



VICTORY BLOTTER

Legion Dates to Remember

- Monday - Bingo
7:00 PM
- Tuesday- Darts
7:30 PM
from Oct to Mar
- LA General Meeting
7:00 PM -
1st Tues of the month
(except July & Aug)
- Wednesday- Cribbage
7:00 PM
- Thursday - Branch
General Meeting -
1st Thursday of the
month (except July &
Aug)
Branch executive mtg -
last Thursday of the
month
- Friday - Meat Draws
6:30 PM
- Saturday- Meat Draws
4:30 PM

Whist 7:30 PM
- Sunday Breakfast:
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Feb.21

PUBLIC WELCOME



**Lacombe Legion
5138 - 49 Street, Lacombe, AB**

**January 2010
403-782-6441**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Happy 100th Anniversary to the Navy on January 12,2010.
One hundred years ago the government of Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier introduced the Naval Service Bill.*

DON'T FORGET TO WATCH

ON THE HISTORY CANNEL

January 21 2010, at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm
February 25 2010, at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm

If you miss the episode, you should be able to view it online in a couple of days at www.history.ca. Click on the "Video" tab.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

We are now in the fourth season of our Sunday Breakfasts. Thanks you to all the volunteers without you it would not be possible. And to Barbara Burnett for coordinating everything.



To honour and Remember all Widows, War Brides and Veterans Wives , we will be having a tea January 23 from 2 -4 pm. It is free for for the above There will be a small charge for all others

CRIB TOURNAMENT

The crib team that played district in Sylvan Lake won second and now proceed to Provincials on February 13th. Congratulations to Lee Smith, Gord Kelly, George Damant and Bill McAdam

The Navy initiates it's new terrorist catch and release program



In 2003 the US Navy initiates it's new "Terrorist Catch and Release Program"

Private Melville Madden of Fairview was the son of Clarence and Norma Madden. They moved to Lacombe in September 1923. he worked for a time on his father's farm before enlisting in the Edmonton Rifles Regiment and going overseas . He later transferred to the Vancouver based Seaforth Highlanders and went to Italy with them.

EPISODE AA4044 – JOURNEY TO ORTONA

On Christmas Eve 1943, 28-year-old Melville Madden was in the thick of one of the bloodiest battles in the history of the Canadian military – the Battle of Ortona. Like the rest of his regiment, Madden was looking forward to an historic Christmas dinner organized by his unit, the Seaforth Highlanders. But he was also looking forward to something even more important - a Christmas reunion with his older brother, Cecil, who was also fighting in Italy. Unfortunately, Melville never arrived at their reunion. Sometime on Christmas Eve he was killed in action. To this day, his family has no idea how he died.

Until now. Julian Sacher, a high school student from Lacombe, Alberta – Melville Madden's hometown – is about to embark on a journey to Ortona. With the help of *Ancestors in the Attic*, he will try to discover the truth behind Madden's death, and, if he can, finally answer the questions Melville's family have asked for more than 65 years.

OOPS

In last months newsletter I spelled Lance Corporal Ernest Aldwinckle last name wrong.



IN MEMORIAM

Maggie Knapton
Roy Allen

SOLDIER

This is me.
I am not dead, yet live
now all the war torn stories
have been read
in Flanders yet not buried but
alive and now am in another
life.

Sad soldiers weep for war,
dead and me think of me
lonely lost and far from home
what if they knew then how
far I'd roam?

The centuries cannot hold
me and in this modern time I
see not much has changed,
only how the mighty have
rearranged while peace
escapes them still.

All though this day and at
this hour how I wage with
sadness still.

When all at once has bent
my will and I have eternity on
my mind.

So far yet have I come
and so far yet to go on.
Is life itself not a battlefield?
And a war we fight to gain
beyond a shying heaven of
our amity.

He is me and I am he
the war is not over.

By Beverley Beckley
Submitted by Ron Cousins

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT

Membership Appreciation
Night will be held on February
27 starting at 5:30 pm.

It was with sadness in the
passing of Ladies
Auxiliary Maggie Knapton
and Member Roy Allen.
Our condolences to their
families

SOLDERS ON THE CENOTAPH

In the last few years I have gotten to
know the Solders on our cenotaph
and over the next months I will be
sharing their stories with you.

PRIVATE CLYDE KENT

Clyde was born on June 22, 1898 in
Musquadboit, Nova Scotia. the son of
James Parker Kent. James came
west in 1900 with his brother George.
Clyde's mother was Isabelle Gladwin
also from Musquadboit. The Family
settled in the Wolf Ville district of
Ponoka County, then moved to
Lacombe in 1903. James was a town
counselor and owned a livery
business located on 49th street. The
business ran from 1903 to 1906 in
partnership with James brother-in-
law. In 1912 the family moved again
to Medicine Hat where James tried
his hand at the candy making
business. Wartime shortages made
this unviable and the family returned
to Wolf Ville in 1917. In 1921 they
returned to Lacombe. It was while
they resided in Medicine Hat that
Clyde enlisted in the Medicine Hat
Company of the 63rd Battalion. He
was shipped to England in May 1916
where the battalion was broken up.
He reached France with the draft in
the spring of 1917. He was attached
to the 5th Canadian Division as a
signaller. On the morning of
November 10, 1917 at the battle of
Passchendaele he and two other
signallers were sent to a station in the
line. They had to dig an opening in
the side of the trench which was hit
by a shell killing all instantly. Clyde
came from a family of some military
background. His grandfather Arthur
Stanhope Gladwin who died in 1917
in Lacombe had held the rank of
Lieutenant Colonel. A great
grandfather had fought in Canada in
the war of 1812 and held positions in
the army in England and India.

LA NEWS

The ladies have been busy with
funeral and birthday lunches and
are always looking for new
members to help out

They are also holding bingos the
last Wednesday of every month
starting at 1:30 pm at the Seniors
Lodge.

COMING EVENTS

Feb - Membership Appreciation Night

March - Irish Dinner
Diversity Week at Lacombe
Composite High School. Will
Include a Veterans Day

April - Vimy Night

May - Veterans Dinner

June - Decoration Day

The Christmas Party was
excellent and well attended.
Cheryl and Toni did a nice job



SUNSET LEGION CAMPGROUND

As the snow is melting thoughts turn
to summer. Sunset Campground is
starting to replace all the out
houses. The Seasonal Site
Agreements are being mailed out,
just a reminder that fees are due
April 1st. There will be a garage
sale May 23 at the campground.
Thanks to Brian and June for doing
a wonderful job running the
campground.



UNDER THE WEATHER

Veterans

Ladies Auxiliary

Mary Sager will be
going into the
Lacombe Nursing
Home

General Members

If you know one of our
veterans or members
that are hospitalized
or not doing so good
give us a call at the
Legion at 403 782-
6441 and let us know.

Steps will be taken to
see to their comfort.
Remember also the
widows and widowers
of the veterans.