



Ed Schelenz

The President's Message

Comrades:

Despite the hot weather and many of you heading out on your vacations including me, our many volunteers continue to keep our branch running and open for your enjoyment.

We had a good turnout on Canada Day and thank our volunteers for making it a success.

Our 16th Annual Golf Tournament which takes place on Friday August 12 at Cedarhill Golf and Country Club is **SOLD OUT**. Let's make this our best tournament yet. Thank you to our 1st VP Dave Sereda who keeps stepping up and organizing this great event.

As always, I mention our volunteers, our bartenders, our hospitality committee, our cleaners and all those that step up when needed. It's all of these volunteers that make it work. The next time you see one of our volunteers at work, take the time to thank them for making our branch the great place that it is.

Have a good summer and I hope to see you around our branch.

Thank you everyone for your support. Enjoy your Legion. Keep volunteering.

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"Volunteers make it work"

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Last Post We Will Remember Them



Mervin William Kennedy – 1935-2022

In hospital on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at the age of 87. Son of the late Mayme and Maurice Kennedy. Beloved husband of the late Mary Alice (nee Wall). Loving father of Jeff (Lynn), Brian (Kim) and Kelly (Richard Barycky). Proud grandfather of Tyler, Emilie, Cole, Bridget, Connor, and Erin. Dear brother of the late Ken (the late Elaine), Phil (the late Shirley), Maureen McBride (the late Ken), Lorraine Dawson (Dave), and Joe (Lucille).

Merv has been a member of our branch for 12 years. He was well known to many at our branch, in particular the members of our Wednesday night dart league, who mourn the loss of this lovely man. He will be missed.



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS & SPECIAL EVENTS RESERVATIONS

Barrhaven Legion Branch 641
Reservations functions (Friday Night meals)
Dinner served from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$25.00 Members
\$30.00 Non-Members

For reservation, please contact
Angele Guy: 613-797-7029
OR
By Email: br641reservation@gmail.com
by Thursday 3:00 p.m.

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Executive Meeting Reports for July

Membership

Our membership currently stands at 627. We had 629 members at the end of 2021

New Members – 5

Transfer in – 3

Reinstatement – 1

I trained the new membership chair at Branch 618 Stittsville.

If you haven't yet renewed for 2022, you have until the end of July to do so. Our new stickers arrive in August. If you don't renew, your new 2023 sticker won't be included in the batch of stickers. New stickers arrive in batches: those who have prepaid are in one batch; those who are on auto-renewal are done in November and the rest arrive together. As a reminder, I will pay the dues for our 85+ veterans in early September and I will mail stickers to those who I know are unable to visit the branch.

In 2023 our branch will present a 50-year medal, a 55 year-bar and a 60-year bar.

David St Amand
Membership Chair

Entertainment/Hospitality Meals in August

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 -- Barrhaven Legion Open Mic from 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.; Lunch served from noon – 2 p.m.

Friday Night meal August 5 -- BBQ Steak Sold out Band: The OZ Band 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Saturday, August 13, 2022 -- Garage Sale Fundraiser 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Address: 30 Alameda Way, Barrhaven proceeds for the Land; Building Fund

Wednesday, August 17 -- Barrhaven Legion Open Mic from 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.; Lunch noon – 2 p.m.

Friday Night meal August 19 -- Shepherd's Pie and Beef Stew 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Live Auction 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Band: DJ Mortal 9p.m. – 11 p.m.

Friday Night meal August 26 Greek Band: Still Standing

Angele Guy
Entertainment/Hospitality Chair



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Sgt at Arms Report

I'm happy to report that we have five new members of the Colour Party: Michelle Guitard, Carolyne Boily, Frank Imbleau, Sue Ellis and Paul Leadston.

We also had a very good training session on June 29 where the basic drill movements were practiced and with more personal and formal training, our Colour Party will maintain the excellent reputation that we currently have.

Unfortunately, and with the passing of Jim Margerum, who is a Past District G Commander, a Past Zone G5 Commander, a Branch President and a member of Branch Eastview, our flags remained at half mast until his internment on July 09.

Honours and Awards Report

I would like to thank Bert Boehme for having handled this portfolio in a very professional manner that helps me continue in his footsteps. As such I would like for all chairs to have a hard look at their volunteers to recognize the excellent work they perform day in and day out. Please consider the following awards and which one would be most suitable:

Certificate of Appreciation
Certificate of Merit
Branch Service Medal
Life Membership
Meritorious Service Awards (MSA)
Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)

All of these awards are very well described in chapter 2 of the Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual. If you have nominees, please let me know and I can guide you through the nomination process.

Stephane Guy
Sgt at Arms/Long Range Planning/Honours and Award Chair

Bar Report

Our bar continues to run well. We are always trying out new beverages so ask your bartender for details. We are open to any suggestions that you feel that our members would like to try.

Over the last few months, we have started to carry some craft beers like Farmers Daughter on tap, which is very popular and is selling well. Our plan is to carry a few different ones in cans.

We continue to look for more bartenders so if you are interested, please contact our Bar Manager Carol Anne or me.

We are wishing Sheila Sielatycki a very speedy recovery. It will be nice to have her back behind the bar.

Dave Sereda
1st VP/Bar Officer

Letter to Canadians from the Governor General

July 20, 2022

Dear patron organization,

In the spirit of ongoing co-operation between our two organizations, the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General is pleased to share with you Her Excellency's Letter to Canadians, published on our website at <https://www.gg.ca/en/media/news/2022/letter-canadians>.

This letter marks the first-year anniversary of the Governor General's installation and aims to raise public awareness of her mandate priorities. We encourage you to share this letter with your members in the manner you deem most appropriate.

Sincerely,

Duncan Mousseau
Director, Policy, Planning and Editorial Services

Barrhaven Legion Memorial Bricks

If you would like to be a part of the past, present and the future of the Barrhaven Legion, purchase a Memorial Brick. Your brick will be engraved with your name and it will be mounted on our Memorial Wall in Valour Hall.

Bricks are available in three denominations:

Copper \$250

Silver \$500

Gold \$1,000

Purchasing a Memorial Brick is also a great way to honour a family member or friend. For more information, please contact

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2022/2023 Branch 641 Executive Team

Position	Chair	Position	Chair
President	Ed Schelenz	Grants and Assistance	Dave Voisey
Immediate Past President	Stephane Guy	Honours and Awards	Stephane Guy
1st Vice President	Dave Sereda	Hospitality/Entertainment	Angele Guy
2nd Vice President	Bert Boehme	Housing	Jim Duff
3rd Vice President	Lyle Brennan	Leadership and Development	Bert Boehme
Chairman	Dave Cole	Legion Seniors	Lorette Ellis
Treasurer	Diane Craig	Long Range Planning	Stephane Guy
Secretary	Pam Hall	Membership	David St Amand
Sergeant at Arms	Stephane Guy	Poppy Campaign	Lyle Brennan
Bar Officer	Dave Sereda	Poppy Trust Fund	Jim Duff
Branch Service Officer	Lorette Ellis	Public Relations (Website, Scrapbook, Bulletin)	Debi Sereda
Cadets	Patrick Makison		
Community Liaison	Dave Sereda	Sports/Track and Field	Joe Guitard
Constitution and Laws	Dan Desmarais	Ways and Means	Lorette Ellis
Finance Officer	Bert Boehme	Youth Education/Bursary	Lyle Brennan
Non-Executive			
Chaplain for Legion Tributes	Reverend Margo Whittaker	Hospital Visits Co-ordinator	Louise Laflamme



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June 1, 2022





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Student Volunteers at 641

There are many volunteers who keep our branch running 364 days a year. We have some new volunteers, including Quentin and Sydney Payne, students at St. Josephine Virtual High School.

They have been helping us clean the branch on Mondays and Thursdays every week. They help with tasks such as vacuuming, washing floors in Valour Hall, washing bathroom partitions and walls and baseboards, power washing tables and other duties as is necessary. Lorette and Eric Ellis have really appreciated their help and hard work, and said, "Both Quentin and Sydney are great young people and they are a pleasure to be with."



District Sports

Terry Claessen and Dwayne Hordij represented Branch 641 at District Washer Toss in Almonte on July 9. It was a great day of competition but sad to say they did not move on. Well done Terry and Dwayne.

We also had teams competing in District Golf in Petawawa on July 16: Joe and Michelle Guitard, Jeffrey Benson and Dwayne Hordij as well as Bill Carpenter, Terry Claessen, Gary Cunningham and Willy Klentz. Despite having a lot of fun, our teams failed to qualify for Provincials.

If you are interested in participating in any of the Legion sports Tournaments, please contact Joe Guitard, Sports Chair.



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It's Your Legion

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd
Or do you stay at home
And grumble long and loud?

Do you ever go and visit
A member who is sick
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Come to the Legion more often
And come with hand and heart
Don't just be a member
But take an active part.

Think this over members
You know the right from wrong.
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?

T. Kennedy

- Cde. Tom Kennedy
Deceased 2001, Age 83

Notes from the Editor

Debi Sereda

If you have a few free hours a week, we are always in need of volunteers. There are many ways you can get involved with **your Legion** and give back to your community!

If you attend Legion events and have photos, please email them to me and we can use them in The Advance, the scrapbook, the website or our Facebook page. If you have an article or story you would like to share with your comrades, please feel free to send it along to me. I do reserve the right to edit for space and content.

We all wish our friend Sheila Sielatycki a speedy recovery from a fall a few weeks ago. She's house-bound for a while yet, but knowing Sheila, she will be back on her feet in no time. We miss you, Sheila!

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