

# Dunston Legion



**Branch 461  
HI-LITES**



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"They shall not grow old,  
As we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them;  
nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the  
sun and in the morning  
**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."**

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**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024**

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



Comrades:

Where did the summer go! It seems like it just got started and already into October.

The branch has been busy over the summer. Thanks to everyone who came and continuously supported all our activities over the summer.

Thanks also to all our amazing staff and volunteers, without your continued support it would be impossible to open the doors.

As we move into the fall season and beyond we continue to get a lot busier. Sports and cards have started and all the leagues have begun their schedules. We are also excited to welcome a new dart team and a second snooker team.

It was a great honour to represent you and our branch at this year's Dominion Convention in St John New Brunswick. It was an interesting 5 days with lots of guest speakers, continuous discussions and social interactions. The future looks bright for us as we move forward into the next couple of years. As president of the branch we're required to attend all conventions District, Provincial and Dominion without the branch's approval it would be very difficult. Thank You

Poppy season is fast approaching. Our poppy chair Comrade Sandy Wallace will be looking for more volunteers. We should all do our duty as a Legion member and contribute to the perpetuation of Remembrance, by-wearing a poppy throughout Remembrance Time. When we joined the Legion part of our sworn oath was to actively support the poppy campaign. There is a lot to be done in preparation for those 11 days and every day counts. Remember every dollar we raise goes to supporting Veterans and their families. Help us make this our most successful campaign ever.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to halloween and Thanksgiving. Things are looking good for the branch we're very optimistic about our future. We are continually seeing new members joining us so please if you see someone new introduce yourselves and welcome them to our branch. Remember everyone is welcome at the Legion.

Once again if you are looking at becoming more involved with our branch we are looking for YOU. We currently have a few openings on our executive committee so we would love for you to join us. I look forward to seeing old friends and new friends in the branch over the next few months.

Yours in service, Ron Butcher  
 President Branch 461 Dunsdon Legion

**IN MEMORIUM**  
**DOUGLAS JAMES BUTLER**  
**MURRAY ELLIOTT DIXON**  
**EDDY JAQUES DUSSAULT**  
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**JAMES EDWIN REID**

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
November 20, 2024  
**PIN PRESENTATIONS**  
Membership Card Required

# RCL Branch 461 Dunsdon - Information

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**Bar Hours (winter): Monday 2pm to 4pm (6 to 10 for cards), Tuesday 6pm to 10pm  
Wednesday 2pm to 11pm, Friday 2pm to 9pm (12am when darts on), Saturday 6pm to 11pm**

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Ladies Euchre 1pm Monday Mixed League Cribbage 7-10pm Monday**  
**Men's League Cribbage 7-10pm Tuesday Drop In Snooker 6pm -11pm Tuesday**  
**Mixed Progressive Euchre 7-11 pm Wednesday League Snooker 6-10pm Wednesday**  
**Line Dancing 9am Thursday Mixed League Darts 7-11pm Friday**  
*(some events do not run every week due to scheduling - always check with the organizer or Bartender)*

## SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT - Downstairs Lounge 7pm to 11pm Doors open at 6pm

### November

**2** Mike Thorpe  
**9** Music Trivia  
**16** Vooodoo Kingz  
**23** Karaoke  
**30** Loose Change

### December

**7** Murray Williams Duo  
**14** Music Trivia  
**21** Vooodoo Kingz  
**28** Karaoke  
**31** Hwy 24

### January 2025

**1** Hwy 24  
**4** Checkerboard Floors  
**11** Music Trivia  
**18** The Reflections Band  
**25** Karaoke

### February

**1** Murray Williams Duo  
**8** Music Trivia  
**15** Easy Street Blues Band  
**22** Karaoke

Note: Music Trivia requires pre registration Please contact Ross McGuinness at mcguinness9535@rogers.com  
Karaoke is with Murray Mclean from Brantford Party Rentals

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

A service awards presentation is planned for our General Meeting on November 20th, 2024. Members are entitled to a service pin for every 5 years of membership, 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc. Please advise this writer at 519-759-4568 or email at swalla@sympatico.ca Please plan on attending to honour your comrades for the contributions made to the Royal Canadian Legion.  
Jack Wallace, Past President

## 400 CLUB

The Dunsdon Legion Elimination Draw was held on October 18 and the results are as follows: \$50 winners: Matt Lynch, Ed Nock, Sherri MacDonald, Bob Janes, J&D Pilon, Don Schut, Peter Jones, and Jim Muir. \$100 Winners: Delcy Ratusznyk, Dorleen Allen, John Hyde, Marton Gabrielle, Stella Vaters, Nancy Dussault, Melissa Cheesman, Oliver Hanratty. \$250 – Mark Fitzner, \$300 – Linda Nagy, \$400 – Darrell Ball, \$500 Tammy Kerr. And a big congratulations goes out to John Bridgewater for taking the top prize of \$3,000. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out. The next elimination draw is May 9, 2025. If you would like to be on the waiting list for tickets please contact me at rcl461vicepresident@gmail.com.  
Comrade Don Wolan 400 Club Chair.

## BAR MATTERS

Comrades: The New winter Bar Hours will have started and are as follows. Bar Hours: Monday 2pm to 4pm (6-10 if cards are on), Tuesday 6-11, Wednesday 2pm to 11pm, Friday 2pm to 9pm (to 12am when darts are on), Saturday 6pm to 11pm. Our Friday afternoon social is doing quite well and we hope to see you out. Our Saturday entertainment had some really great turnouts, the music Trivia and Karaoke have a great crowds so overall we are doing quite well.  
Comrade Don Wolan – Vice president

## ENTERTAINMENT

Our Saturday entertainment has been doing well. The new format seems to be working, every second Saturday we host Music Trivia with Ross McGuinness, every fourth Saturday we host Karaoke with Murray McLean, the other two (or three we) host bands. Check out the new format calendar which has all the Legion information on one page. Our New Years Eve tickets will be going on sale starting October 21 and will be available for the first two weeks to members only.  
Comrade Don Wolan 1st Vice President



## Renew your Legion membership today!

Thank you for your support

Because of your dedication, the Legion can continue to provide support to Veterans and their families, remember the Fallen, and support our communities. You are part of an essential national network and renewing today will keep your membership in good standing for the upcoming year.

For your convenience, **you can renew your membership online at [legion.ca/member](http://legion.ca/member)**. From there, you can set your membership to auto-renew to be billed automatically each year. You can also make your payment at your local Branch or by mail using the address below.

If you have already sent in your dues, we thank you and look forward to the upcoming year. Membership dues can be paid for the upcoming year. The Executive agreed at our Executive Meeting, August 12th to offer a **FREE MEMBERSHIP to one lucky member who has paid their 2025 dues by December 31st, 2024**. The draw will take place at the January 2025 meeting. So let's everyone get in on the draw for a chance at a free membership.

Cheryl Potter, Membership Chair

## SPORTS UPDATE

Most of the sports activities have now started in the branch. Snooker, Darts, Cribbage and Euchre. All leagues are in full swing

There are significant changes in scheduling of zone sports for the upcoming season.

They will be following the command template for the rotation

**Cribbage Dunsdon Legion** - November 16

Registraton by November 3

**Darts** - St. George - November 30

Registration by November 16

**8 Ball** - Early 2025

**Snooker**- Early 2025

The scheduling has not been posted because the Zone sports meeting has not taken place. This is scheduled to take place in a couple of weeks. If you're interested in competing at any legion event you must have your membership paid by Dec 31st 2024. Remember it's easy to get your digital card online which is automatically updated when you pay to renew your membership.

Cribbage and dart will be earlier this year so make sure you check the sports board in the branch. I will try to keep all the information current so if you have any questions please contact me Ron Butcher and I will try to help.

*Acting Sports Chair*

Ron Butcher

Mark you calendar  
**OCTOBER 26 to NOVEMBER 11, 2024**

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The annual campaign will be starting very soon. All funds raised go to support Veteran programs such as Operation Leave the Streets Behind, Veterans Comfort Fund at Parkwood Hospital in London, Operation Service Dogs, District Hospital Trust Fund, Charitable Foundation and our local Cadet programs.

Enclosed with the newsletter is an envelop with poppies for each of you.

The envelopes can be returned with your donation if you wish to contribute to the poppy fund. Charitable donation receipts are available for any donation over \$25.

This year we are again asking for volunteers to help man our booths at 2 Zehrs location as well as Walmart. Sign up sheets are at the legion or call me at 519-774-2455 or 519-759-4568 if you have questions or want to be added to our lists. You can also call the legion 519-752-6668 and ask to be added to the sheets with the times you are available.

We also could use a few people who would be able to drop boxes off at some locations around the north end of the city and pick up at the end of the campaign. Thank again for all the support our member give to make this a successful campaign.

Sandy Wallace, Poppy Chair

Home # 519-759-4568 or

Cell/Text at 519-774-2455

Last year I calculated we had **350 volunteer hours** put in by our great volunteers. If everyone can give a bit of time it makes it a fun and fulfilling campaign.

# Lest We Forget

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Comrades:

These coming weeks are why the legion exists. To honour former and present members of the armed forces, police and fire. We do that in a number of ways. Wearing a poppy is certainly a way for all to know where we stand. But attendance at events, or participating in active selling of poppies in the campaign is the next step.

Our **Branch recognition of Remembrance Day** begins on **November 3** with a laying of wreath at the memorial in our parking lot at 1:30, followed by our branch service at 2 PM in the upper hall. This event is followed by a luncheon.

On **Sunday, November 10th at 2 PM** in Sanderson Centre there is a special Jazz event the Glenn Miller Orchestra. It is hosted by Frank and Nancy DeFelice and the Brantford Jazz Festival as a farewell event to honour veterans.

On **Monday November 11th** there will be our County, City and Six Nations Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph on Dalhousie Street. The service will include: music, laying of wreaths, speeches and a march past. If you wish to participate in the march please gather at 10:30 in Harmony Square. Be alerted to closed streets, and parking restrictions during this event. Following the service in which I am involved, there will be social gatherings at the Naval and Gunners Clubs.

It is our purpose to encourage each other during these times and to honour the active and post-active members of our forces.

**Jim Sutton, Padre**

### YOUTH EDUCATION:

Our annual Poster and Literary contest is well on it's way. The students make up posters, essays and poems in remembrance of our troops.

Our **Speaking Contest** is being held on **February 19, 2025** and we will be hosting the **Zone Speaking contest on March 1, 2025.**



### REMEMBRANCE DAY LEGION TRIVIA

- 1) Who campaigned to make the poppy a symbol of remembrance for those who had died in the war?
  - a) Moina Michael
  - b) John McCrae
  - c) John Diefenbaker
- 2) The Poem In Flander's Fields was written by
  - a) Sir Robert Borden
  - b) Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae
  - c) Lieutenant Colonel William Todd
- 3) When was the Brant War Memorial Park was constructed in
  - a) 1914
  - b) 1918
  - c) 1933
  - d) 1939
- 4) Who designed the Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge, Brant Cenotaph and Bell Memorial?
  - a) Elsie MacGill
  - b) Sir John James Burnet
  - c) Walter Seymour Allward

Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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