



The Lacombe Legion



Volume 12

Zone 3 District 4

Summer - 2004

Branch #79 Officers and Executive Members June 2004 - June 2005



President	Rod Oberg	782-1640
1 st Vice President	Al Bunn	782-3687
2 nd Vice President	Glen Miller	782- 7567
Secretary		
Treasurer	Barbara Burnett	748-2060
Past President	John Robinson	782-4946

Executive

Jim Brimacombe	Dave Swarbrick
Jack Wallace	Roy Cleveland
Joyce Bradford	Jim Pratt

Appointments

Chaplain	Shealagh McClelland	784-3367
Sergeant-at-Arms		
Service Officer		

Standing -

Jim Brimacombe	Dave Swarbrick
Jack Wallace	John Robinson
Joyce Bradford	Jim Pratt
Roy Cleveland	

Seated -

Al Bunn	Barbara Burnett
Rod Oberg	Glen Miller

Branch Committees

- Membership
- Honours & Awards
- Hall & Building
- Lounge & Bar
- Benevolent & Poppy
- Social & Entertainment
- Sports
- Bingo
- Pull Tickets
- Seniors Activities
- Newsletter
- Publicity and Public Relations
- Community Events
- Sick & Visiting
- Legion Lottery
- Campground



We Will Remember Them

Veteran and member

Leonard "Andy" Andersen

Born July 14, 1920
Passed away June 12, 2004

Veteran Earnest Wyatt Nowlin

Born March 23, 1918
Passed away March 8, 2004

The Lacombe Branch #79 offers heartfelt condolences to the families.

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

Help Wanted

Are you interested in producing the Branch newsletter?

Please call President Rod Oberg or any executive member for information.



Sick and Visiting

*Home from the
Lacombe Hospital*

- ?? Veteran Frank Lacey
- ?? Veteran "Chuck" McIntyre
- ?? Branch member Roy Richmond.

We wish for you a speedy and full recovery

Doris Ahlquist, Chairman

**The things that come to those who wait
may be the things left by those who
got there first!**



Working at the Trade Fair

Left 2nd vice-President Rod Oberg
Right President John Robinson

Lacombe Legion Branch #79

Branch Hours

Monday to Saturday inclusive 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Monday	Bingo	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Youth Council	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Cribbage	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Meat Draws	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Action Group	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Meat Draws	4:30 p.m.
1st Saturday	Court 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 Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion

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Important Phone Numbers

For All Veterans

Veteran's Affairs Canada

Client Toll-free Contact Number

English	1-866-522-2122
French	1-866-522-2022

Royal Canadian Legion

Service Officers

Lacombe Branch	(403) 782-6441
AB NWT Command	(780) 426-1252

It is recommended that the above telephone numbers are included with your "Important Phone Numbers" list . . . and call when you need support!



T.V. Raffle

Draw Winners

 Carolyne Shaw	32" TV
 Al Bunn	\$100



Visit us on the Web

The Lacombe Branch # 79 at
www.lacombelegion.com

The Royal Candian Legion at
www.legion.ca



Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Elsie Suter, Reporter

May was a busy month for our ladies what with catering to 2 funeral teas and a noon luncheon.

May 12 was Vets night which was fairly well attended and the ladies had several compliments on the meal of roast beef.

Everyone enjoyed the music and the singing that followed.

Thanks again to all the musicians for helping out. We appreciate it.

Also in May we hosted a Bingo at the Lodge and served tea afterwards.

June 6 to 12 was Seniors' Week in Lacombe. Several of our Legion Ladies Auxiliary assisted in the different events on different days at the Lodge.

All Seniors were welcome to attend. Come and join us.

June 6 2 - 6 P.M.
Barbeque. Food served at 4 P.M.

June 10 130 - 4:30 P.M.
Ice-cream Social

June 11 2:30 - 4 P.M.
Garden Party and Entertainment.

June 15 5 P.M.
We are having our annual Pot Luck supper at the Kinsmen Hall. All Ladies Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend the social evening of food, cards and board games. It is also our executive meeting.

"Well wishes" go out to all our members who are under the weather. We miss you and hope to see you out and about soon.

Congratulations to Rod Oberg. He is the new Branch President 2004-2005.

At Last! It's Summer!
Bring your family and friends and visitors to the Lacombe Legion Branch.
If you are travelling, visit the other Legion branches enroute and at your destination.
Be a Legion Ambassador!

District Legion Golf

Place Sylvan Lake
Southland Golf Course

Date Saturday June 26

Tee-off 10:00 a.m.

Registration 9:30 p.m.

Cart rental \$27.00

Club rental \$14.00

Cost for 18 holes \$50.00

Supper and prizes to follow
at the Sylvan Lake Legion

To reserve a cart call 1-403-887-5100

Please Fax entries to
Sylvan Lake Legion
1-403-887-4431
attn: Percy Bryant
on/before June 19

B-B-Q Time!



The Lacombe Branch has built a deck on the 'sunny-side' of the lounge.

A gas-fired barbeque is available for B-B-Q-ing your food.

Plan your summer parties to be held at the Legion.

~~///~~ **A fine is a tax for doing wrong.**

~~///~~ **A tax is a fine for doing well.**



The “Canloan” Story

Early in 1944 Canadian Army officers (Lieutenants and Captains) were asked to go on loan to the British Army (Canloan). The British were short of officers and Canada had a surplus.

Word went out across the country asking infantry and ordinance officers to volunteer. Eventually 6,223 infantry and 50 ordinance officers were attached to the British army for all purposes. The pay was retained according to Canadian pay standards.

These officers went through a month of special training and assessment at Sussex, New Brunswick (Canada) before being dispatched to Britain.

The first of the officers on loan arrived in the British Isles early in April 1944. The last group arrived late in July.

The infantry officers were attached to about 60 different British regiments. They had the opportunity to choose the regiment to which they wanted to belong. Some of the volunteers chose a regiment in which their fathers had served during WW1. A few landed in Normandy on D Day, June 6, 1944. Most of them went into Normandy Campaign during the summer and fall of 1944.

There was a concentration of Canadian officers in the

1st and 6th Airborne Divisions with the glider-borne brigade.

One hundred and twenty eight were killed in action and many more were wounded. Thirty-two were captured and taken prisoner. Most of the captured were with the Airborne Division at Arnhem. Many were decorated for bravery.

Lieutenant Martin Kaufmann (Canloan)

Comrade Martin Kaufmann, (Ph.D.) served as a Platoon Commander with the 7th Battalion King’s Own Scottish Borderers in the air landing (glider) brigade of the British 1st Airborne Division.

The Division was wiped out at Arnhem (The Bridge Too Far) in September of 1944.

Comrade Martin was wounded and taken prisoner due to this costly error in planning by the Generals in charge of the campaign!

Following the end of WWII the Canloan officers formed the Canloan Army Officers Association and organized reunions that continued until about the year 2000.

Most of the survivors maintained an interest in the association and there were a few who preferred to forget the whole business. For the most part the survivors had successful careers. One stayed in the army and rose to the rank of Major General. A couple

became vice presidents of companies of note. Three became clergymen; one became Dominion Archivist etc. etc.

In 1992, a book was published about the group of Canadian officers who volunteered to serve in the British Army and was titled “Code Word Canloan”.

There is a copy in the Legion Library and one in the Town Library.

Submitted by Comrade Martin Kaufmann



What does the "D" in D-Day stand for?

The "D" in D-Day stands for "designated." D-Day, or the Designated-Day, is both a general term for the unspecified day when a military operation or offensive is to be launched.

Poster & Literary Contest Winners from Zone 3

Zone Winners

Intermediate Poem		
1 st	Travis Young	Lacombe Christian School
Senior Essay		
1 st	Elesha Evelyn Winters	Lacombe Outreach High School
Senior Poster (Black & White)		
1 st	Jessica Klopstra	Central Alberta Christian High School
Junior Poster (Black & White)		
1 st	Aaron Bomback	Lacombe Upper Elementary School
2 nd	Richard Ellens	Lacombe Christian School
Junior Poster (Colour)		
1 st	Marita Florijn	Lacombe Christian School
District Winners		
1 st	Marita Florijn	Lacombe Christian School
1 st	Aaron Bomback	Lacombe Upper Elementary School
1 st	Jessica Klopstra	Alberta Christian High School

Feeling Lucky?

People are not born lucky!

Research shows they create their good fortune as they go through life.

Psychologist Richard Wiseman spent 10 years investigating luck and trying to understand the psychology behind good fortune. He studied the lives of 400 of the luckiest and unluckiest people. He found that those leading charmed lives are without realizing it, using some basic principles to create good fortune. They maximize their opportunities; are skilled at creating, noticing and acting upon chances through networking, adopting a relaxed attitude and being open to new experiences.

They tend to make effective decisions by acting on their intuition and gut feelings. And lucky people go through life expecting good fortune. These expectations become self-fulfilling prophecies when lucky people persist in the face of failure.

"Good luck is where preparation meets opportunity."



Did you Know?



☞ **1.1 million Canadians served in WWII, including 106,000 in the Royal Canadian Navy and 200,000 in the Royal Canadian Air Force .**

- ☞ **42,042 were killed and 54,414 wounded.**
- ☞ **14,000 Canadians landed on D-Day.**
- ☞ **450 jumped by parachute or landed by glider.**
- ☞ **10,000 sailors of the RCN were involved.**
- ☞ **340 killed, 574 wounded, 47 taken prisoner.**
- ☞ **During the first six days of the Normandy campaign 1,017 Canadians died.**
- ☞ **By the end of the Normandy campaign, about 5,020 Canadians had been killed.**
- ☞ **About 5,400 Canadians are buried in Normandy.**
- ☞ **During the two and a half months of the Normandy campaign, Allied casualties, including killed, wounded and captured totalled 210,000.**
- ☞ **Canadian casualties totalled more than 18,000 including more than 5,000 dead.**



D-Day: Canada's Role

Robin Rowland, CBC News Online June 5, 2003

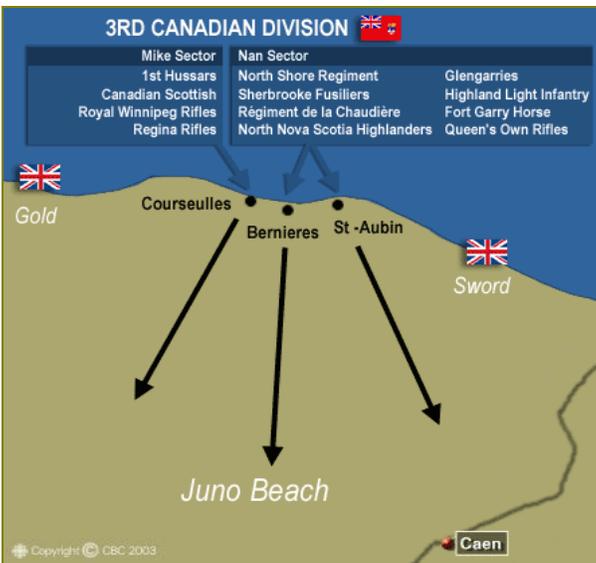
The sun was just coming up over the Normandy coast at about 5 a.m. on June 6, 1944 . . . D-Day.

The Allied navies—Canadian, British, American – had brought a huge invasion fleet from England to France in total darkness. For men on the ships, first light showed the black shapes of other nearby vessels. For the Germans on shore, the dawn revealed a vast armada poised to invade occupied France.

The military planners had given Canada a major role on D-Day: to take one of the five designated beaches where Allied forces were to land to begin the liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany.

The Americans had Utah and Omaha beaches in the west, then came the British at Gold, then the Canadians at Juno Beach and finally the British at Sword on the east.

The greatest seaborne invasion in history was aimed at 80 kilometres of mostly flat, sandy beach along the Normandy coast, west of the Seine River, east of the jutting Cotentin Peninsula. Canada's objective was right in the middle.



North Nova Scotia Highlanders, to the Canadian Scottish from Victoria.

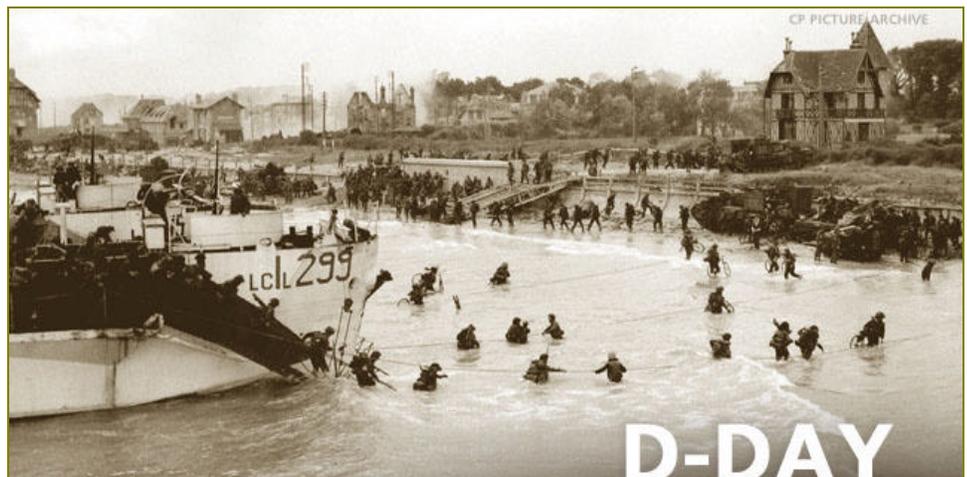
The bombardment of the beaches began at 6 a.m. Within an hour the lead landing craft were away from the ships. Two hours later, the German defences at Juno Beach had been shattered and Canada had established the beachhead.



There were about 155,000 soldiers, 5,000 ships and landing craft, 50,000 vehicles and 11,000 planes set for the coming battle. For Canada, 14,000 soldiers were to land on the beaches; another 450 were to drop behind enemy lines by parachute or glider. The Royal Canadian Navy supplied ships and about 10,000 sailors. Lancaster bombers and Spitfire fighters from the Royal Canadian Air Force supported the invasion.

The Canadians who landed on Juno Beach were part of Britain's Second Army, under the command of British Lt. General Miles Dempsey, who had served in North Africa and Italy with the overall British commander, Bernard Montgomery. The Canadian assault forces were the Third Canadian Infantry Division, commanded by Major General R. F. Keller and the Second Canadian Armoured Brigade, with Brigadier R.A. Wyman in charge.

The units were from across the country; from east to west, from the



I've learned . . .

- ?? That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- ?? That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.
- ?? That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- ?? That being kind is more important than being right.
- ?? That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- ?? That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- ?? That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- ?? That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- ?? That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- ?? That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- ?? That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- ?? That money doesn't buy class.
- ?? That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- ?? That when you're in love, it shows.
- ?? That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- ?? That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?
- ?? That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- ?? That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- ?? That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- ?? That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- ?? That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- ?? That there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.
- ?? That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- ?? That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- ?? That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
- ?? That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- ?? That I wish I could have told my Dad that I love him one more time before he passed away.
- ?? That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- ?? That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- ?? That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.
- ?? That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- ?? That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- ?? That it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life threatening situation.
- ?? That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Andy Rooney, TV broadcaster for "60 Minutes"

We Live and Learn!

A few months after moving to a small town a woman complained to a neighbour about the poor service at the local drugstore. She hoped the new acquaintance would repeat her complaint to the owner.

Next time she went to the drugstore, the druggist greeted her with a big smile, told her how happy he was to see her again. He said he hoped she liked their town and to please let him know if there was anything he could do to help her and her husband to get settled. He then promptly filled her order and efficiently.

Later the woman reported the miraculous change to her friend. "I suppose you told the druggist how poor I thought the service was?" she asked.

"Well, no", the woman said. "In fact - and I hope you don't mind - I told him you were amazed at the way he had built up this small town drugstore, and that you thought it was one of the best run drugstores you'd ever seen."



**Thank you,
Doris Ahlquist, Bill and Elsie Suter for your
more than 12 years of assistance and support.**

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