



# VICTORY BLOTTER

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

**March 2011**  
**403-782-6441**

## 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-  
Coffee Time 9:30 AM -  
11:30 AM

Thursday - Branch  
General Meeting -  
1st Thursday of the  
month (except July &  
Aug)  
Branch executive mug  
- last Thursday of the  
month

Friday - Meat Draws  
6:30 PM

Saturday- Meat Draws  
4:30 PM

Sunday Breakfast:  
February 6th  
April 6th  
May 3rd  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
PUBLIC WELCOME

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hoping the New Year finds you all well.

Another year has come and gone. It was a fairly good year. We are more financially secure and are meeting our obligations to the community and in other areas. We had a few changes implemented and they seem to be working fine - purchase orders and more exact accounting on functions. More input from our executive and members on the whole contributed largely to this also. Most committee reports were done and ready for the meetings. These reports are one way of keeping track of expenditures and revenue from any particular event. Do we do it again or was the event unsuccessful and how could we have made it a success.

To make any organization a success we have to work together - we're all adults and should be able to take and give criticism, try to improve and go on. It is better in the long run to say what is on your mind to whomever and not let the person hear the comments third or fourth hand as you know how the text changes from the original comments. The place best suited is at the executive, general meeting or ask for a meeting in the office.

Changes have been talked about and dually noted to make our November 11 service and activities for the day and weeks prior more applicable and rewarding for all (School visits, poppy campaign, open house, etc.) This is our time to raise public awareness and to keep the history alive for the youth so once again it will take a lot of volunteers. All comments in any of the other areas are being addressed and hopefully more success in some of them will make us more lucrative on the whole. For example - Changes should be made on how we calculate the lounge profits/losses to make it more realistic. Every function or game night should have a full accounting so we can see where we are at. By doing a break down we can find our trouble areas and deal with them. I know that there will be a lot of speculation on this - too time consuming, stupid, what do we need to know that for and on and on.

After talking and hearing from a few defunct Legion - it was not only the membership that went astray, Mismanagement was also a factor. I know that we have a golden egg in the Legion Campground but think ahead and visualize no good caretakers or no campground at all. Where would we have been last year? I think some of you know.... The people in key positions in any organization or business are the ones that you can count on to make or break you. In order to keep our Legion open set aside your personal conflicts they do not belong here. Take them out of the organization and deal with them elsewhere. We are here for the Legion and our Veterans.

Some of you reading this will say what a lot of rubbish but from experience I know what can make or break a big organization.



In Comradeship  
Barbara Burnett



### IN MEMORIAM

Roy Cucherran

Slim Lepine

Wigger  
Miendersma

Victor Szabunio

Eva Whittaker

### POKER NIGHT

Poker night is going well with about 24 - 30 people attending Wednesday nights. Area Finals will be held at the Legion February 26th with the winner going to provincials.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the branch executive and committees decided to have their Christmas Dinner in the Games Room. We had a wonderful potluck supper and donated what we would have spent for a gift to the Food Bank. We raised around \$180.00. Comrade Nick Melnechuk was in charge of presenting the donation to them. A good time was had by all with challenges in pool and shuffleboard.

### COMING EVENTS

- March - Irish Supper
- April - Vimy Night
- May - Veterans Night  
Cowboy Poetry
- June - Decoration Day

### COWBOY POETRY

The Cowboy Poetry was held January 15. The packed house enjoyed a great supper and the wonderful entertainment. From the singing by Fred Dobirstein and Jessica St Dennis, the comedy of Bud Edger to the poetry reading of Dave Grumpy Dance all were tapping the toes and having a great time. Gale Guest was the lucky winner of the raffle of Steel artwork donated by Trismic Corp. A big thanks goes out to Susan Fisher and all the volunteers. It was such a huge success that another one is being planned for May.

### MEMORIAL DRIVE

We are one step closer to having part of C & E Trail renamed to honour and remember our Veterans. Talks and meeting have been going on with the city and the proposal will go before Council at the end of the month. We are asking council for a ceremonial renaming of C & E Trail from Woodland Drive to the city limits. and a parking spot so people can take in the memorial that was done for Lacombe's Centennial. Families of Veterans purchased trees that were planted in memory of Veterans that served in WW I and WW II. The memorial is just north of Woodland Drive. Many thanks to Al Walushka for all his hard work in making this happen.

### LA NEWS

December 7th was elections for the Ladies Auxiliary. There was no changes in the executive as all members stayed in their positions.

December saw the ladies cooking supper for the C.N.I.B Supper for the Blind Hosted by the Lions Club with about 40 people in attendance.

January they held the Bingo at the Lodge.

For their meeting March 1st they will be having a speaker from Wolf Creek speaking about the new Community playground being built for people with disabilities.

### Eva Whittaker

Eva Whittaker passed away November 19,2010. She was a Life Member and Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary. And being a very active member will be sadly missed.

### BIRTHDAYS

Two of our Veterans celebrated their 90th birthdays.

Bob Evans- January 22  
Ken Long - January 23



### UNDER THE WEATHER

Veterans

Ladies Auxiliary

General Members

Jason Lunn  
Edmonton Hospital

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.