



The President's Message

Comrades:

As we start our new term, I'm excited and optimistic to gather our new executive team. It's great to have a strong experienced executive committee that also includes new members. I

want to express my thanks to the previous executives and the leadership our Past President Ed Schelenz provided all of us. As we build on the success of our previous team, I am confident that with the support of our membership and community at large, Branch 641 will continue to support our veterans and related causes, including our seniors and youth within the community and promote Remembrance.

I am proud of Branch 641 for being a community, offering a safe and inclusive place to gather for fun and celebration. Our volunteers work hard to offer an environment that builds comradery, welcomes, and supports all generations of veterans and current serving members of the CAF and RCMP, their families, and those that believe in supporting them.

Many hands make for light work, and volunteers make it work. We're not in this alone. With over 700 members, we have a strong base and large network. Support comes in many forms and every little bit counts. I appreciate every second of any minute someone helps us move the yard stick forward towards achieving our objectives. Please consider lending a hand. If you're not sure how, don't be shy to ask any of member of our executive team. You'd be surprised what we can accomplish together and how rewarding it can be.

Lyle Brennan, CD, President

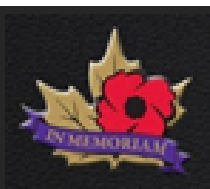
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Last Post

We Will Remember Them



Irving McLaughlin (1935-2023)

Member of Knights of Columbus, Council 11271

Irvin "Swifty" passed away peacefully on June 1, 2023 at the age of 87 years.

He will be dearly missed by his special friend Kathryn Helmer, his children Jimmy and Kelly (Dave Pooli).

Proud papa of Seamus (Meleka), Keltie (Marcus), Liam and Colin, great-papa of Mila, Kira and Colter.

Survived by his siblings Jim, Alma (Walter Sullivan), Lorraine (the late Hilton Mahoney), Lionel (Bonnie), Janet (the late Jack Lynch) and Jean (Kevin Forrest) as well as many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by his wife Katherine (Kennedy), sons, Shaun and Jeffrey, parents Wilfred and Gladys (née Kealey) and brothers Alvin and Terry (Brenda).

Our sincere condolences to Kathryn and Irving's family.



Joseph W. Quinn, Chief Warrant Officer RCAMC (Retired) (1921-2023)

Dad was a proud Canadian Veteran. He joined the army in 1937, served in WWII and the Korean War. After 37 years in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, he retired to become Ambulance Supervisor and Purchasing Agent at Haldimand Memorial Hospital, Dunnville, Ontario. After retirement they moved to Whitby in 1984 and then to Stittsville in 1990. Dad was a proud member of the Korean War Vet Association, Unit 7.

Dad was the most kind, thoughtful, caring, humorous, witty, and courteous man to all who had the privilege of meeting him. He had a full life, well lived and so enjoyed, true to his motto 'be positive.'

Predeceased by his beloved wife, Edith (2015), his sister Lois Beed, sons-in-law Sam McInnis, Neil Hare and Terry Lyle as well as



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numerous sister and brothers-in-law.

Joe is survived by his loving daughters Gloria and Donna and was the loving and very proud Grandfather to Shannon McInnis (Sean McIlveen), Tyson Hare (Alyssa Meress), Ashley McInnis (Jennifer) and D'Arcy Hare. He was so happy and proud to be Great-Grandfather to Ceili McIlveen, Sam McIlveen, Jayden McInnis, Sebastian Hare and Bodhi Meress-Hare. They all loved to hear his many stories and adventures of his long (102 years) life often calling him for his opinion or advice (especially Sean, for gardening tips!). He was also survived by his brother Don, sister-in-law Gertrude Gladney and numerous nieces and nephews. Fondly remembered by Terry's children and their families.

Dad was very active at the Perley Health where he lived for the past one and a half years since a fall necessitated him to use a wheelchair. He participated in every activity he could from painting, clay work, singing and music. He joined every event he could fit into his busy social calendar, including physio as he was determined to stand again with encouragement given there by the exceptional, caring staff. He was always positive and never got discouraged.



We will remember them

Let Us Know

When a comrade or family member passes away, it's important that you let our chaplain, Margot Whittaker, know. She can then put several things into motion such as advising the president and our executive, connecting with the family, making arrangements for hospital visits, arranging colour parties and Legion services – all of which fulfill our role to each other as a Legion family. When comrades are ill or pass and we don't know, we can't support the member or their family in their time of need. I can be reached by email at

If a comrade becomes ill, please let our Hospital Visits Chair, Louise Laflamme, know so that she can contact them and arrange a visit. Members love seeing a friendly face when they are sick, especially if they don't have many family members in town.

Reverend Margo Whittaker
Chaplain
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Louise Laflamme
Hospital Visits Chair
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2022/2023 Branch 641 Executive Team

Position	Chair	Position	Chair
President	Lyle Brennan	Honours and Awards	Ed Schelenz
Immediate Past President	Ed Schelenz	Hospitality/Entertainment	Angele Guy
1st Vice President	Mike Harrietha	Housing	Dave Cole
2nd Vice President	Bert Boehme	Leadership and Development	Bert Boehme
3rd Vice President	Angele Guy	Legion Seniors	Richard Lynn
Chairman	Dave Cole	Long Range Planning	Stephane Guy
Treasurer	Diane Craig	Membership	David St Amand
Secretary	Pam Hall	Poppy Campaign	Mike Harrietha
Sergeant at Arms	Paul Leadston	Poppy Trust Fund	Bert Boehme
Bar Officer	Dave Sereda	Public Relations (Website, Newsletter)	Debi Sereda
Cadets	Patrick Makinson	Sports/Track and Field	Joe Guitard
Community Liaison	Dave Sereda	Veterans' Service Officer	Anne Cole
Constitution and Laws	Stephane Guy	Ways and Means	Anne Cole
Finance Officer	Bert Boehme	Youth Education/Bursary	Carol-Anne Marleau
Grants and Assistance	Richard Lynn		
Non-Executive			
Bar Manager	Carol-Anne Marleau	Golf Tournament	Dave Sereda
Bingo Team Co-ordinator	Ed Schelenz	Hall Rental	Cathy Pearen
Chaplain for Legion Tributes	Reverend Margo Whittaker	Hospital Visits Co-ordinator	Louise Laflamme
Finance Review Committee	William Read, Lorette Elis, Kim Kreuger	Housing Assistant	Tom Lamb
<div>  <div> E-mail: rcl641@bellnet.ca June 2023 </div>  </div>			

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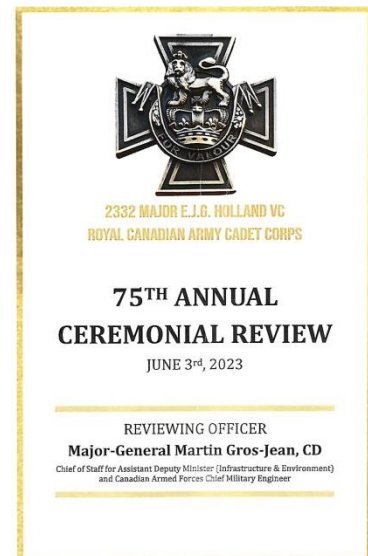


Cadet Corps Presentations

Branch 641 is fortunate to be able to support five cadet corps:

- [75 Barrhaven Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron](#)
- [2332 Maj E.J.G. Holland VC Royal Canadian Army Cadets](#)
- [2958 1st Anti-tank Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadets](#)
- [Cameron Highlander's of Ottawa Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps](#)
- [Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps Falkland](#)

I was asked to represent President Lyle Brennan at two ceremonies that took place in early June.



What a great ceremony both cadet corps put on and it was a privilege to attend along with many of the parents and friends of the cadets.

I was proud to present the “**Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence**” to CPO2 Annika Stefanov of the RCSCC Falkland and to MWO Gabriel Diaz Guerrero of the 2332 Major E.J.G. Holland VC RCACC pictured right.

Ed Schelenz, CD, Past President



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On June 15, 2023, our President, Lyle Brennan, pictured below, accepted a certificate of appreciation from the staff and cadets from [75 Barrhaven Air Cadets](#) and [742 National Capital Air Cadet](#) squadrons. The certificate was presented to express their thanks for the outstanding relationship and collaboration with Branch 641.



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Hospitality Events

We had another successful High Tea on Sunday, May 7. Fifty-five ladies and gentlemen attended and everyone had a great time. The ladies were escorted into Valour Hall by our own Tuxedo man (Eric Ellis) and we were lucky to be able to listen to the wonderful music of our very own piano man (Wayne Irschick). Thanks Eric and Wayne.

The day was another success for the Hospitality team. Way to go everyone from the setup, decorating, cooks and sandwich makers.

See you at the next High Tea which is scheduled for October 15, 2023 from 2 to 4 p.m.



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This year, we hosted our Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on Sunday, May 21, 2023. Over 60 people attended and President Ed Schelenz thanked everyone for their volunteerism. Hospitality was lucky to have some help of the Executive to serve: First picture: from left to right: David Voisey, David Sereda, Bert Boehme and one of our bartenders, Gerry Langevin.



Below: the BBQ team: Lyle Brennan, Ed Schelenz and Stephane Guy



We don't want to forget something – our branch would not be what it is without all our Volunteers! So, a big THANK YOU to all of you who make our branch work, every day.



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On Wednesday, June 7, 2023 we hosted another of our very popular Open Mic events, which are held every two weeks. These fun afternoons now attract around 120 people who come to sing, dance or just listen to the music. This is pretty much a sold-out event each time – and almost every time we sell out of food! To find out when the next Open Mic is being held, [please click here](#) to go to the Calendar of Events on our website.



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Executive and General Meeting Reports for June, 2023

These documents are now available on our website. Please note these are shown as submitted so please excuse any typos.

Executive Meeting Report for June, [please click here](#).

General Meeting Report for June, [please click here](#).

Barrhaven Legion 641 is on Facebook

Want to be a part of our private Facebook group? Just go to "Barrhaven Legion 641" on Facebook, send us a friend request, answer the two questions* to tell us why you want to be a part of our private group, and join in the conversation.

*If you don't answer the questions, your request won't be approved. This is a private, members-only group.

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
Effective December 29, if you would like to
make a reservation for a Friday Night
Dinner, please call Ken @ 613-795-2127 or
send an email to
br641reservation@gmail.com
by Thursday 3:00p.m.

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Barrhaven Food Cupboard – Neighbours Helping Neighbours

At the June General Meeting, Jennifer Reade advised that in the month of May, the BFC served 1,700 people. This is a huge increase in individuals/families needing assistance from the community.

How can you help? The BFC welcomes financial donations as this money can help leverage their buying power. As a registered Canadian charity, tax receipts can be provided. For more information, please check out their [website](#).

The BFC urgently needs the following items:

- Peanut Butter
- Jam
- Canned Fruit
- School Snacks
- Canned Pasta
- Shampoo



**BARRHAVEN FOOD
CUPBOARD**

Jennifer has placed a donation collection box at the entrance to the branch. "If we could get our members and guests to donate a few items each time they visit, we would be able to increase donations to local families in need," says Jennifer.

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

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“Supports RCL Branch 641 Barrhaven and our Veterans”

Notes from the Editor

Debi Sereda



Our General Meetings are cancelled for the months of July and August; however, your executive committee will continue to meet throughout the summer to conduct the ongoing business of Branch 641.

Our Friday Night Dinners also take a *little* summer break and will be hosting dinners twice a month, vs every Friday night. Check our [Calendar of Events](#) on the website to make sure you are up-to-date on the meals that our Hospitality Team is organizing.

Don't miss our exciting Canada Day celebrations at the branch: we will be celebrating our country's birthday from noon till 5 p.m. on July 1, and Heart & Soul will be entertaining our guests from 1:30 till 5 p.m.

This edition of The Advance marks the 19th year that our branch has prepared and circulated a newsletter to members. Throughout the past 19 years, our editors have worked hard to inform readers of news and events that relate to our branch, membership, and community. If you have any feedback, comments, or want to send in a story or article, please email me. Your input is always welcome.

Enjoy your summer – be safe!

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