



Join us and bring a friend to our
Legion Week Open House 2026
Sunday Sept. 20th to Saturday Sept. 26th

SUNDAY SEPT 20th

Volunteer Appreciation
Hwy 24 & Pizza
1-5pm \$5

MONDAY SEPT 21st

Ladies Euchre
1pm
Veteran Night 7pm

TUESDAY SEPT 22nd

Drop in Snooker
6pm

WEDNESDAY
SEPT 23RD

Progressive
Euchre
7pm

THURSDAY
SEPT 24TH

Cornhole
Preregistration Required
Sign up at the Bar
7pm

FRIDAY
SEPT 25TH

Bring a Friend
Friday Social
4-7pm

SATURDAY
SEPT 26TH

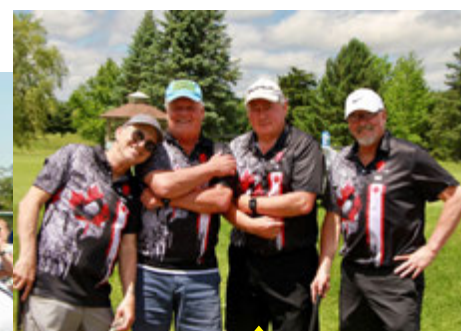
Murray Mclean
Karaoke
7pm

All Welcome



Poppy Project
Community
Fundraiser
BBQ

Thursday September 17th
4-7pm



General
Meeting
Wednesday
September 16th
7pm

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OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2026

You're up to date membership card is required for entry.

***Come on out and support your executive.
Even better, think about joining the executive***

PADRE'S REPORT

Comrades, As we approach an important season for Legion members. It is a part of our very existence. When we commemorate those who gave their lives in service to our country and freedom. At our branch, we will use the opportunity to sell poppies which support charities related to caring for our veterans.

On Sunday, November 8 at 2pm we will have a Legion service to honour those who have gone before us and those who continue to serve our country and freedom. We will be joined by the Men of Song, cadets and serving armed forces members to do that.

Also, we remember that there will be an 11 am service on Wednesday November 11 at the Brant War Memorial on Dalhousie street across from the Armories. As per past years, those wishing to march to the cenotaph will meet at Harmony Square for 10:15 am. Let's do it again!!!

On another note, a Celebration of Life for Peter Hardwicke will be held on Saturday October 10th from 2-4 pm at the Legion. Padre, Jim.



IN MEMORIUM

**Robert Ernest "Bob" BROCK
Peter Hardwicke
Conrad Arthur IORIO**

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not wear them, not the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Comrades:

It is a tremendous honour to be installed as President of RCL Dunsdon Branch 461. After 19 years as a member and the past 10 years serving as Vice President, I am humbled by the opportunity to lead this branch. I have big shoes to fill following Comrade Ronald Butcher, and I can only hope to do as fine a job as he has.

I would like to sincerely thank Christine Wallace for stepping into the role of Vice President. Christine is a tremendous asset to our Legion. I would also like to thank Sandy Wallace, Cheryl Potter, Vince McGregor, Brian Sherren, Ian Davidson, Bryon Steckly, and our Padre, Jim Sutton, for serving on the Executive. To all of our staff and volunteers, thank you for your dedication - it is truly appreciated. We are always looking for more people to lend a hand.

Although the recent flood has set us back for a while, I am confident that together we will come back stronger than ever. I look forward to working alongside all of you in the years ahead as we continue supporting our veterans, serving our community, and ensuring our Legion remains a place of pride and fellowship.

Comrade Donald Wolan, President

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our 100th Anniversary Dinner & Dance was a wonderful success, with 126 guests joining us for an evening of great food, music and celebration!



A huge thank you to Lou Anne Tessier, Joanne Hopkins, Jim Sutton and Brenda Bridgewater, our kitchen volunteers for all their hard work - from ordering the food and picking up condiments to picking up our beautiful anniversary cake from Costco. A special thank you goes out to Melissa, Sean, Sandra, Lou Anne, Don, Doug and Joanne for decorating. Your efforts helped make the evening a success!

The Pepper Shakers kept everyone entertained all night with great dance tunes, and the dance floor was busy!

Congratulations to Sandra Eisenbach, the lucky winner of the WestJet trip!

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make this special evening memorable. The event raised approximately \$1,357 for the Dunsdon Legion.

What a great way to celebrate 100 years of service!

Christine Wallace, First Vice President

BUILDING

We had an emergency repair to our floor as we had a flood during the last part of July. Many thanks to Christine and Ron for looking after this problem.

Comrade Don Wolan

LOTTERY

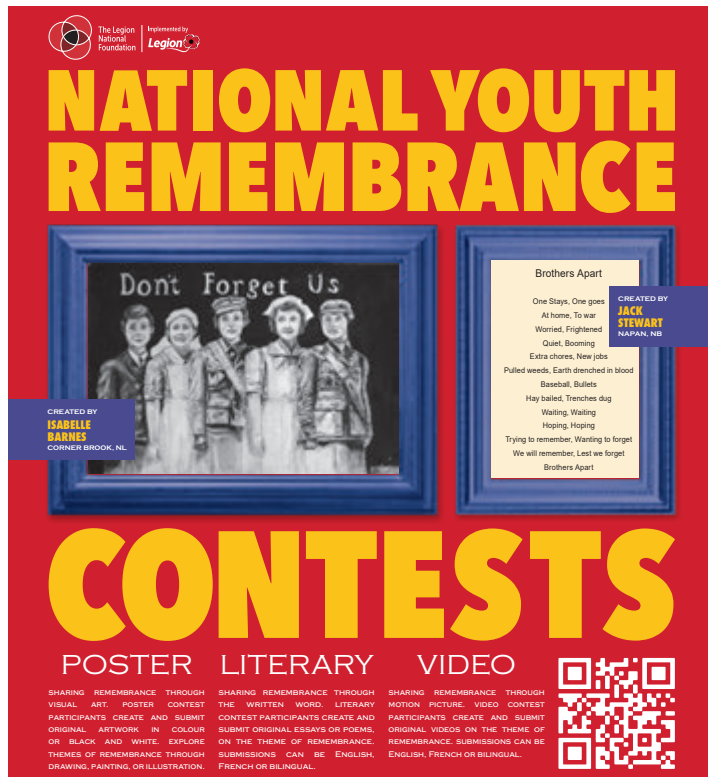
The next elimination draw is being held **October 16th, 2026**. If you would like a ticket please contact the bar or myself at 519 771-7872

Comrade Don Wolan

YOUTH EDUCATION

We are gearing up for the next Poster, Literary and Video Contests. Kits will be getting put together and distributed to our local schools. We hope to have a great participation this year as it is our 100th anniversary.

Comrade Don Wolan



The poster is red with yellow and white text. At the top left is the Legion National Foundation logo. The main title 'NATIONAL YOUTH REMEMBRANCE' is in large yellow letters. Below it are two framed images: one of four young people in military uniforms with the text 'Don't Forget Us', and another with a list of war-related terms. To the right of the second frame is a small box that says 'CREATED BY JACK STEWART NAPAN, NS'. Below the frames is the word 'CONTESTS' in large yellow letters, followed by 'POSTER LITERARY VIDEO' in white. At the bottom, there is a QR code and small text describing the contests: 'SHARING REMEMBRANCE THROUGH VISUAL ART, POSTER CONTEST' and 'SHARING REMEMBRANCE THROUGH THE WRITTEN WORD, LITERARY CONTEST'. It also mentions that participants can submit original artwork in color or black and white, and that submissions can be in English, French, or bilingual.

SPORTS UPDATE

Most of the sports activities including Darts, Euchre, Cribbage, Eight Ball, Snooker and Cornhole start in September. We encourage you to sign up today. If you're interested in finding out more details about our sports activities, please contact me at 519-428-9444.

Scott Butcher, Sports Chair

HONOURS AND AWARDS

A service awards presentation is planned for our General Meeting on November 18th, 2026. Members are entitled to a service pin for every 5 years of membership, 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc. Please advise this writer at 519-759-4568 or email at swalla@sympatico.ca

Please plan on attending to honour your comrades for the contributions made to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Jack Wallace, Pins & Service Awards

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As we look toward the future of Dunsdon Legion, one of our goals is to increase volunteer involvement and make it easier for members to contribute.

We know many members would like to help but may not be able to commit to a large role or regular meetings. There are many ways to help that require only a small time commitment, including:

400 Club – Help coordinate tickets for the biannual draws.

50/50 & Horse Race – Join a monthly rotation.

Bar Chair – Help oversee bar operations.

Building Chair – Provide advice for repairs.

Kitchen Help – Assist with meals and events.

Public Relations Assistant – Promote events on facebook.

Youth Education Chair – Coordinate the Public Speaking, Poster, Poetry, Essay and Video Contests

We would also love to see the **Ladies Auxiliary** return to Dunsdon Legion, providing another great way for members to get involved, socialize and support our community.

Our goal is simple: share the workload, welcome new volunteers and give members more ways to participate that fit their time and interests.

If you have a few hours to spare, a skill you'd like to share, or simply want to become more involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Together, we can build an even stronger Dunsdon Legion Branch 461.

Don Wolan, President & Christine Wallace, First Vice



The poster has a white background with a red heart and the text 'Stronger Together' in a script font. Below it is 'OUR LEGION. OUR COMMUNITY.' in bold blue letters. A red banner reads 'Many Ways to Help. A Big Difference for All.' To the left is a list of 'MEMBER INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES' with icons: 400 CLUB (ticket), 50/50 & HORSE RACE TICKET SELLERS (horse), BAR CHAIR (bar), BUILDING CHAIR (wrench), KITCHEN HELP (chef hat), PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT (megaphone), and YOUTH EDUCATION CHAIR (grad cap). To the right is a blue speech bubble saying 'Every hour you give helps us GROW!' with a red heart. Below that is a box for 'HELP US BRING BACK THE Ladies Auxiliary' with a red heart and the text 'A wonderful opportunity to get involved, socialize and support our Legion and community.' At the bottom, a group of hands are stacked in a circle, with the text 'Your time. Your talents. Our future. THANK YOU!' and a red poppy.



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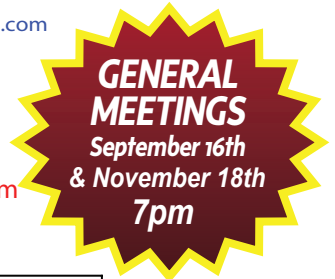
Bar Hours (Winter) Monday 1 to 5pm (10 when cards are on),
Tuesday 5 to 10pm, Wednesday 1pm to 10pm, Friday 1pm to 10pm, Saturday 6 to 11 pm

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY: Ladies Euchre 1pm & Mixed League Cribbage 7-10pm
TUESDAY: Men's League Cribbage 7-10pm & Drop In Snooker 6-11pm
WEDNESDAY: League Snooker 6-10 pm & Mixed Progressive Euchre 7-10pm
THURSDAY: Line Dancing 10am & Drop In Cornhole 7-10pm
FRIDAY: Friday Social 4-7pm & Mixed Darts 8-12pm



SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
5	Long Weekend	3	TBD	7	Easy Street Blues Band	5	TBD
12	Loose Change	10	Music Trivia	8	Legion Service Men of Song	12	Music Trivia
19	Music Trivia	17	Voodoo Kings	14	Music Trivia	18	Christmas Potluck
20	Legion Week HWY 24 \$5	24	Karaoke	15	Jasmine T \$5	19	Voodoo Kings
26	Karaoke	25	Boombbox \$5	21	50's-60's Brothers	31	HWY 24 New Year's Eve
27	Jasmine T \$5	31	Colby's Kitchen Halloween Party \$5	28	Karaoke	January 1	HWY 24

Note: Saturday Entertainment is in the Clubroom Downstairs 7-11pm. (Doors open at 6pm)

Sunday Entertainment - Upper Hall 1-5 pm (Doors open at noon) All bands playing upstairs have a \$5 Cover

Music Trivia required preregistration. Please contact Ross McGuinness at mcmguinness9535@rogers.com

Karaoke is with Murray Mclean from Brantford Party Rentals

(Some events do not run every week due to scheduling - always check with the organizer or Bartender)

CHICK WRIGHT GOLF A GREAT SUCCESS!

The 2026 Dunsdon Legion Chick Wright Golf Tournament was a tremendous success! We had a fantastic turnout and a wonderful day of golf, fun, food and fellowship. Thanks to everyone who participated, volunteered, sponsored, donated prizes or helped make the day possible.

Together, we raised an incredible \$8,101.12 for the Dunsdon Legion!

Congratulations to Our Winners!

Tournament Winners – The Bravehearts (Paul McMillan, Rick Read, Gary & Jim McMillan)

Putting Contest Winner – \$218: Bob Thomson

Ladies Closest to the Pin:

#5 Lois Watts & #17 Jeanette Philbey

Men's Closest to the Pin:

#3 Randy Spencer, #8 Tom Pearson & #13 Orlando Dominco

Trivia Winners – “Hugh Double Bogey Terry”

Hugh Terry, Ruth Ann & Dean Hurst, and Vic Barsuk

We couldn't have done it without our amazing volunteers!

Registration: Jan & Gord Sturgeon

Meal Volunteers: Murray, Lou Anne & Brenda

Prize Set-Up: Melissa, Sean, Doug & Joanne

And a huge thank you to all of our Corporate, Hole and Prize Sponsors for their generous support. Your contributions helped make this tournament such a success and helped us raise much-needed funds for the Legion.

We are already looking forward to making next year's tournament another great day on the greens!

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the 2026 Chick Wright Golf Tournament!

Christine Wallace



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For your convenience, you can renew your membership online at legion.ca/member. From there, you can set your membership to auto-renew to be billed automatically each year. You can also make your payment at your local Branch or by mail using the address below.

If you have already sent in your dues, we thank you and look forward to the upcoming year. Membership dues are regular \$55, but with our Early Bird promotion they are \$50 if you sign up between September and December 2026. The Executive agreed at our meeting, August 10th to offer a **FREE 2027 MEMBERSHIP** to one lucky member who has paid their 2027 dues by December 31st, 2026.

The draw will take place at the January 2027 meeting. So let's everyone get in on the draw for a chance at a free membership.

Cheryl Potter, Membership Chair



Mark your calendar
OCTOBER 24 to NOVEMBER 11, 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2026 ANNUAL POPPY CAMPAIGN

I know you are still enjoying our summer but just around the corner is the Annual Dunsdon Legion Poppy Campaign. This is one of the most important Legion events across Canada each year and our branch works very hard to raise funds in our community for this cause. Last year we raised almost \$45,000 through our volunteers.

For our new Centenary members as well as our Legion members old and new this is an excellent way to help the legion serve our veterans and our local community and insure the Legion remains strong.

I am sure you have all seen the poppy boxes and displays set up around the city stores and the promotion on TV and the radio late October until November 11 each year. We need volunteers at our booth with poppy boxes at the table for folks to donate or use the tap box to charge and take a poppy to wear. We set these up at 3 select locations – and need your help to be there for a few hours, a few different days, whatever you can do.

We need help to assemble kits, deliver poppy boxes or pick up at local stores in our area. It takes a lot of volunteers to make all this happen and we need new volunteer for a few hours or different shifts. Sign up sheets will go up mid September so feel free to sign up. If you are interested but not sure what it all mean give me a call at 519-774-2455.

This is a very rewarding way to give back to our veterans and help promote Remembrance day each year.

Sandy Wallace, Poppy Co-Chair

Home # 519-759-4568 or Cell/Text at 519-774-2455

Brian Sherren, Poppy Co-Chair 519-802-5757





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Following the First World War, Veterans formed organizations and associations to help one another. In 1925, many of these groups merged to become the **Great War Veterans Association**—**laying the foundation** for what would become the Canadian Legion. On **July 17, 1926**, this movement was formally established when the **Canadian Legion** was incorporated by an Act of Parliament. The Legion is built on a commitment to **support Veterans and their families, advocate for their rights, and ensure their service and sacrifice are never forgotten**. And we've carried that mission forward for a century.

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(2026 Tuesdays at 10am)**

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