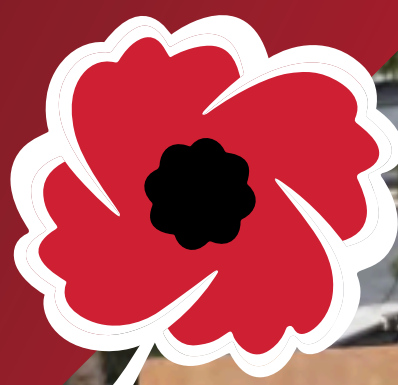


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JANUARY-MARCH 2025

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Comrades:

I'm pleased to report that our branch has been busy even with restricted hours. Hall rentals have increased and over the last month we've hosted fundraisers for Youth sports teams, Buck and Does, Liquidation sales, Vinyl record shows, Quarter Auctions, Celebration's of Life and week long medical training. It's been busy.

Last weekend we hosted the zone Cribbage Tournament and 4 of our teams will be moving on to the Districts. Our sports and card leagues have begun. Monday afternoon ladies Euchre and Wednesday night mixed Euchre are very well attended. Special thanks to Brenda Bridgewater who has volunteered to run both programs. We have also inherited an additional snooker team and a new mixed dart team that play on Friday night. Both these are a welcome addition to our branch.

Our poppy campaign is almost wrapped up and I'm happy to announce that we have exceeded last year's donations. Special thanks to our poppy chair Sandy Wallace, her committee the Cadet Cores and to all the volunteers that helped make this year's campaign a great success. Congratulations to Don Wolan and his committee who have successfully completed the poster and literacy campaign to all the schools in our area. The packages have been picked up and are ready for delivery to the district.

Planning is underway for the New Year's Eve and Levi celebrations. Volunteers continue to be an issue. It's always the same group of people that continue to support the branch. I'm concerned that we might wear them out. With the loss of our bartender John Bridgewater our staff, executive and members are still in shock and continue to grieve. It was a very traumatic event that they had to deal with. With a busy December ahead of them they will be taxed to their limit.

We are experiencing some plumbing issues in our men's wash-room downstairs. It looks like we may have to refurbish the bathroom. We also have a water issue in our main cooler and paneling which needs to be repaired. Comrade Don Wolan is actively seeking quotes for both this repairs. Hopefully we will be able to make the necessary repairs in the next year.

I'm optimistic about the future and growth of our branch. Memberships are up and rentals are increasing. More members are utilizing their branch and participating in the programs and events we offer.

We are a family! The tragic event that happened to our family and branch will not soon leave us. Hopefully over the next few weeks we'll be able to remember all the good times and memories that we shared with our fallen comrade. To our staff and executive thank you for your support. You guys are the best!

To all of you I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

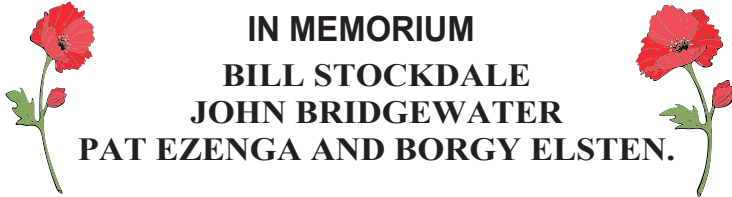
I will be out of the branch from January 12/25 to March 15/25. All correspondence and Legion business should be sent to our first vice Comrade Don Wolan in my absence.

Yours in service, Ron Butcher
President Branch 461 Dunsdon Legion

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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 (later 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

January 2025	February	March	April
1 Hwy 24 - Levee 12-4pm	1 Murray Williams Duo	1 Checkerboard Floors	5 Easy Street Blues Band
4 Checkerboard Floors	8 Easy Street Blues Band	8 Music Trivia	12 Music Trivia
11 Music Trivia	15 Music Trivia	15 Hwy 24 - Upstairs	19 Long weekend
18 The Reflections Band	22 Karaoke	22 Karaoke	26 Karaoke
25 Karaoke		29 The Reflections Band	

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

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 Gord Taite (there is no entrance fee for these two events). We have some great music up and coming. Check out the new format calendar which has all the Legion information on one page.

Comrade Don Wolan 1st vice president

Our Next General Meeting will be held on **March 19th, 2025.**

Your up to date membership card is required for entry.

Come on out and support your executive.

400 CLUB

The next 400 club elimination draw will be May 9th, 2025. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket for the draw please leave your name and number with the Legion bartender or myself. I can be reached at rcl461vicepresident@gmail.com
 Comrade Don Wolan – Lottery Chairperson

BUILDING

We have run into some problems with our main beer cooler and it is in need of some repair. We will be looking into this in the New Year and we may need to do some fundraising, as it would be quite expensive to complete.

Comrade Don Wolan – 1st Vice president

BAR MATTERS:

Our Friday afternoon social is doing quite well and we hope to see you out. Our Saturday entertainment has had some really great turnouts, the music Trivia and Karaoke has a great crowd so overall we are doing quite well. We have made changes to our pricing due to the "Tax" Holiday that our government has imposed upon us. The new prices will be in effect until February 15. I would like to acknowledge our great Bartending staff. Joanne Gilbert, Pat Johnstone, Sandra Eisenbach, Scott Butcher and especially Melissa Cheeseman. Their dedication to the Legion is well appreciated We lost one of our beloved Bar personal John Bridgewater, he will be missed. I would also like to thank the other members of our Legion family: Doug Hopkins our maintenance person, Brenda Bridgewater and Mandy Bridgewater our cleaning personal, Cindy Dickens and Meghan Campell in the office. Comrade Don Wolan – 1st Vice president



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

A service awards were presented at our General Meeting on November 20th, 2024.



Jack Wallace - Past President

thank you

POPPY CAMPAIGN 2024

What a fantastic Poppy Campaign we had this year. It went over 3 weekends so was a busy time for all. Our Poppy Committee did another great job of distributing the poppies to all of our locations in a timely manner. Many of the regular volunteers plus new faces came forward to help and fill in for others who were unable to help. We again had a number of Air Cadets, some Navy/Sea Cadets and Army Cadets on Friday night and Saturday mornings helping at various locations in our area of this north end. Over 800 volunteer hours were tracked plus more behind the scenes.

We raised \$44,613.95 during our new Poppy year of January to December. Thanks to everyone for your support to make this a success.

Sandy Wallace, Poppy Chair

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Please allow me to extend to all who made our Remembrance Day celebrations complete and appropriate.

To the countless volunteer hours of poppy sellers, counters and organizers thank you. To those who helped our branch services go well, and feel complete. to the Men of Song, cadets, other participants.

I especially which to thanks the Cenotaph committee of the City/County/SixNations/56th Field Regiment and volunteer groups. It was well attended and appropriately honours those who made the supreme sacrifice. As it was a school day, significant attendance from students, and student speakers.

We were honoured by 3 passes of the Lancaster from the Canadian Warplane Museum in Hamilton. The 2025 plans are beginning with the expected problems of road construction in the downtown.

Thank you all again, **Jim Sutton**, Padre



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SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Christmas is fast approaching and I have a couple of requests.

1. Members who have loaned medical equipment that they no longer require, please return it to the Branch so that others may use it.
2. We ask if you know someone who is in hospital or shut-in and would appreciate a visit, please notify us. You may leave the information with the office or call me at 519-751-7883. We would love to see them if we know about it.

That is my report and I so move,
David Petit-Pas, Service Officer

PS I wish everyone
the merriest
Christmas and a
Happy, Healthy 2025!

VETERANS AND SERVICE NIGHT


We are planning on
starting a
"Veterans and Service"
night.
This will be on Monday
evenings starting in
January. All Current and
past Military,
Police and Fire can come
in and enjoy \$1
off all alcoholic Beverag-
es, shoot a round
of pool.
Details to follow.

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Primary - Kindergarten, 1,2,3					
Colour			Black & White		
Dania Morrison	1	James Hiller	Lucy Krantz	1	Central Baptist Academy
CorDelia Kitchen	2	St. Leo	Jamie Tran	2	Braemer House
Grayson Filorman	3	James Hiller	Jurnee Perkins	3	Central Baptist Academy
Junior - 4,5,6					
Posters			Essays & Poems		
Colour			Poem		
Ila Macini	1	Central Baptist Academy	John Skupnik	1	Braemer House
Anthony Zaghlove	2	James Hiller	Angel Boersma	2	Central Baptist Academy
Tucker Carte-Boer	3	Brier Park	Luke Reeves	3	Braemer House
B&W			Essay		
Kara Cloet	1	Braemer House	Amber Haynes-Hills	1	Our Lady Of Providence
Oliver savoie	2	St. Leo	Iris Letourneaw	2	Branlyn Community School
Maisy Faria	3	St. Leo		3	
Intermediate - 7,8,9					
Posters			Essays & Poems		
Colour			Poem		
Julie Romero	1	Notre Dame	Megan Latultpe	1	Braemer House
Laina Penner	2	Central Baptist Academy	Jesse Bryson	2	Braemer House
Trinity Anne Gilbert	3	Central Baptist Academy	John Skupnik	3	Braemer House
B&W			Essay		
Magdiel-Rose Corvallh	1	Central Baptist Academy	Zayd Haris Gilani	1	Braemer House
Denique Elliot	2	Notre Dame	Gabriel Smith	2	Braemer House
Esther Coar	3	Central Baptist Academy		3	

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