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OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 18TH, 2026 ELECTIONS MAY 20TH, 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***

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Comrades:

Winter has certainly arrived with a vengeance this month! As many of you know, I have been away from the Branch for the past couple of months while recovering from heart surgery. I'm happy to say I'm starting to feel much better, and Holly and I have been able to attend a couple of Fridays. It was wonderful to see everyone again and catch up.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our outstanding staff, dedicated volunteers, and your Executive for their continued hard work and commitment. From all reports, things ran so smoothly that I'm told I wasn't missed much at all! A special thank you goes to Don Wolan, who stepped up to ensure everything continued to run seamlessly during my absence. Your efforts are truly appreciated, Don.

While many events have taken place while I was away, I'll leave the detailed updates to the Executive Reports, which will keep you fully informed on all that's been happening at the Branch.

I hope many of you were able to secure your tickets for our New Year's Eve celebration. A lot of hard work is going into making sure it will be a fantastic evening. And don't forget — the celebrations continue the next day at the Levi!

As my health continues to improve, I look forward to spending more time at the Branch and seeing you all again.

Holly and I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Service,
 President Ron Butcher



Lauren Aronson from the Health Services Foundation visited the Dunsdon Legion on Monday, December 15th for the cheque presentation of our donation to the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre. The donation will support the purchase of two patient recliner chairs used for systemic therapy.

IN MEMORIAM

Norman Lawrence Hammond

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
 Age shall not wear them, not the years condemn.
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Bar Hours (summer): Monday 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday 1 to 11 pm, Friday 1 to 11 pm, Saturday 6 to 11 pm
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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Ladies Euchre 1pm Monday Mixed League Cribbage 7-10pm Monday

Weekly Events **Men's League Cribbage 7-10pm Tuesday Drop In Snooker 6-11pm Tuesday**
League Snooker 6-10pm Wednesday, Mixed Progressive Euchre 7-10pm Wednesday
Line Dancing 10am Thursday, Social 4-7pm Friday, Mixed Darts Friday 8-12pm

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

Next General Meetings
March 18

May 20 - Elections

Membership Card Required

Entertainment Saturday - Downstairs Lounge 7 to 11pm Doors open at 6pm (unless noted)

Sunday - Upper Hall 1to 5 pm Doors at noon **All Bands playing in the upper hall will have a \$5 cover**

January 2026	February	March	April
1 Hwy 24 - Levee 12-4pm	7 Easy Street Blues Band	1 Hwy 24 - Upper Hall	4 Long weekend
3 Mike Thorpe	14 Music Trivia	7 Mike Thorpe	11 Music Trivia
10 Music Trivia	15 Steve Beach Trio - upper	14 Music Trivia	12 Pepper Shakers - Upper
11 Jasmine T- Upper	21 Cobby's Kitchen Party - upper	15 Jasmine T - upper	18 Easy Street Blues Band
17 Loose Change	28 Karaoke	21 Vooodoo Kings	25 Karaoke
24 Karaoke		28 Karaoke	26 Cobby's Kitchen Party - Upper
25 Pepper Shakers - upper		29 Loose Change - upper	
31 James Ryan Band			

Note:

Music Trivia requires pre registration Please contact Ross McGuinness at mcguinness9535@rogers.com

Karaoke is with Murray Mclean from Brantford Party Rentals



HONOURS AND AWARDS

A service awards were presented at our General Meeting on November 19th, 2025.



DON WOLAN - 15 YEARS



ARNIE PAUL & DAVID PETIPAS-20 YEARS



JOHNY HAEGILGHI & KENT CALLAN
40 YEARS



FRED HEYWARD - 50 YEARS

Jack Wallace - Past President

thank-you

FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT OF OUR 2025 POPPY CAMPAIGN

A heartfelt thank you to the more than **44 dedicated volunteers** who once again made our annual Poppy Fundraiser a success. The support from our Legion membership and the wider community was truly inspiring, through mailed-in donation envelopes, online contributions, tap machines, and poppy boxes placed throughout the city.

This year, poppy boxes were located at **100 sites** in our area, supported by 3 booths and 6 tap boxes. Despite a shorter campaign of just 11 days, the generosity shown resulted in an incredible total of **over \$34,224 raised**.

We are also very proud to welcome back the **104 Starfighter Air Cadets**, who volunteered on Friday night and Saturday at various locations. These young people did an exceptional job and represented the spirit of service with professionalism and enthusiasm.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, volunteered, and supported the campaign. Your generosity ensures we can continue to honour and support our Veterans.

Thank you for your support in 2025.

Dunsdon Legion Branch 461 Donation made from Poppy Fund in 2025

Royal Canadian Legion

Charitable Foundation - \$5,000

District Hospital Fund - \$5,000

Ontario Command Bursary Program - \$4,500

Operation Leave the Streets - \$7,000

Operation Service Dogs - \$5,000

Heroes Mending on the Fly - \$2,000

104 Starfighter Air Cadets - \$3,000

Sea Cadets - \$1,000

Savaria - lift maintenance - \$2,800

Juravinski Cancer Recliner Chairs - \$10,000

Sandy Wallace, Poppy Chair

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

Dunsdon Legion 400 Club Elimination Draw October 17, 2025 Results Next draw is May 8, 2026

Draw	Ticket #	Winner	Prize
1	393	Paul Danielson	\$100
25	41	Dolores Boutillier	\$50
50	190	Heather Jackson	\$100
75	378	Brian Sherren	\$50
100	126	Dennis Pullman	\$100
125	332	Rob Paine	\$50
150	82	Chris Loker	\$100
175	61	Jim Lavery	\$50
200	323	Madge Watkinson	\$100
225	29	Deb Hewitt	\$50
250	76	Brian Sherren	\$100
275	109	Jacqueline Bateson	\$50
300	104	Jacqueline Hurst	\$100
325	222	Lori Horvath	\$50
350	224	Darrell Ball	\$100
375	381	Sherri Reinders	\$50
396	52	Ed Nock	\$250
397	206	Rolly Potvin	\$300
398	310	Christine Munroe	\$400
399	133	Marlene Todd	\$500
400	309	Sue Monarch	\$3,000

SPORTS UPDATE

The snooker zone tournament was held at our branch Saturday November 15, 2025. Five teams competed for 2 spots at the district snooker tournament to be held at the Dundas Legion on February 7/26.

At present we have 3 teams signed up for the district 8 ball to be held January 31/26 at Waterdown legion.

The district cribbage will be held here upstairs on January 10/26. Luncheons will be served at the snooker and cribbage tournaments.

Deadline Euchre – Zone January 10/26 for Tournament in Tillsonburg January 24/26

Scott Butcher, Sports Officer



On November 11, 2025, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #461 Dunsdon gratefully received a \$13,750 donation from Canadian National Railway Veterans Affairs in support of Veterans Services.

Pictured (left to right) are Comrade Jack Wallace, Past President; Comrade Don Wolan, Vice President; and Comrade Ronald Butcher, President of the Dunsdon Legion, receiving the cheque from CD Lt. Parwinder Singh and MWO Grant Philpott of the 56 Field Regiment.



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Primary - Kindergarten, 1,2,3					
Colour			Black & White		
Olivia Marshall	1	Brier Park	Ella Trapasso	1	Central Baptist Academy
Lylah Seeburger		Our Lady of Providence	Gabriella Ali	2	Central Baptist Academy
Aubry Xuereb	3	St. Leo	Charlotte Rideout	3	St. Pius X
Junior - 4,5,6					
Posters			Essays & Poems		
Colour			Poem		
Zoe McGunnis	1	Banbury Heights	Sophia Takacs	1	Breamer House
Rahoemah Odejay	2	Banbury Heights	Silas Cooper	2	Central Baptist Academy
Lachlax Hughes	3	St. Patricks	Addison McClelland	3	Breamer House
B&W			Essay		
Kamryn Kilpatrick	1	Banbury Heights		1	
Kalyssa Kuenn	2	Banbury Heights		2	
Levin Taquiam	3	St. Pius X		3	
Intermediate - 7,8,9					
Posters			Essays & Poems		
Colour			Poem		
Leena Kelliny	1	St. Patricks		1	
Devin Reading	2	St. Leo		2	
Gavin Cheema	3	St. Leo		3	
B&W			Essay		
Malena Misiuda	1	St. Leo		1	
Ava Lawson	2	St. Leo		2	
Emma Watt	3	St. Leo		3	

PUBLIC SPEAKING – FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026

Open to students in the Brantford School Area, this public speaking event offers a chance to build confidence, develop communication skills and compete for cash prizes. New participants are welcome and encouraged. Step up, speak out, and discover what you can achieve!

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