

The President Speaks

Comrades All:

Let me start by thanking Randy O'Reilly and all the volunteers for the success of our 10th Annual Golf Tournament. The weather wasn't the greatest but a good time was had by all. I would also like to thank our many sponsors who continue to support this yearly event. This was Randy's second year of organizing the tournament and he is looking to turn over this task to another volunteer. If you are interested in helping to organize next year's tournament, please let me know.



Ed Schelenz

Comrades, we always appreciate when you think of us when you want to make a donation. However, when your donation is anything other than money, such as, memorabilia, artwork or furniture, please do not drop it off at the Branch as we have limited space. If you think your donation would be appropriate for our Branch, please co-ordinate with our Housing Officer, Tom Lamb, before anything is dropped off as a donation.

Next month we return to our regular general meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Try to come out and make some of our general meetings as this shows your interest in the workings of the Branch and keeps your Executive on their toes. If you have an interest in becoming a Member of the Executive, you should be aware that you have to have attended and have signed into three General Meetings in the year preceding the election.

Our 1st Vice President Bert Boehme and I recently attended a Zone Council meeting and found out that one of the biggest problems being felt by our fellow Branches is that they are running short of volunteers. This problem extends to a shortage of Comrades willing to run for Executive positions, taking on tasks and volunteering to help out on committees. Our Branch is currently lucky to have a team of amazing volunteers but I worry that we are going to burn them out and eventually have no one to step up. Please consider helping out. If there is something you are interested in helping with, come and talk to me.

I know it's still early but before you know it the Poppy Campaign will be starting. With a Membership of 500+ we should be able to fill all the positions needed to attend our poppy locations. Remember the oath you took when you were sworn in as a new Member, "to actively participate in the Poppy Campaign."

Enjoy your Legion.

Keep volunteering.

Ed Schelenz, CD

President, RCL Barrhaven Br. 641

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Volunteers & Teamwork

Get it done!



REFLECTIONS

August 2016



Ray Desjardins

After an amazing summer, it's finally time to take a deep breath, reflect on the past year and look ahead. Soon the children will be returning to school and life will return to one of order and schedules.

We know that summer brings us the time to regroup and get ready for the fall. I know, as a Legion Branch, many of our activities run on a scheduled basis and that is certainly true of Branch 641 – a bigger and better Legion Week, Poppy Campaign, our Remembrance Dinner and Ceremony, and so on. But we have very significant challenges to deal with if we are going to continue to be Canada's fastest-growing Branch and provide the leadership needed in the RCL. We have a Community Cenotaph Project that is in progress and we have to come to grips with our "dream" to build our own multi-purpose building, where our service clubs can be headquartered and where our community leaders are located along with organizations that provide the services our Members need the most, such as clinics. And remember our

plan to provide our Veterans with "affordable" housing right near the Branch so as to be close enough for residents to use our facilities, but also far enough that we don't interfere in their lives. We have many challenges ahead of us.

We can enjoy all that's around us – back off from our busy lives, review and reflect on the past, refresh ourselves on a personal and Legionnaire level, and regroup on how we are going to play our part in the activities to come. More importantly for Branch 641, how we are going to become a part of these two major projects to ensure their success. As your Provisional and then your Founding President, my experience has been that you just tell the folks in this Branch that something is impossible, that it will not happen or just won't succeed, and then get out of the way so that Branch 641 will show you how it is going to happen and succeed. So now, be good to yourselves, take all the time you need, and get ready for a fabulous year with President Ed Schelenz and his Executive providing the leadership needed to move the Branch forward to 2017 (Canada's 150th Birthday).

In His name

God bless,
Ray Desjardins

Condolences

The Executive of Branch 641 sends sincere condolences to Comrade John O'Halloran and his family on the passing of John's wife Bernice O'Halloran on August 3, 2016.

"With great sorrow we announce the sudden passing of Bernice Jeanette (Lathigee) O'Halloran. Bernice was born in Main-A-Dieu, Cape Breton, to Thomas H. Lathigee and Rose T. Burke, and was the youngest of seven siblings. She is survived by her husband John (LCol John F. O'Halloran, Ret.), sons John and Patrick, their wives Jennifer Klatt and Martine Bouchard, and grandchildren Matthew, Katie, Stephanie and Keith."

Our thoughts and prayers are with John and his family. John has been an active Member of the Executive for many years and a Member of the Legion since 2008.

 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641 Barrhaven 						
September 2016 – Visit our Website www.rcl641.ca						
Regular Dinner Prices - Members \$15 Non-Members \$20. Theme Dinner Prices - Members \$20 Non-Members \$25 or as otherwise indicated Prices subject to change for Special Dinners. Membership cards must be shown at each dinner.						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS Reservations for Friday night dinners can be made by calling the Branch at 613-843-8691 (please do not leave a message on the answering machine). Reservations must be made by 3 p.m. on Thursday. Dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m. Membership cards must be shown at each dinner.				1  Euchre 7 p.m.	2 Dinner 5-7 p.m. (Pasta Dinner) \$5 Members; \$8 Non-Members  Nostalgia 7-10:30 p.m.	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Note the earlier time for this dinner and entertainment! </div>
4	5 7 p.m. Executive Meeting	6 Come out and listen/dance to old time fiddle music provided by the Barrhaven Fiddleheads	7	8  Euchre 7 p.m.	9 Dinner 6-7 p.m. (Pizza All'Antica)  Doug and Pam Champagne 7:30 - 11 p.m.	10
11	12 Line Dancing Lessons 1-2 p.m.	13 Come out and listen/dance to old time fiddle music provided by the Barrhaven Fiddleheads	14  Darts - 7:30 p.m.	15  Euchre 7 p.m.	16 Dinner 6-7 p.m. (Roast Beef)  7:30 Red Skelton Tribute  8:30-11 p.m. Dave Farcey	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Theme Dinner \$20 Members \$25 Non-Members </div>
18	19 Line Dancing Lessons 1-2 p.m.	20 7 p.m. General Meeting	21  Darts - 7:30 p.m.	22  Euchre 7 p.m.	23 Dinner 6-7 p.m. (Chicken Dinner by Jennin Catering) Gender Illusions Stage Show 8 p.m. Tickets Required – No Dance	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Theme Dinner \$30 Members \$35 Non-Members </div>
25 2016 Poppy Campaign Kick-off Meeting 2 p.m. Valour Hall	26 Line Dancing Lessons 1-2 p.m.	27 Come out and listen/dance to old time fiddle music provided by the Barrhaven Fiddleheads	28  Darts - 7:30 p.m.	29  Euchre 7 p.m.	30 Dinner 6-7 p.m. (Ad Mare Fish and Chips)  Assembly Required 7:30 - 11 p.m.	31

Line Dancing

Come on down and join in the fun. Classes start on September 12, from 1-2 p.m.



DRIVER AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS



Need a drive to appointments?
Please call
Comrade Lloyd Conley at 613-823-1138



The **ADVANCE**

Royal Canadian Legion – Barrhaven Branch 641
www.rcl641.ca

General Meetings

All Members are welcome – *and encouraged* – to attend the monthly General Meetings. These are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is September 20.

Executive Branch Officers 2015-2017

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Executive Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

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Membership Update

At the end of last year, our Membership total for Branch 641 was 560. There are still 50 Members from 2015 who have not renewed for 2016. This represents almost 10 per cent of our Membership. The Branch has done well to attract new Members, and we continue to do so. We now have 548 paid up Members for 2016 with another 16 in the process of becoming a Member. I'm pleased to report that we have now surpassed last year's Membership, and with four months to go, it would be great to add to our total of 564.

Dominion Command reports that 2017 Membership cards have been mailed to all Branches. Cards arrive in two parts. When you renew, you get your membership card and the other part is detached and returned to Dominion Command to show that you have paid/renewed. For those of you who prepaid for 2017 and beyond, your card arrives separately, usually a few weeks later. I will advise the card holders when they arrive.

September is just around the corner and marks the beginning of our Early Bird Campaign which runs from September 1 to the end of November. Again this year, there will be a \$50 draw each month from all Early Bird entries. When you pay your renewal fee of \$50 to the bartender, let them know if you have new contact information, such as a new address, phone number, email address etc.

Finally, if you wait until the Early Bird Campaign is finished it will cost you an additional \$10 to renew. For those of you with mobility issues, you can send your renewal fee to the Branch by mail. Depending on where you live, I will either drop off your new card at your home or send it via mail.

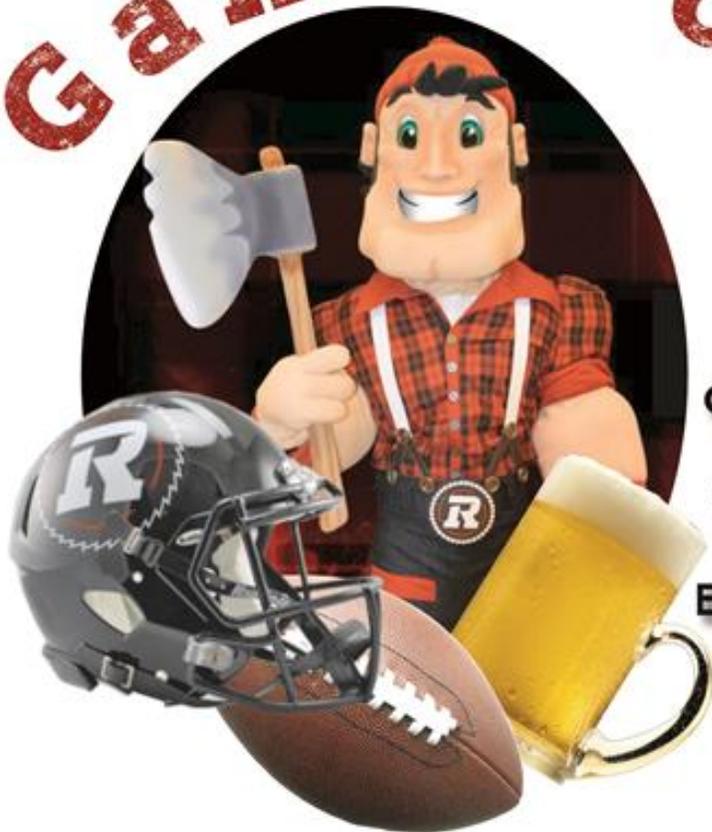
Send your cheque to: RCL Branch 641
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Anyone with questions or concerns regarding membership can contact me directly.



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Game's On



**Home
or
Away**

at Br 641

**Watch the game
on our big screen TV**

Cheer on the Redblacks

Enjoy a cold brew or two

REDBLACKS Game Times

Home:

Edmonton - Saturday 6 August, 7:00pm
Montreal - Friday 19 August, 7:00pm
BC - Thursday 25 August, 7:30pm
Toronto - Friday 23 September, 7:00pm
Saskatchewan - Friday 7 October, 7:00pm
Hamilton - Friday 21 October, 7:00pm
Winnipeg - Friday 4 November, 7:00pm

Away:

Montreal - Friday 1 September, 7:30pm
Calgary - Saturday 17 September, 5:00pm
BC - Saturday 1 October, 10:00pm
Hamilton - Friday 14 October, 7:00pm
Winnipeg - Saturday 29 October, 4:00pm

**CHECK WITH THE BARTENDER AT BR 641
TO SEE HOW YOU COULD GET A PAIR OF TICKETS
TO THE NEXT REDBLACKS HOME GAME**

They're Back!!!

After a summer break, line dancing and darts return in September!



Line Dancing

Monday afternoons, from 1 to 2 p.m.
starting September 12, 2016

“Newcomers” (including boys and girls) are encouraged to join/learn/exercise!

FREE lessons! We will review and practice:

- the Slide
- the Continental
- the Serpentine
- Waltz Across Texas
- the Honky Tonk, and more!

Join us Monday afternoons at
The Barrhaven Legion

Barrhaven Legion Fun Dart League

Many of our players have been suffering from separation anxiety . . . they have missed their friends and all the fun that is part of our regular Wednesday Night Fun Dart League since the league ended in April.

The wait is almost over. **The league returns on Wednesday, September 14.**

Come out and join in the fun. Meet new people. No dart experience necessary!



A Little Humour

As we stood in formation at the flight school, our flight instructor said, “All right! All you dummies fall out.”

As the rest of the squad wandered away, I remained at attention. The instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with me, and then just raised a single eyebrow. I smiled and said, “Sure was a lot of ‘em, huh sir?”

Notes from the Editor

Debi Sereda

It seems like yesterday that the trees were sprouting buds and the grass was green, and here we are, almost in September! I hope you all had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, and enjoyed a spectacular summer.

The Hospitality Committee has a number of fun dinner events planned for the fall. Check out the calendar on page 3 to see what's on the roster for September.

The 2016 Poppy Campaign kick-off meeting will be held on September 25 at 2 p.m. in Valour Hall. If you want to know how you can fulfill your Membership oath to "actively participate in the Poppy Campaign," come and find out where and how you can help. Through the generosity of the Barrhaven community, the 2015 campaign raised close to \$64,000 to support veteran and community programs. We hope that the 2016 Campaign will exceed this amount.

We will also be hosting another Cleaning the Capital event on October 15 so mark your calendar!

Debi Sereda

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**October 15, 2016 (Rain date October 22)
10 a.m. till 2 p.m.**

Come out and help us clean up our stretch of Fallowfield Road. It's always fun . . . and you never know *what* you are going to find!

There will be a pizza lunch for all the volunteers.

