



ST. JAMES LEGION #4 NEWSLETTER



January & February 2024



LEST WE FORGET

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Branch Officers, Executive & Appointments

Officers

President	Mike Thayer	Publicity
1 st Vice President	Rolland Fisette	House
2 nd Vice President	Ken Morley	Entertainment/Service Officer
Past President	Ronn Anderson	Finance/ Poppy/ Honours & Awards

Executives

Resolutions/By-Laws	Dusty Miller
Meat Draws/Ways & Means	Glenn Morrison
Scholarships	Jean Moir
Sports	Ralph Burns
Membership	Lloyd Harris
Special Events	
Sick Visiting	Heather A. Doroschuk-McSherry

Appointments

Honorary President	Art King
Padre	
Legion Lodge	Gary Pruden
Branch Pianist	Vacant
Branch Piper	Vacant
Service Officer	Ken Morley
Recording Secretary	Chris Wallace
Sgt-at-Arms	Ken Arsenault
Cadets/Texas Hold'em	Doc Jardine
Website	George Morrison

Ladies Auxiliary

President Corinne Van Meer

Over 55 Club

Chairman Peter Henry

Office Staff (888-2860)

Secretary Treasurer

Office Administrator Bev Ptosnick

Bar Manager Roxanne Mills

Assistant Bar Manager Jessie Frankfurt



Legion hours Fall & Winter Hours

Sunday Closed

Monday Closed

Tuesday 9:00am to 12:00am

Wednesday 9:00am to 10:00pm

Thursday 9:00am to 10:00pm

Friday 9:00am to 12:00am

Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm

Hours are subject to change depending on activities/events or number of patrons in the Legion

Presidents Message January 2024



Greetings to all Comrades and Friends of the Legion.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and an enjoyable New Year's celebration. I wish you all the best in 2024.

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony was held at Bruce Park on Nov 11th. A big thank you to Betty Zarney, Leon Matthee, Sgt at Arms Ken Arsenaault, Executive, and Bettys many volunteers to make it a success.

Thanks to Heather and Shelly for putting together a Vendors Market held during our Turkeys & Hams Meat Draw on Dec 16th. It was also great to see the Ladies Auxiliary back in action with the Bake Goods Table.

The winter has been pretty good so far, but I'm sure we will get some cold days in the future. Please don't forget to participate in all the events and fundraisers being held at the Branch. Without these (Chase the Ace; Texas Hold-em; 50/50; Meat Draws; Basket Draws; etc.) conducted by our volunteers, we as a Branch would be in very bad shape. Membership fees and Bar profits do not fully cover the operating expenses of the Branch facilities. Your support of these events and fundraisers as a volunteer and/or a purchaser of the draw tickets is vital to the

future of Branch No. 4. It is quite possible that without that support, the operating expenses would overwhelm the income and make it difficult to continue operations. 2023 was not that financially great for our Branch.

Our Chase the Ace of Spades will start again on Jan 9th, pot is sitting at \$2345.00. We are still looking for volunteers for Meat Draws, Friday night could use with a couple more teams of 2. The new lists are up on the bulletin board, if interested in helping see Glenn Morrison our Chair for the Ways and Means.

The Legion Canteen (Julie's Fine Cooking and Catering) will be changing hands in the New Year. A big Thanks to Jules, Will and Staff for providing us with some delicious meals, all the best in the future.

Check our Facebook page and bulletin board for any updates on activities or events. The Branch Membership Dues for 2024 are now due. Dues can be paid at the Branch or online. Cost is \$55.00.

Donations: Anonymous; \$10,000.00; Kim Armitt; \$200.00 ; K. Morley; \$90.00; R.Gillies; \$200.00; Golden West; \$25.00; T. Zastre; \$75.00; B. Friesen; \$100.0 ; B. Majolon;\$100.00; R Anderson;\$50.00; Line Dance; \$500.00. **Thank you much appreciated.**

All the very best in the New Year to the shut-in members and a get well quick to those who are feeling under the weather.

Cde. Mike Thayer, President



POPPY CAMPAIGN 2023 REPORT



Another Poppy Campaign has come and gone. A big thank you to all of you volunteers. You who volunteered are the reason the 2023 campaign was a success. To all those members of the branch and others who went the extra distance and worked steady to ensure the campaign was a success, THANK YOU. A great many of you did multiple shifts. The total raised for 2023 is 38,564. All the members of this branch took an oath "to actively participate in the Poppy Campaign" 40 of you did in 2023.

"If I have missed naming any volunteer or misspelled your name you have my sincere apology and please notify me so that I can correct my error."

Business delivery and pick-up

Mike Thayer
Roland Fisette
Ralph Burns
Chris Aldridge
Ken and Linda Morley

Tag Day Coordinators

Jim Ward (Airport)
Roland Fisette (Wal-Mart)
CO of 220 Air Cadet Sqn
CO of 2710 PPCLI Cadet Corp

School delivery and pickup

Mike Thayer, Ralph Burns and Muriel Barton

Taggers at Airport (18 People to fill 68 spots)

- Cathy McDeemhe	- Vicki Hunter	- Dave Kerpanik	- Cathy Sproule
- Ron Lent	- Doug Thomas	- Cec Simard	- Joyce Ward
- Jim Ward	- Peter Henry	- Ruth Henry	- Laurie Joly
- Wayne Wizbiki	- Susan Wizbiki	- Ivan Poitras	- Gary Pruden
- Joan Pruden	- The Cadets of 220 Air Cadet Squadron		

Note: There were many shifts unfilled at both the airport and Walmart which is a significant amount of donations to the Poppy Fund that was uncollected. Thanks to the Army Cadets of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corp for their assistance at Canadian Tire.

Taggers at Walmart (18) - Jean Moir

- Rick Smith	- Judy Fisette	- Marlene Durand	- Jean Moir
- Mike Thayer	- Ken Fraser	- Bill Friesen	- Lisa Friesen
- Georgina Dibley	- Jessie Fraser	- Lloyd Harris	- Leon Matthee
- Blake Appelt	- Leslie Appelt	- Ken Arsenaault	- Roland Fisette
- Glen Morrison	- Betty Zarney		

Cde. Ronn Anderson, Chairman

LAST POST

Heaven's gate swung gently open, the Master called softly "Come" and you Dear one took the Master's hand and your work on earth was done. We'll never cease to miss you and shed many silent tears because we cannot share with you our hopes, Our joys, Our fears. But one day in God's garden when the master calls us to come, You'll be at the gates with open arms and say to us "Welcome home".

It is with deep sympathy the Branch records the passing of the following Comrades condolences to the bereaved families.

Cde. Elizabeth (Liz) Halladay
Associate
Deceased 5 Nov 2023

*They shall grow not old As we are
left grow old; age shall not weary them, Nor do the years condemn. At the going
down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.*



Mobility Aids

The Branch has a limited number of mobility aids such as wheelchairs, and canes that are available on loan to our members. If you need a mobility aid on a temporary basis, stop by the Branch to view the items available and determine if one might meet your short-term need.

Canadian Tire Money

As all members know by now, our Club sponsors the PPCLI Cadets. There is a small box located by the phone downstairs near the Canteen. If you have any spare CDN Tire Money, it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop it in the box. Once filled we will deliver it to the PPCLI Cadets.



SICK VISITING REPORT

For November/December 2023

Deer Lodge Centre

Chris Aldridge

Sonja Anderson No Visits

Golden West Lodge

Chris Aldridge

Brenda Johnston Went to see Brenda Johnson at Golden Centennial lodge in November and December. She is doing okay.

Oakview Place

Jim Ward

Ed Miguez Short visit, on his way for lunch.

Thanks to the committee members Chris and Jim.

Cde. Heather A. Doroschuk-McSherry, Sick visiting Chair

Deer Lodge Veteran's

Please take note. Any checks or donations made to Deer Lodge Veterans must be made out to the **Veterans Memorial Endowment Fund at Deer Lodge**. This is to ensure the money or donations go directly to the Veterans and no other organizations. Thank you.

Ladies Auxiliary Report



Our next meeting is January 6th at 12:00 pm .

Advertising



Just started a Business or need a little boost in your sales or services to get things going? Then why not advertise in the Legion Newsletter an inexpensive way to advertise your product. The Newsletter is read by 1500 plus members and their families that may need your services or product you're offering. Call the Branch Office at 888-2860.

Full page \$136.00

Half Page \$68.00

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SPORTS REPORT



Senior Snooker

Snooker is going well

Grey Cup Ticket Report

Grey Cup Ticket Fund Raiser was a great success. Cost of printing \$134.40. 900 tickets sold at \$2.00-total \$1800.00. Total payout \$750.00. Total profit \$915.00. Thanks to everyone that supported the draw.

Cde. Ralph Burns, Sports Chair

Newsletter Submission

Please note: all submissions must be typed or hand printed for the Newsletter. Thank you.

Cde. Mike Thayer, Publicity

Next General Meeting Feb 15th, 2024



Entertainment

Band Schedule, Bands for January/February 2024

Jan 5	Marvels
Jan 12	Classic Embers
Jan 19	Repeat Offenders
Jan 26	Blue FX
Feb 2	Whoopsie Dacey
Feb 9	Draft Night
Feb 16	Vinyl Revival
Feb 23	DMG Dance Band

Bands are being booked for the New Year.

Cde. Ken Morley, Entertainment Chair

Special Events

Ways & Means



Easter Baskets Draw will be out soon \$1.00 a ticket. Christmas Basket Draw winners, Jim Amey, Barb Drain,Carolynn Derkach and Cassandra Lavallee. All prizes have been claimed.

Cde. Glenn Morrison, Ways & Means Chair

Chase The Ace



Chase The Ace, 50/50 Tuesday night, ticket sales start at 6:00 pm. Pot is over \$2345.00

Cde. Ken Morley, Chase The Ace

Texas Hold'em



Every Tuesday night, buy in starts at 6:00 pm. \$60.00.

Meat Draws



Meat Draws every Friday at 5 pm and Saturday at 2 pm. If you are not doing anything those days stop in for some draws. You could go home with some meat products.

All Steak Meat Draws Jan 13th & Feb 17th

The 2024 lists are up on the bulletin board. We could use a couple more Teams, if interested see **Glenn Morrison**. Should any Friday or Saturday Team need to change a date please contact another Team and do the change on your own. Just ensure the change is recorded on the posted schedules on the bulletin board at the Legion. Hope to see everyone out.

Cde Glenn Morrison, Chair

55+ CLUB

No Report

Supporting our **VETERANS**
and communities is our **DUTY**

Become a member today



Membership renewal reminders





New Members as of Dec 14, 2023

Ordinary New

Tom Krasnuik
Delayne Hogan

Associate New

William Arnason
Terrance Halladay

Affiliate Voting

Ellen Grieger
Kenneth Legge
David Kushnier
Peggy Linklater
James Munro

Affiliate Non-Voting

Linda Sinclair

Transferred

Re-instated

Jennifer Brewster
Bryan Osborne
Luc Durand
K. Oram
David Shannon

New Members 15

Dues Paid for 2023, 727

Cde. Lloyd Harris, Membership Chair

Key Fob

If your key card/key fob is lost, there will be a charge of \$5.00 to replace it. If your key card/key fob is broken, please bring it into the office for replacement.

BRANCH #4 LEGION WEBSITE

<http://www.rclstjames04.mb.ca/>



Line Dancing and Zumba

Thursday, 10:00-11:00, Zumba Gold, Beginner, Karen Hodgins, Drop in \$5.00. Sheryl Fowler.
Line Dancing 1:30 pm Wednesdays.



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

On your way, downstairs to the main lounge, there is a wooden box marked “St James Legion Supports the Troop’s Family” if you have any spare change, please throw it in to support our Troop’s family. Support your troops on Friday by wearing RED.



Volunteers Needed

I would like to thank all the Members that have come out time & time again as Honorary Pallbearers honouring our Veterans that have passed on. I know it’s a thankless job, but it is a real necessity. If any Member with a Legion Uniform would like to join this Elite Group, please call the Branch Office and leave your name. We need some more Pallbearers who are available in the AM and or PM.

Cde. Ken Morley, Service Office



Membership Renewal

To renew your 2024 membership the dues are \$55.00 To become a new member of St. James Legion #4 the dues are \$55.00. Cannot make it down to the Legion. Mail in your dues with a self-addressed stamped envelope or add an additional \$1.00 to your cheque for postage, and we will be pleased to mail your Membership card to you.

Keep up with the happenings at our Legion. If you want the bulletin mailed to you, the cost is \$10.00 per year and you will be one of the first to receive the bulletin delivered right to your mailbox six times a year. Due to the high cost of postage, if you pay your dues in person and would like the Membership Card mailed to you, please pay an additional \$1.00 over and above the dues.

You can renew your membership and pay online at Dominion Command directly. You will see how to do it on their website. There is an option where you can set it up to automatically to renew each You could also renew your membership as you have done in the past by coming down to the Legion and renew in person or mail in your dues with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please ensure if you change addresses to let the office know,# 204-888-2767 or email legion4@shaw.ca

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Remembrance Day Nov 11th, 2023



Colour Party at the Jets Game Nov 11th



Officers & Executive Installation 14 Dec 2023



Executive Members being installed, Cdes. Jean Moir, Glenn Morrison, Ralph Burns and Lloyd Harris.

2nd Vice President Cde. Ken Morley being installed.



President Cde. Mike Thayer being installed



Darcy Halladay receiving his Quilt of Valour for his years of service with the Artillery (RCHA) from Col of the Regiment, David Grabstad and Daughter Sgt Deborah Kirkpatrick.