

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

— and —
HAPPY NEW YEAR



December 2023

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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

Royal Canadian

Legion

Lacombe

Branch No. 79

NEWSLETTER

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped out with our 2023 Poppy Campaign.

Remembrance time is one of the busiest times of the year for our Legion. It takes countless volunteer hours and we are extremely grateful to the volunteers that gave of their time this year to make our Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day activities so successful.

The Poppy Campaign Chairperson role is typically taken on by the Legion's Past President. This year it was Comrade Kathy Hobbs that held the position. The Lacombe Legion commends Kathy for the great job she did this year.

Although the exact tally is not in, we expect the proceeds to exceed \$30,000.00 this year!

It was great to have our Remembrance Day Breakfast again this year. Thank you to Barbara Burnett and all that made it happen. An additional thank you to those who attended and participated in our community Remembrance Day Service.

Pictured: Constables Quinn Ariel and Tyler Havel and young Tim Havel

"It was a more successful campaign this year, and that was thanks to the many, many volunteers.

I wish I could acknowledge everyone individually, but there are so many I might miss someone and that would not be good!"

-Kathy Hobbs





Thursday, December 7th at 7 pm

Branch elections will be held on Thursday,
December 7th at 7:00 pm.

There is not a General Meeting on election night.

****IMPORTANT****

In order to attend the election night and vote you
MUST SHOW your 2023 Legion Membership Card
and you MUST be a member in good standing of
the Lacombe Branch No. 79.

If you have any questions or concerns please
contact our Branch Membership Chairperson, Kathy
Hobbs, before election day by calling the branch at
403-782-6441 (you can leave a message) or by email
to: rcl79@telusplanet.net

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We Need You

Consider letting your name stand for one of the executive positions open. If you have questions about executive positions please call Barbara Burnett at the Lacombe Legion. You can leave a message and she will get back to you.

PLEASE
JOIN US FOR A MEMBERS

Christmas

POT LUCK SUPPER & PARTY

Turkey, Ham, Potatoes & Stuffing Provided.
Pot luck items will be salads, desserts, buns, pickles, etc. Sign up in the lounge.

FRIDAY | 22 | 5:30 COCKTAILS
DEC | 6:00 SUPPER

UPSTAIRS HALL - FOOD BANK DONATIONS ACCEPTED

LEGION MEMBERS (MEMBERS CAN BRING ONE NON-MEMBER GUEST)

RSVP - DECEMBER 15TH - PLEASE
INCLUDE WHAT POT LUCK DISH YOU
WILL BE BRINGING

It's Christmas time!

Congratulation Adam Herman on your recent retirement and thank you for your 33 years of service!

Adam has been a part of the Lacombe community since 1987 and graduated from LCHS in 1991. He was an Artillery Cadet and served as a Reservist in Red Deer before being deployed. Adam's mother, Audrey Herman, currently resides in Lacombe.

The details of his many postings and tours of duty are listed below.

MWO HERMAN'S SERVICE TO CANADA STARTED WITH HIS ENROLLMENT IN THE PRIMARY RESERVES IN 1990. OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS, HE DEPLOYED AS A PEACEKEEPER TO CYPRUS AND BOSNIA AS AN AUGMENTEE TO 1 RCHA. IN 1995, MWO HERMAN ACCEPTED A COMPONENT TRANSFER TO THE REGULAR FORCE AND WAS POSTED TO W BATTERY, RCAS IN GAGETOWN, NB. IN 1996, MWO HERMAN WAS POSTED TO 2 RCHA IN PETAWAWA, ON. DURING HIS POSTING AT 2 RCHA, HE SERVED IN A VARIETY OF POSITIONS IN ALL OF THE BATTERIES WITHIN THE REGIMENT, AND ONCE AGAIN DEPLOYED TO BOSNIA AND AFGHANISTAN.

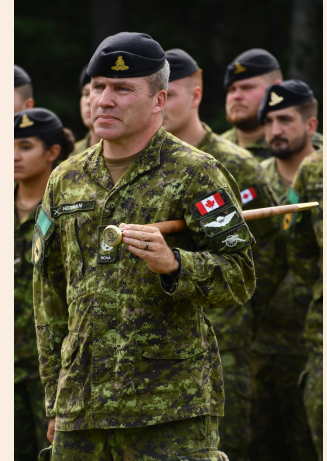
IN 2004, MWO HERMAN WAS POSTED TO CFB SUFFIELD, AB AS THE OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR UNTIL 2007. MWO HERMAN RETURNED TO 2 RCHA WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS AN OBSERVATION POST COMMANDER AND A JOINT TERMINAL ATTACK CONTROLLER (JTAC), EVENTUALLY DEPLOYING TO AFGHANISTAN A SECOND TIME ON TASK FORCE 1-10 WHERE HE RECEIVED THE COMMANDER'S COMMENDATION FOR HIS ACTIONS AS A JTAC. UPON HIS RETURN, MWO HERMAN ASSISTED IN THE STAND UP OF THE 81MM MORTAR TROOP AS THE TROOP SERGEANT MAJOR.

IN 2013, MWO HERMAN WAS POSTED TO THE 20TH INDEPENDENT FIELD BATTERY IN LETHBRIDGE, AB IN THE RSS OPERATIONS WARRANT OFFICER ROLE. DURING THIS TIME, MWO HERMAN COMPLETED THE DEFENCE AND SECURITY PROGRAM THROUGH ALGONQUIN COLLEGE. AFTER COMPLETING THE BATTERY SERGEANT MAJOR (BSM) COURSE IN GAGETOWN, MWO HERMAN WAS POSTED TO THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA ATTENDING THE ARMY TECHNICAL WARRANT OFFICERS PROGRAM (ATWOP).

IN 2018, MWO HERMAN WAS PROMOTED TO HIS CURRENT RANK AND UPON COMPLETION OF THE ATWOP, MWO HERMAN WAS POSTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF AMMUNITION EXPLOSIVES MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING (DAEME) IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AS THE BALLISTICS SUPPORT TECHNICIAN, MASTER GUNNER, AND DIRECTORATE SERGEANT MAJOR OF BOTH DAEME AND NICOLET AMMUNITION TEST FACILITY. HE PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS NATO WORKING GROUPS AS THE HEAD OF DELEGATION FOR CANADA DURING HIS POSTING TO DAEME.

IN 2021, MWO HERMAN WAS POSTED ONCE AGAIN TO 2 RCHA AND APPOINTED BSM OF E BTY. HE WAS THEN APPOINTED AS BSM OF HQ AND SERVICES BTY IN THE SUMMER OF 2022. IN 2023, MWO HERMAN APPLIED FOR THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR SERVING MEMBERS, AND ON 1 MAY 2023, HE RETURNED TO OTTAWA AND BEGAN WORKING FOR THE DIRECTOR LAND REQUIREMENTS (DLR) WITH THE INDIRECT FIRES MODERNIZATION PROJECT.

MWO HERMAN WILL BE RETIRING IN THE OTTAWA AREA WITH HIS WIFE AND STEPCHILDREN AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH DLR IN A CIVILIAN CAPACITY.





DROP IN CRIB

JOIN US

Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the lounge.
Everyone is welcome. \$3.00 per player

Monday Night Bingo

Monday nights. Doors open at 6 pm. First
call at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome



Drop In Darts

Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Doors
open at 6:30 p.m.

\$10.00

Happy hour drink prices.

Everyone welcome!



Looking for a place to host your Christmas Party?

Check out our halls.

Prices and descriptions on our webpage

Lacombelegion.com