



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FRED GIES BRANCH 50

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THE DUGOUT

September/October

**LEST WE FOR-
GET
REMEMBER!**

**IT'S NOT
WHAT YOU
PAY TO BE A
MEMBER.**

**IT'S WHAT
THEY PAID TO
LET YOU.**



BRANCH 50 EXECUTIVE

President / Constitution & Laws

1st Vice President – Security

2nd Vice President – Bar Chair

Treasurer

Branch Secretary

Past President / Leadership/

Cadet Liason

Membership

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Dugout

Laurie Ryan

Carol Gabriel

Chris Mayhew

Rennie Brudnjak

Gail Bourhill

Ernie Bremner

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Cecile Knipfel

Lee Ewart

John Mac Dougall

Carol Gabriel

Kevin Maguire

Peter Delaney

Cathy Kalte

Michelle Tardif

Irene Blanchard

Beth Wheatley

Rob Knipfel

Darcy Shaw

Sandra Mac Dougall

REGULAR HOURS

Monday 1:00 pm to closing

Tuesday 1:00 pm to closing

Wednesday 1:00 pm to closing

Thursday 1:00 pm to closing

Friday 1:00 pm to closing

Saturday 12:00 pm to closing

Sunday Closed

(Subject to change)

General Meetings are held
the 4th Sunday of every
month at 2:00 p.m.

REPORTS

President & Constitution & Laws - Laurie Ryan

Welcome to September comrades, and to the beginning of a new season of events within our Legion. It has been a very busy and educational summer, learning the rules and roles of all the executive and staff. We have completed the Branch Inspection for the 2023/24 year and have identified many required changes or improvements.

Your executive is willing to work hard and diligently to ensure that not only does our Branch survive, but that it can become a place that is welcoming to our members and meets their needs.

Please let any of the executive know of any issues, suggestions, or your ideas for helping. We can only achieve our goals if our members are willing to help or volunteer to work on a team or lead a team.

Thank you for your continued support . Have a wonderful Fall.

1st Vice-President/Security/Youth Education – Carol Gabriel

Hi to everyone hope you are having a great summer. I have a seminar for poster & literacy at the polish legion this is in regards to , to all schools to participate for Remembrance Day Nov 11th. This has to do with my youth Education. I do not have anything to report on my first Vice all is going great. Thank you Carol Gabriel

2nd Vice-President/Bar Chair - Chris Mayhew

Hello Comrades,

Hope everyone is having a good summer. Cooler is still working hopefully for a while. Trying to get new items for September. Thank you to Lee Ewart for helping me with bar responsibilities.

Thank you, Chris Mayhew

REPORTS

Treasurer – Rennie Brudnjak

I would like to thank Branch 50 for giving me the opportunity to work with others in the Executive to help the Legion support veterans, members and our community. As the Treasurer, I will do my best to use my knowledge and experience to help the Legion meet its objectives through good financial management practices and controls. I am also more than happy to do what I can to facilitate fundraising activities including grant applications.

Secretary – Gail Bourhill

Please use the suggestion box in the legion for any suggestions. We rely and count on your input. If you have any questions please reach out. Happy Fall everyone.

Past President/Cadet Liaison – Ernie Bremner

No Report given.

Membership – Cecile Knipfel

Membership Officer

I would first like to make a correction from the last Dugout, for the email to get in contact with me is membership.br50k@gmail.com, I do check this daily from Monday through Friday. I would like to welcome all the new members that joined through the summer months.

For our members who are looking for their 2025 membership. We are hosting an “Early Bird Membership Draw” this year. The dates it will run will be from September 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024. To qualify you would need to pay for your 2025 membership by the end of the day on the closing date.

There will be three winners that will be drawn, and the winners will be gifted their 2026 membership at no cost to them (yes free 2026 membership) to you. Please ensure your contact details are kept updated with us.

REPORTS

Poppy Chair – Lee Ewart

Comrades

Summer is almost gone and the Poppy Campaign is very close. I will be posting the lists for Volunteers and Route Drivers by the middle of September. Volunteers signing up to be Counters must be Members in good standing. Thanks to Gail, Willi and Darcy for re-designing the routes, lots of hard work was done, and I truly appreciate that. Hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer days, any questions regarding the Poppy Campaign please see Carol Gabriel or myself.

House & Grounds – John Mac Dougall

I have been asked to get quotes for snow removal and lawn care. I will have them soon and from now until the fall we can keep the lawn care going ourselves. This will save money.

We need to have the electrical room cleaned out and move stuff from the trailer to the sea can. We cannot have combustible materials in the electrical room. I suggest that we get rid of the meat spin wheel and use tickets, like other places do.

Sports – Kevin Maguire

Zone Sports kicks off in October. Check the Bulletin Board for dates. First six events are Darts, Senior Darts, Cribbage, Euchre, 8-Ball and Snooker. Times and Dates are posted on the sign up sheets. Monday night 8-Ball is going. Thursday night 9-Ball is going well. There are nights for Euchre, Shuffleboard, Cribbage and Darts as well. Due to lack of space, we will have to host the Provincial Shuffleboard at the Polish Legion in 2025. The Polish gets the bar, but we will be responsible for whatever the host duties entail. Stan, from the Polish will guide us in our endeavors. Keep an eye on the Bulletin Board for any updates. This is my report Kevin Maguire

REPORTS

Entertainment – Michelle Tardif

Hello Comrades. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As we are all aware our karaoke on Sundays is coming to an end. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and everyone who participated for this event in helping making it a success. Couldn't have done it without you guys. Our Always on Friday dance was also a success, but unfortunately the Copperfield dance had very poor attendance. In order for us to have afternoon entertainment we need people to participate in our evening events. These evening events help pay for the free afternoon entertainment. On September 14th we're having a Dinner and Variety show. Tickets will be 25 dollars per person. The menu is ham, scalloped potatoes and a mixed vegetable. Desert will also be provided. Tickets are available at the bar. We have limited seating so get your tickets early. Also on October 26th were having a Halloween dance with Highway 19, tickets are 10 dollars. Start getting your costume ready for this spooky event. Tuesday karaoke is back starting in September with Randy. There are many more special events in the works so stay tuned.
Thanks Michelle (entertainment coordinator)

Sick/visiting, Bursary—Irene Blanchard

For me a new experience for all others a warm welcome . July 7,2024 had visit Fred Beecroft at St Mary's Hospital. July 11-24 posted a card to Rose Costa. Aug 6,2024 had visit with Fred Beecroft at St. Mary's Hospital. I have been making phone calls to those who want to do Bursary's nothing confirmed as yet, some on holidays.

Ways and Means - Cathy Kalte

Can't believe the summer is almost over. Been a busy summer, we had Karaoke Sundays with some wonderful singers in attendance and amazing food . I like to thank all the volunteers for helping, whether it was serving or cooking or cleaning we had a great crew. We do need more volunteers so if your interested please sign up . We will be having a volunteer meeting sometime in September with a little more notice than last time hope to see some of you soon and maybe some new faces as well .

Thanks again Cathy Kalte

Legion Seniors – Beth Wheatly

Hello everyone Hope you are having a great late summer. Fall programs are starting—Majors Advisory Council for Kitchener Seniors (MACKS) . I was sent an application to be part of the program. I hope I get picked. We have attended the first online meeting with Ontario Helping Seniors and Vets. We will get some grant money. Now we have to put programs together. I will be going to Briarfield Garden Retirement Home on Sept. 30th. If anyone would like to come, Please email me. There will be Music; sweets and social time with seniors. If anyone has input please email Beth at moms2015@aol.com. See you all at the members' meeting in Sept.

Public Relations / Honours & Awards– Rob Knipfel

Honors and Awards Officer

We are always looking for volunteers. We have a sign-up form for anyone wishing to be a volunteer as we would like to make sure we have your contact details on hand. The forms are available at the bar. To anyone that has done or is able to volunteer please make sure to fill one out and there is a drop area by the Legion office door on the Membership Board.

Veterans Service Officer - Peter Delaney

The Veteran's dinner is going to be held on November 3, 2024. Plans and details will be presented to the executive for their next meeting in September. For the General Meeting in September I will be sharing recommendations and requesting membership input for approval where required.

The number of veterans that our branch has come alongside is extremely encouraging. While individual details must remain confidential, we have collectively contributed in housing several veterans that were homeless. We have managed to ensure that no veteran our branch encounters goes without food and clothing. Finding appropriate housing takes a greater effort but we are experiencing several successes. Our sea container has furniture donations that will be used to set up a veteran in his new home. Yet to be confirmed but we may see another homeless veteran housed for September 1st. It is through our branch's support such as food donations and Poppy Fund gift cards that we are able to contribute to opportunities for these comrades getting back on their feet. A new beginning for some who have lost all hope.

We have seen disability claims submitted and approved by Veteran's Affairs. Details need to be kept confidential. I will be working toward reaching out to the veteran's in our branch. My goal is to have our veteran members made aware of potential resources available to them, so that when the need arises we can be there for them.

Region of Waterloo will soon have an announcement regarding a program funded by the Federal Government to house a number of homeless veterans in our region. I hope to be in a position to share concrete details at our next general meeting. I am aware of those working on this program, how hard they are working to make positive contributions and the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Membership applications have been provided to several of the veterans we have come alongside. They have been graciously accepted along with the support provided.

Each week presents it's own opportunities to support our veterans. The work load is growing and I will be working towards getting additional help so we can continue to be there for our Comrades. Peter Delaney

SEPTEMBER

TRIVIA

1. What is the birthstone for September?
2. What major space mission did NASA launch in September 1969?
3. What fruit is commonly harvested in September and often associated with back-to-school season?
4. September has the fullest moon of the year. What is the name of that moon?
5. The Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, England on September 16th. What year was it?

Halloween TRIVIA

6. Pumpkin is a type of Fruit. True or False
7. Vampire Bats exist. True or False
8. The Irish did not use pumpkins for Jack -o-lanterns. What did they use?
9. How many bones in the average human skeleton?
10. Which candy was handed out to soldiers during the Korean War?



Halloween Word Search

Can you find the Halloween themed words hidden in the puzzle?



S	P	I	D	E	R	T	I	C	E	D	C
H	X	L	P	N	I	G	H	O	S	T	L
S	P	I	F	E	T	I	G	S	O	R	T
H	A	U	N	T	E	D	O	T	C	I	C
A	M	E	M	G	F	C	F	U	R	C	U
S	S	J	U	P	T	U	L	M	P	K	S
C	T	B	G	U	K	W	I	E	F	R	X
A	A	A	B	O	R	I	D	K	C	T	U
R	R	T	R	E	A	T	N	U	A	E	M
Y	A	R	M	L	E	C	O	T	N	I	I
D	F	C	O	N	F	H	S	E	D	E	N
G	S	P	O	O	K	Y	D	O	Y	E	T

TRICK

SPIDER

COSTUME

CANDY

SCARY

WITCH

PUMPKIN

TREAT

GHOST

SPOOKY

HAUNTED

BAT

HALLOWEEN

WORD SCRAMBLE

1. MPNKIUP _____
2. ONLEESKT _____
3. OOKYPS _____
4. LEHLOEAWN _____
5. UMCTSEO _____
6. OMSNERT _____
7. NTUHEDA _____
8. VEPMIRA _____
9. BTCOOER _____
10. HCWTI _____
11. TASB _____
12. CDYNA _____



Things that Happen In September/October



September/October

Sep 1, 1905. Alberta and Saskatchewan are separated from the North West Territories to become the eight and ninth provinces of Canada.

Oct 29, 1929. Stock Market crash in the United States triggered a world wide "Great Depression"

Sep 10, 1939. Canada enters WWII; Canada declares war on Germany and sends troops to fight in WWII.

Oct 4, 1984. Marc Garneau becomes the first Canadian in Outer Space.

Dugout Information

Please send all Reports, Pictures and Inquiries to
Sandra Mac Dougall
tudadra@gmail.com



For entertainment, food preparation, cleanup for karaoke night, pool tournaments, and color party, House & Grounds, and for other help not mentioned.

Please drop us a note in the suggestion box or email cathykalte1108@gmail.com. Thank you



PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL

Name: (please print) _____

Membership #: _____

Email address: _____

Royal Canadian Legion

Fred Gies (Branch 50) Ontario

Email: royalcanadianlegion1@bellnet.ca

Online: <http://kitchenerlegionbranch50.ca>

MEMBERS: Are you receiving mail from Branch 50? Has your address or phone number changed recently? Are you credited with your full years of service? Do you know of a member that has passed away?

PLEASE CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP

membership.br50k@gmail.com

or

226-791-7824

Do you have any old yearly service pins?

If you do not need them, please return them to the legion.

This can save us money. Thank you.



Door prizes given on August 25/2024





**Congratulations to our
Canadian Athletes
In the 2024
Olympics**



9 Gold

7 Silver

11 Bronze

Total of 27 medals

JOIN US



Trivia Answers

1. Sapphire
2. The Apollo 11 Moon Landing
3. Apples
4. Harvest Moon
5. 1620
6. True
7. True
8. Turnips
9. 206
10. Tootsie Rolls

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ANSWERS**

Word Scramble Answers

1. Pumpkin
2. Skeleton
3. Spooky
4. Halloween
5. Costume
6. Monster
7. Haunted
8. Vampire
9. October
10. Witch
11. Bats
12. Candy


STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labour Day Branch Closed	3 5:30pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	4 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	5 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	6 7:30pm Ladies Darts Fun Night	7 12pm Crib Tournament 3pm Meat Spin
8	9 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool	10 5:30pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	11 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	12 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	13 7:30pm Ladies Darts Fun Night	14 3pm Meat Spin. Dinner Variety Show
15	16 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool	17 5:30pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	18 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	19 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	20 7:30pm Ladies Darts	21 3pm Meat Spin
22 2pm General Membership Meeting	23 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool	24 5:30pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	25 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	26 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	27 7:30pm Ladies Darts	28 12:30pm Progressive Euchre 3pm Meat Spin
29 2:30pm Wrestling Ticketed event	30 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool					



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13	14 Thanksgiving Branch Closed	15 5:30pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	16 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	17 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	18 7:30pm Ladies Darts	19 3pm Meat Spin
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