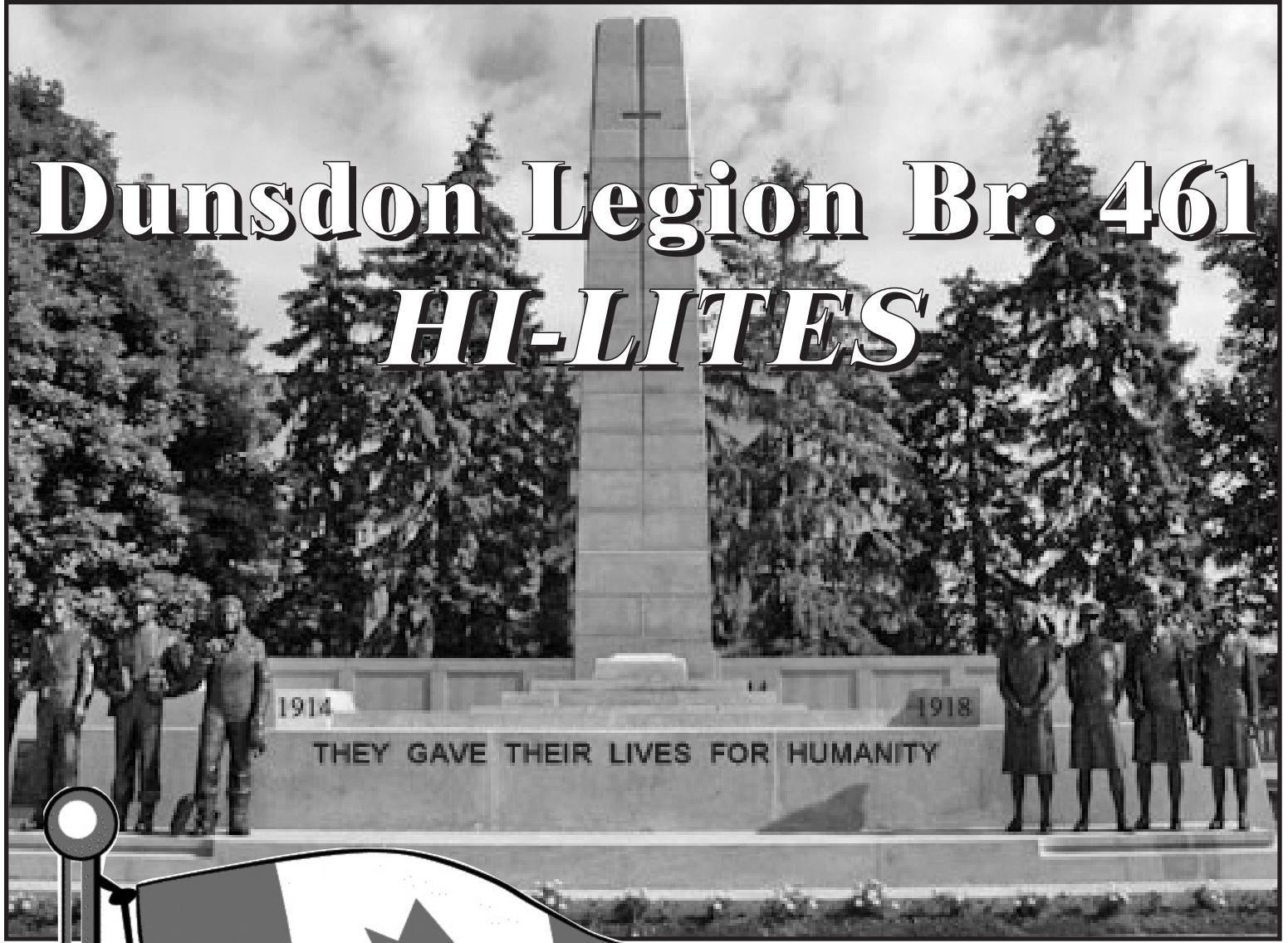


# Dunsdon Legion Br. 461

## HI-LITES



*Canada, This Land is Ours*

*Be Proud to be a Canadian*

"They shall not grow old,  
As we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them; nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."**



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**January - February - March 2024**

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### EXECUTIVE

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### HOSPITAL VISITS

Just a reminder that when a Legion member goes to the hospital, please have a member of the family call the bar so that we may visit you. Also, please let us know when you leave the hospital. It makes it easier on the committee. Call 519-752-6668.

### BEREAVEMENT SERVICE BRANCH POLICY

When there is a death of a branch veteran or member, it is the responsibility of the family to contact the branch to request a Legion service if one is desired. A notice providing the time and location of the service is posted in the Ed Potter's lounge at the legion to go along with the notification given in the Brantford Expositor.

The padre is contacted to arrange the service.

## GENERAL MEETING

Our Next General Meeting will be held on  
**March 13th , 2024**

Your up-to-date membership card is required  
 for entry.

Come on out and support your executive.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Comrades

The holiday season has finally arrived and a time for celebrating with family and friends. Last year has come and gone and we faced many challenges that we were able to conquer. We look forward to this year with anticipation knowing that we have the full support of our members.

We still have some improvement that we will be making to our building early in the new year but I think you will agree that they were needed. As we head into 2024 you should know that this is an election year that will form your executive for the next 2 years. Elections will take place in May at the general meeting. I would urge anyone who is interested in-serving on the executive to put your name forward.

Being your president has been my honour and a privilege but the real work is done by your executive. My gratitude and thank goes out to Don Wolan who works tirelessly on your behalf. To Sandy Wallace your poppy chair, Cheryl Potter your membership chair, Sandra Eisenbach your rental chair, Ross Little who makes sure our finances stay in check, Jack Wallace your past president who makes sure everyone gets a bulletin, David Petit-Pas your service officer who looks after our veterans, Jim Sutton your Padre and our newest executive member Jeffery Showers your Sgt. At-Arms These are your comrades who volunteer to make our legion great. Thank you executives for your hard work and dedication it's inspiring.

Comrades as important as your executive is it would be difficult to do the things we do without our dedicated staff. I love these guys and without them I don't know what we would do. To Adele Lavery secretary, Megan Campbell treasurer, our great bartending staff Melissa, John, Joanne, Scott you guys are the greatest. To Doug who is our new maintenance man, he also does all our hall setup and Brenda and Mandy they make sure our club is always clean. Thank you everyone for all your hard work and ideas that make the Dunsdon legion a place where everyone wants to return to.

Last but not least I would like to thank all of you comrades, you continue to support your branch. Without your continued support there wouldn't be a branch. THANK YOU.

As some of you are aware Holly and I will be away from the branch for the next few months. Please make sure you give your first Vice Don Wolan and your executive your full support in my absence. Holly and I hope

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont'd)

you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
We hope you were able to enjoy family and friend over the holidays.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring

Yours in service

**Ron Butcher**

President

## 2023 POPPY CAMPAIGN

Another very successful campaign thanks to a fantastic number of volunteers pitching in to make it run smoothly and very successfully. Legion members and the community were very generous again this year in giving their time and donations.

The local Air, Sea & Navy cadet plus supervising volunteers assist with canvassing and helping at our legion Remembrance day service. The enthusiasm and dedication of these young people is very inspiring.

Thanks again to everyone who worked on the campaign and those who donated to insure that our veterans and remembrance are not forgotten. This is an important part of the Legion mandate and Dunsdon Legion members came through again this year with another fantastic effort.

**Sandy Wallace**

Poppy Chair

## IN MEMORIUM

**Dr. HERBERT BUTCHER**



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## SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Just a reminder that any veterans or their dependents in need of assistance regarding pensions or other benefits, please feel free to call me at home:

**519-751-7883**

You may also contact the Provincial Service Officer in London. Her name is Rebecca Calder and you may contact her at:

**1-888-207-2021 (Toll Free)**

Rebecca is exceptionally knowledgeable about veterans' issues and is always more than willing to discuss your problems.

Yours in Comradeship,

**David Petit-Pas**, Service Officer

## NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT

Brittany Campbell,  
Provincial Service Officer  
London Service Bureau

**\*\* will be visiting Br. 461 Dunsdon Brantford  
on Friday February 23, 2024  
at approximately 9:00 am**

Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance regarding:

1. Disability benefit applications, reassessments, reviews and appeals
2. Referrals for entitled veterans to treatment benefits, VIP, and special awards
3. Information and assistance with rehabilitation and vocational assistance applications.
4. Applications for benevolent funds.
5. War veterans allowance applications
6. Information and assistance for widows.

Are requested to contact the Branch Service Officer or Secretary of the Branch to arrange an interview

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## 400 CLUB:

The next 400 club elimination draw will be May 10th, 2024. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket for the May 10th, 2024 draw please leave your name and number with the Legion bartender or myself. I can be reached at [rc1461vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:rc1461vicepresident@gmail.com)

Comrade **Don Wolan**  
Lottery Chairperson

## BAR MATTERS:

Comrades:

The New winter Bar Hours will be commencing after labour day and are as follows. Bar Hours (winter): Monday 2pm to 4pm (6 to 10 for cards), Tuesday 6pm to 10pm (if cards on), Wednesday 2pm to 11pm, Friday 2pm to 9pm, Saturday 6pm to 11pm. Our Friday afternoon social is doing quite well and we hope to see you out. Our Saturday entertainment has had some really great turnouts, the music Trivia and Karaoke has a great crowd so overall we are doing quite well. Our new updated system beer system is working well and we will have less waste and have colder better tasting draft. I would like to acknowledge our great Bartending staff. John Bridgewater, Joanne Gilbert, Scott Butcher and especially Melissa Cheesman. Their dedication to the Legion is well appreciated

Comrade **Don Wolan**  
1st Vice president

## BUILDING:

Our new ATM machine has been in operation for a couple of months and it is getting well used. The pay-back for this machine will be about two years. This purchase will give us a constant revenue stream. The stair tread on the back stairs into the lounge is scheduled to be replaced in the upcoming months. We will also be replacing our front doors as they have become somewhat of a security risk. Both of these items will use up grant money that has been allocated but not used.

Comrade **Don Wolan**  
1st Vice president

## ENTERTAINMENT:

Our Saturday entertainment has been doing well. The new format seems to be working, every second Saturday we host Music Trivia with Ross McGuinness, every fourth Saturday we host Karaoke with Gord Taite (there is no entrance fee for these two events). The other Saturday's we feature Bands, for these events there will be a \$5 cover charge. We have some great music up and coming. Check out the new format calendar which has all the Legion information on one page.

Comrade **Don Wolan**  
1st vice president

## LAST CHANCE! EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues can be paid for the upcoming year. The Executive agreed at our Executive Meeting, May 8th to offer a free membership to one lucky member who has paid their 2024 dues by December 31, 2023. The draw will take place at the January, 2024 meeting. So let's everyone get in on the draw for this free membership!

**Cheryl Potter**  
Membership Chair

**NOTICE**  
**LADIES EUCBRE**  
**Mondays at 1pm**  
**UPSTAIRS HALL**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRESIVE EUCBRE - 7pm • \$4.00 Admission**  
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Youth Education:

Comrades: The Literary and Poster Contest is completed and we have had some great work by our youth which has been forwarded on. The youth education portfolio is a very satisfying as it is great to see and hear how our youth are remembering our veterans. If you are interested in helping out, I can be reached at rcl461vicepresident@gmail.com

Comrade Don Wolan - Youth Education Chairperson

### **RCL Dunsdon Br. 461 - Literary and Poster Contest - 2023**

Every year the Royal Canadian Legion sponsors an Essay, Poem and Poster contest involving all students that wish to participate. The purpose of this is to bring awareness about Remembrance Day and allow the students to express their thoughts to never forget. All entries are to be put in the theme of Remembrance and are judged locally at each Branch the winning entrants move on to Zone, District, then Provincial's and if their entrance is good enough, off to the nationals. Each Level brings the opportunity for the student to win money. At the Dunsdon Legion every student who participates will receive a Certificate of Participation, winning students will also receive a Medal of their placing as well a monetary gift. First place receives \$25, Second place receives \$15 and Third place receives \$10. The Dunsdon Legion, this past year had 264 participants for this competition and we would like to thank each and every one for their participation. The following is a list of the winners from this years competitors and their schools.

<b>Primary - Kindergarten, 1,2,3</b>					
<b>Colour</b>			<b>Black &amp; White</b>		
Central Baptist Academy	1	Lydia Staats	Central Baptist Academy	1	Bridget Clark
Notre Dame	2	Zoe Montelanca	Brier Park	2	Nathan Pursley
St. Leo	3	Clark Curtis	Brier Park	3	Marie Parks
<b>Junior - 4,5,6</b>					
<b>Posters</b>			<b>Essays &amp; Poems</b>		
<b>Colour</b>			<b>Poem</b>		
Homeschool	1	Thomas Roth	Central Baptist Academy	1	Angel Boersma
Notre Dame	2	Sophia Dimatatac Monteblanca	Braemar House	2	Rees Faria
Braemar House	3	Laura Ricard	Braemar House	3	Simon Modi
<b>B&amp;W</b>			<b>Essay</b>		
Notre Dame	1	Alessia Ruffolo	St. Patrick	1	Druchok Jackson
St. Leo	2	Maisy Faria	Banbury Heights	2	Dayton Wickson
Central Baptist Academy	3	Ireoluwanimi Akande	St. Patrick	3	Chad Quintin
<b>Intermediate - 7,8,9</b>					
<b>Posters</b>			<b>Essays &amp; Poems</b>		
<b>Colour</b>			<b>Poem</b>		
Notre Dame	1	Shayla Le	St. Johns College	1	Emilia Punturleo
St. Patrick	2	Lucas Oldham	Braemar House	2	Macy
Notre Dame	3	Gabriella Tanudjaja	Central Baptist Academy	3	Emmalee Davenport
<b>B&amp;W</b>			<b>Essay</b>		
Homeschool	1	Anne Roth	Braemar House	1	Fareedah Akiyemi
Central Baptist Academy	2	Ester Coor	Braemar House	2	Michael Szarka
Braemar House	3	Hope Bertrand		3	
<b>Senior - 10, 11,12</b>					
<b>Posters</b>					
<b>Colour</b>			<b>B&amp;W</b>		
St. John's College	1	Tianna Tone	St. John's College	1	Rachel Guddemi
	2		Hillfield Academy	2	Sarah Dumont
	3			3	





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**Bar Hours (winter): Monday 2pm to 4pm (6 to 10 for cards), Tuesday 6pm to 10pm**

**Wednesday 2pm to 11pm, Friday 2pm to 9pm, Saturday 6pm to 11pm**

## Contact numbers

**Ron Butcher** for General Legion Inquires **226 387-3750** [rwb1243@bell.net](mailto:rwb1243@bell.net)

**Sandra Eisenbach** for Rentals **519 304-4426** [sandraeisenbach@hotmail.ca](mailto:sandraeisenbach@hotmail.ca)

**David Petit-Pas** for Veterans Services **519 751-7883** [chrystal\\_petitpas@yahoo.com](mailto:chrystal_petitpas@yahoo.com)

**Sandy Wallace** for Poppy Inquires **519 759-4568** [sandywallace@cruiseshipcenter.com](mailto:sandywallace@cruiseshipcenter.com)

**Cheryl Potter** for Membership **519 756-7405** [cpotter@rogers.com](mailto:cpotter@rogers.com)

**Don Wolan** for Entertainment and Bar **519 771-7872** [rcl461vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:rcl461vicepresident@gmail.com)

**Jack Wallace** for Awards and Pins **519 759-4568** [swalla@sympatico.ca](mailto:swalla@sympatico.ca)

## Weekly Events

**Ladies Euchre 1pm Monday Mixed Cribbage 7-10pm Monday Men's Cribbage 7-10pm Tuesday**

**Drop in Snooker 6 -11 pm Tuesday League Snooker 6 -11pm Wednesday**

**Mixed Progressive Euchre 7-10 Wednesday Line Dancing 9:30 am Thursday**

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

**Next General Meeting**

**March 13, 2023 7pm**

Membership Card Required

**Please attend**

## Saturday Entertainment - Downstairs Lounge

**7pm to 11pm Doors open at 6pm**

January 2024	February	March	April
<b>1</b> Hwy 24 Levee 12-4	<b>3</b> Fab 50's	<b>2</b> Hwy 24	<b>6</b> Vooodooo Kingz
<b>6</b> Murray Williams Duo	<b>10</b> Music Trivia	<b>9</b> Music Trivia	<b>13</b> Music Trivia
<b>13</b> Music Trivia	<b>17</b> Vooodooo Kingz	<b>16</b> Murray Williams Duo	<b>20</b> Fab 50's
<b>20</b> Silve	<b>24</b> Karaoke	<b>23</b> Karaoke	<b>27</b> Karaoke
<b>27</b> Karaoke		<b>30</b> Long Weekend	

**Note:** Music Trivia requires pre registration Please contact Ross McGuinness at [mcguinness9535@rogers.com](mailto:mcguinness9535@rogers.com)

Karaoke is with GT Entertainment - Gord Taite

\$5 Cover Charge is in effect for all Bands, there is no cover charge for Music Trivia or Karaoke





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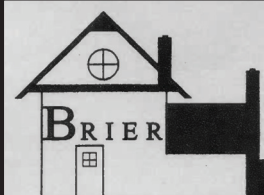
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