Bird Draw is Saturday, March 22, 2003.

Tickets are

1 for \$25.00 or 3 for \$50.00

Tickets are selling fast.

75% sold on February 3!

On to the Next . . . !

Congratulations!

The Lacombe team is the winner of the District Mixed Senior Darts Tournament held in Lacombe. They have advanced to the Provincial Darts Tournament to be held in Brooks, Alberta on March 14, 15 and,16.

Team members are:

Herb Draney	Madeliene Babiuk
Bill McAdam	Faye Chomoway
Yvonne Rajchert	

The Ponoka Legion Senior Team placed 2nd.

Sports

Sports

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Darts

Legion Darts

December 7 - Lacombe

First - Ponoka:

Joe Cunningham	Ron Miners
Donna Cunington	Cody Campbell
	Darcy Boyce

Second - Ponoka:

Andy McIsaac	Alan Sande
Ed Hiscock	Dale Sande

Third Lacombe:

Brian Brant	Dave Swarbrick
Rob McKinnon	Cheryl Swarbrick



Crib

Zone Cribbage

December 16 - Clive

First - Lacombe

Joyce Bradford	Faye
Chomoway	
John Robinson	Colleen Robinson

Second - Ponoka

Congratulations!

Third - Lacombe

Les Jeremiah	Suzette Jeremiah
Lloyd Sebry	Elsie Sebry

Cribbage Pairs

First - Lacombe

Marie Long	Irene Bellmore
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Third - Lacombe

Albin Siermachesky	
Bernie Siermachesky	

Seniors Pairs

Second - Lacombe

George Damant	Stan Parsons
<i>Dave Swarbrick - Sports Chairman</i>	



Lest We Forget

Events at MirrorBranch #189

Bingo 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month .
Supper Night Last Saturday of each month
 (except July, August and December).

Meat Draws every Saturday - Ladies Auxiliary

Legion Meetings

General Meeting 1st Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
 Executive Meeting 2nd Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
 Phone (403) 788-2123, or 788-2222

Secretary Ellie Carly

Welcome

New Members

Dennis Domstead
 Charles Gillingham

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.
Thursday	Action Group	Afternoon
Friday	Meat Draws	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Meat Draws	4:30 p.m.

Whist Party

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	Fist 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	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.

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Seniors Information Presentation

Date February 13, 2003
Time 1:00 p.m.
Place Lacombe Legion Hall

Speakers		Topics
Chief Zens	Lacombe Police	Seniors and Fraud
Pat Eaton	Pharmacist	Medications
Pauline Dusyk	Nutritionist	Nutrition
Rick Hemmingson	Lawyer	Wills
Jack Parker	Legion Service Officer	Veterans Issues

All veterans are invited Come and learn what is available for you and your family from the Legion, Veterans Affairs Canada and the Lacombe and District Family and Community Support Services.


This seminar is for all seniors.
 Subjects of special interest to veterans.

Information packages to be distributed.

Contact the FCSS for more information.
Phone 782 6637



Branch #79 members taking a lunch break between school visitations in the Lacombe area



Dues Are Past Due!
 Have you paid yours?
 The Early Bird winner for November was Shirley Barr.
 Congratulations and . . . enjoy!



Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Elsie Suter, Reporter

The executive for 2003 are:

President	Joan Robak
1st Vice-President	Trudy Friesen
2nd vice-President	Elsie Suter
Past President	Jean Bruns
Secretary	Doris Dicknoether
Treasurer	Carol Albers

Executive

Amelia Collett	Gwen Duffy
Edith Hustad	Onagh Lidster
Velma Price	Mary Slagt
Jean Spencer	Eva Whittaker.

Appointments

Sergeant-at-Arms	Joyce Hunt
Phone Committee	Onagh Lidster
	Edith Hustad

During January, the Ladies provided food for 2 banquets and 6 funerals .

*I*t's a new year and a time to appreciate and recognize members for their loyalty. The ladies held their Annual Appreciation Dinner and awarded the ladies earning 'long service' pins. They are:

Name	Award
Onagh Lidster	5 years
Elsie Suter	20 years
Ellen Fannon	30 years
Ellen Schilling	30 years
Jean Bruns	30 years

Our condolences go to the families of Olive Boice who passed away in November, and Marg Victor in January. Marg was a branch Life Member. We will miss them.

Past-President Jean Bruns is recovering from a serious health condition complicated by an injury. Get well soon!

During December some members sang carols with the residents of the Senior's Lodges. Elsie Towpich played the piano.

It was an enjoyable evening for all participants.



A Heritage Prayer

“Father God;

We keep forgetting all those who lived before us.
 We keep forgetting those who lived and worked in our communities.
 We keep forgetting those who prayed and sang hymns in our churches before we were born.
 We keep forgetting what our fathers have done for us.
 We commit the sin, Lord, of assuming that everything begins with us.
 We drink from wells we did not find.
 We eat food from farmland we did not develop.
 We enjoy freedoms which we have not earned.
 We worship in churches we did not build.
 We live in communities we did not establish.
 This day, make us grateful for our heritage.
 Amen.”

*Shealagh McClelland, D. M.,
 Branch Chaplain*

Bouquets

A special thank you to **Darcy Whittaker** for single-handedly removing all the Christmas decorations.

Darcy is one of several volunteers who, whenever asked, is always very willing to participate.

Thank you, Darcy!



Don't Forget!
February 14

Whatever you have to say to people, be sure to say it in words that will cause them to smile and you will be on pretty safe ground.

And when you do find it necessary to criticize someone, put your criticism in the form of a question which the other person is practically sure to have to answer in a manner that he will become his own critic.

John Wannamaker



Veterans' Corner

The Royal Canadian Legion has a national network of service officers who assist veterans, serving military and RCMP members, and ex-serving military and RCMP members with claims for disability pensions involving their service with those agencies or with financial problems following retirement.

For full details, people with claims can contact a service officer at a local branch of the Legion, a Provincial Command or the Dominion Command offices (Legion membership not required) or Veterans Affairs Canada.

Information on some of veteran concerns are:

- ?? · [The Disability Pension System](#)
- ?? · [Post Traumatic Stress Disorder](#)
- ?? · [Where to Find a Service Officer](#)
- ?? · [Medical Releases from the CF](#)
- ?? · [Exposure to Poison Gas](#)
- ?? · [Claims for Service with Other Countries](#)
- ?? · [The Gulf War and Disabilities](#)
- ?? · [Medals Advisor](#)

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Comrades Vic Szabunio and Ole Halberg
sharing memories on
Remembrance Day, year 2002

Poppy Campaign - 2002

All the bills aren't in yet, but the campaign was rated as successful once again.

The gross amount received from the poppy and wreath sales and cash donations exceeded \$10,000.00.

The Lacombe Branch thanks the community for the support received.

We can look forward to assisting some of the critical community and veterans' needs.

*Comrade Rod Oberg,
Poppy Campaign Chairman*

Visit the Royal Canadian Legion
site on the Web
<http://www.legion.ca>



Introducing a new Legion service for Legion
members and the community
<http://www.lacombelegion.com>

The purpose of this website is to promote the Branch and the Legion.

The Legion has E-mail capabilities and hyperlinks to many veteran and Legion-related sites. Dominion Command, Alberta Northwest Territories Command, Veterans Affairs Canada, local interest sites are linked to the Branch computer.

The Branch Service Officer can access so much more information and assist the veteran in resolving his difficulties.

It will be much easier to correspond with many

organizations and individual members.

Requests from members regarding their membership status has already been received with no mailing costs.

We are volunteers and this tool will make our work more rewarding and also give us free time - something we all need!

The computer is here for your benefit. Let's put it to work.

As the site is new it will have errors and omissions.

Suggestions and criticism are welcome.

We need to know what you want.

Why Join The Legion?

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

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

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

Member Benefits Package - The Legion has developed a relationship with a number of corporate partners to provide products and services to its members. Some of the partners include an insurance company, health care services, a credit card company, and an auto club to name a few. Only Legion members are entitled to the benefits offered.

Community Service - You can serve your community by assisting with the many Legion programs in support of youth, seniors, the disabled and others. The Legion also provides bursaries and scholarships to students from Secondary School to the University level and is the largest single supporter of Scouts and Guides in Canada. It is also a major supporter of sea, army and air cadets.



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

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

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

The many opportunities and programs offered by The Royal Canadian Legion are identified throughout our web site or you may wish to contact your local Legion Branch or Post for more information.

Did You Know?

The Lacombe Branch has donated over **\$21,600.** in year 2002 to many deserving groups within the community!

Yes! The Legion cares!



If you tell the truth,
you don't have to remember anything.

There are two theories to arguing with women.
Neither one works.

Those who think small things don't matter have never
gone to bed with a mosquito in the room