



# NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch No. 79 Lacombe

January 2023

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newsletter items to  
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## LOUNGE HOURS

Tuesday - Saturdays  
3:00 pm-9:00 pm  
(earlier closure if no  
patrons)

## GENERAL MEETINGS

First Thursday of  
every month at 7:00  
pm in the Byron  
Greff Memorial Hall  
All Members Are  
Welcome

## Your New Executive

Thank you to everyone that came to our elections in December and voted or let their name stand for an executive position. Our 2022/2023 Legion Executive is:

Andy Gauthier	President
Kathy Hobbs	Past President
Susan Churchill	1st Vice President
Janet Hall	2nd Vice President
Calvin Swarbrick	Treasurer
Cherry Baird	Secretary
Arnie MacAskill	Executive 2 year term
Barbara Burnett	Executive 2 year term
Rick Grinham	Executive 2 year term
Lea Redekopp	Executive 1 year term
Lillian Gillis	Executive 1 year term
Judy Lemieux	Executive 1 year term

Installation of the Executive will take place at the January General Meeting.



*On behalf of the Lacombe Legion Executive, we wish you joy and blessings. May your days be merry and bright!*

*Merry Christmas to all.*

## **Holiday Hours**

### Christmas Hours

Our lounge will be closed on Saturday, December 24th through to December 28th.

We will reopen on Thursday, December 29th and look forward to seeing you then.

We will be open on Saturday, January 31st.



***Stop by for some Christmas Cheer!***

# Legion Sports

## Crib Pairs

Branch Playoffs for Crib Pairs will be Saturday, January 21st at 12:30 pm in the Legion Lounge.

The winners (1-2-3) of the branch playoffs will move on to play in Mulhurst on February 4th, 2023.

Mulhurst winners then move on to Provincials in Strathcona on March 3-4.

**Poster information and the sign up sheet will be in the lounge soon.**

Our branch hosted district Team Crib on Saturday, December 10th. Thank you to Robin and Charlene Weltz and Margo Bengtson for organizing an amazing lunch for all the players.



We are pleased that a Lacombe team, consisting of Andy Gauthier, Cherry Baird, Arnie MacAskill and Dwight Baird, placed first and will advance to Provincials in Edmonton in January. Dwight Baird and Arnie MacAskill also placed second at Senior Crib in Mirror and will advance to Provincials in Seniors Crib as well, this tournament will be in Grimshaw.

## Flags of Remembrance



We are still working with Veterans Voices of Canada to organize a date for the closing ceremony of Flags of Remembrance. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the January date and are working on a new date mid February. We will keep you posted.

The work party to fold the flags has now been rescheduled to January 18th at 7 pm.

# Always Something Happening in our Branch

There is something happening in our branch every day of the week. Thank you to our volunteers that spend countless hours keeping these programs going. Be sure to stop in and support these events.

- **Monday Night is Bingo. Doors open at 6 pm and first call starts at 7:00 pm.**
- **Tuesday- Saturday our lounge is open from 3 pm - 9 pm for refreshments and camaraderie. Join us.**
- **Wednesday is Coffee Time . Be sure to stop in at 9:30 am on Wednesdays for morning coffee and treats.**
- **Thursday is Happy Hour prices in the lounge and we play TINGO and have coaster draws. Stop by our lounge on Thursday to join in the fun! The TINGO draw is made at 5:30 pm.**
- **Friday nights we have a \$10.00 supper in the lounge at 6 pm. We also have a loonie draw every Friday and our card draws**
- **Saturday we play Chase the Ace . We also have our card draws on Saturday. Draws start at 4:30 pm**

## Paint Night in The Lounge

We will be having a paint night in our lounge on January 19th at 6:30 pm. Watch our webpage for more information or call the lounge.



## Requirements for Submissions to the "Military Service Recognition Book"

Please feel free to distribute this information among your Branch members, Cadet Squadrons, Garrison, senior's homes, family and friends.

Anyone may submit a Veteran's history or story, pictures, clean jokes or a poem.

The success of this project depends on receiving information in a timely manner. ***Submission deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup> annually. Sorry there are no exceptions and late submissions will appear in the next edition.***

You are responsible to edit your submission for grammar and spelling and ensure the information is factual. We retain the right to edit but will not alter the content of your submission. If the information is not legible or you misspell a name, give the wrong date of birth etc., we have no means of verifying the information and will print only what you submit.

If possible, submissions should include a photo of the identified Veteran.

Photographs and other information **will not** be returned, so please scan and email or copy and mail it with your submission. When received, it will be deemed submitted for inclusion and may be used without any further permission required.

**Submissions to the "Military Service Recognition Book" can be done in one of the following two ways:**

- (1) E-mail [vetbook@fenety.com](mailto:vetbook@fenety.com)

Please email your submission as a 'word document' attachment. Photographs that are e-mailed must have a resolution of 300 dpi minimum at size of original, and if possible, attached as a separate document. If you do not have e-mail capability, perhaps you could ask someone with such access to assist in sending in your submission.

- (2) **Canada Post to:**  
**Military Service Recognition Book**  
**PO Box 2275 Station "M"**  
**Calgary, AB T2P 2M6**

If you have any questions about the book or your submission, please contact me at [mark@fenety.com](mailto:mark@fenety.com) or call 1-800-922-1877.

I hope this information is of assistance and I look forward to receiving your submission.

The next edition of the Military Service Recognition Book will be available at all Legion Branches by June annually. *\*This date may change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Fenety".

Mark Fenety  
Publisher  
Military Service Recognition Book



**Submission Form**  
**Military Service Recognition Book**  
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 vetbook@fenety.com 1-800-922-1877

<b>General Information Required for Story Submission.</b>		
Save and attach this form to your email or print and mail it.		
Name of Military Person being Recognized:		
Last name:	First Name:	Initial:
Place of Birth:	Year of Birth:	Year of Death:
Service: WWI <input type="checkbox"/> WWII <input type="checkbox"/> Korea <input type="checkbox"/> Special Duty Area <input type="checkbox"/> Peacetime <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Branch of Service: Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Service Unit: <i>(i.e. North Shore, Carleton York, CWAC, Names of Ships, Squadrons, etc.)</i>		
Areas Served in: <i>(i.e. Canada, High Seas, England, C/E, Korea, SDA (Please name), etc.)</i>		
Deceased in Action? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Year of Death: _____		
Where Deceased: _____		
Was or is a Member of a Legion Branch? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Branch Name & No. _____ How many years? _____		
<b><u>Information on person submitting form:</u></b>		
Submitted by (First & Last Names): _____		
Relation: _____		
Branch Name & No. _____		LA # _____ Individual _____
Tel # _____		Cell # _____
E-mail _____		

**Please attach a separate page containing the Veteran's history and photographs.**  
 (Example awards for bravery i.e. VC, DSC, DFC, MC, MM, etc., POW)