

Dunsdon Legion



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Branch 461 Brantford APRIL-JUNE 2026 HI-LITES

We've added NEW Live Entertainment
Friday Nights and Sunday Afternoons.

Sign up for the
Chick Wright Golf
Tournament – June 6th

Come out and support your legion!



DUNSDON LEGION MEMBERS ARE INCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BRANTFORD POPPY PROJECT

A community tribute for Remembrance Day featuring handcrafted crocheted and knitted poppies made by volunteers like you.

DUNSDON LEGION WORKSHOPS:

April 16 & May 14, 5:30–8:00 pm. See the insert for more details.

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OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ELECTIONS MAY 20TH, 2026

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Comrades:

Well will this weather ever give us a break ? Hopefully the worst of the winter is leaving us soon. Our branch is doing well thanks to your support and volunteers that continue to dedicate freely of their time. You know who you are and I hope you know how much I appreciate everything that you do.

The branch is getting busier with the influx of new members. The 100th anniversary of the RCL is offering a free membership for 1 year. I know your Membership Chair Cheryl Potter has been very busy processing everyone.

Thank you Cheryl. All programs are in full swing Snooker is getting busier and open progressive euchre is well attended. Special thanks to Brenda Bridgewater who volunteers to run Monday afternoon ladies euchre and Wednesday evening mixed euchre. If your not attending Friday night social your missing out. Horse Races, Meat Draw, Queen of Hearts and other events. Get there early it does fill up quickly.

Hall rental are doing well with fundraisers, buck and does celebrations of life , quarter auctions and many more. Thanks Sandra Eisenbach for all the hard work you do to support our branch. Great Job! On your behalf of all our members I will be representing our branch at the District Convention being held in Niagara Falls April 10-12th I'm looking forward to see how our district is doing and hopefully getting new ideas from other Branches. We would like to welcome Ian Davidson who has joined your executive as our new service officer. Thank you Ian. We were very sorry about the passing of our friend and comrade David Petit-pas. He will be missed.

Please make sure you read your bulletin or check out our website for up coming entertainment and events. Elections are coming soon in May at our general meeting. We need your support so please try to attend. We have open positions on our executive so if you are interested please contact me or one of your executive. Thanks everyone who continue to visit our branch your support is appreciated. I personally would like to thank all of our volunteers and especially our staff and executive. Thanks for your support during my health issues. You guys are the greatest.

Yours in Service

Ronald Butcher, President

400 CLUB

The next 400 club elimination draw will be May 8th , 2026. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket for the May 8th , 2025, draw please leave your name and number with the Legion bartender or myself. I can be reached at rcl461vicepresident@gmail.com 519-771-7872

IN MEMORIUM

David George Petit-pas

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.





Spearheaded by the Brantford Station Neighbourhood Association (BSNA) this project has partnered with and received the permission to proceed from the Royal Canadian Legion - Dunsdon Branch No. 461. Working closely together with Branch No. 461 we look forward to creating an impactful art piece for the community.

The Poppy Project - Brantford

The Brantford Poppy Project is a community art initiative turning handmade crochet poppies into public installations across our city. Each poppy **honours those who served** and invites our community to pause, reflect, and remember together.



The project will be on display from the Last Friday in October to November 11th and will be a yearly display. From March to August we will be recruiting volunteers, doing workshops and production of the poppies. September to October we will be assembling the netting panels. Installation will happen on the last Friday of October and remain up until November 11. Cleaning and Storage will be done in December at The Navy League of Canada - Brantford Branch. We hope that the Brantford community will get behind this project, please contact us if you would like to help.

Contact Us: brantfordpoppyproject@gmail.com



**THE POPPY PROJECT
BRANTFORD**

Poppy Workshop Calendar
All Workshops are Drop In and Free to Attend
(More Dates Being Added Soon)

Date	Location	Address	Time
March 28th	Gihekdagye Friendship Centre	274 Colborne St.	1-3pm
April 9th	Brant Museum & Archives	57 Charlotte St.	5:30-8pm
April 16th	Dunsdon Legion	9 Tollgate Rd.	5:30-8pm
April 17th	Myrtleville House Museum	34 Myrtleville Dr.	10am-4pm
April 30th	Myrtleville House Museum	34 Myrtleville Dr.	5:30-8pm
May 5th	Brant Museum & Archives	57 Charlotte St.	5:30-8pm
May 14th	Dunsdon Legion	9 Tollgate Rd.	5:30-8pm
May 28th	Myrtleville House Museum	34 Myrtleville Dr.	5:30-8pm
June 5th	Myrtleville House Museum	34 Myrtleville Dr.	10am-4pm
July 14th	Myrtleville House Museum	34 Myrtleville Dr.	5:30-8pm
August 6th	Myrtleville House Museum	34 Myrtleville Dr.	5:30-8pm
September 15th	Brant Museum & Archives	57 Charlotte St.	5:30-8pm

*Friday April 17th and Friday June 5th are in lieu of the regular PA Day camp programming. Bring the kids, make a poppy, and learn about local WWI and WWII veterans!

In Partnership With:







Interested in Donating?

Monetary Donations can be sent to brantford.treasurer@navyleagueon.ca
Include in the Memo: "Brantford Poppy Project"
Donations of \$25 or More can receive a tax receipt
(Please include your name, address & phone)


Drop off Locations




Sweet Bakery
403 Fairview Dr.
Tuesday-Saturday
10am-5pm
(3pm on Saturdays)




Brant Museum & Archives
57 Charlotte St.
Tuesday-Saturday
1-5pm



Navy League of Canada Brantford Branch
119 Waterloo St.
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
6:30-9:30pm



Dunsdon Legion
9 Tollgate Rd.
1pm-5pm Monday
1pm-10pm Wednesday
1pm-10pm Friday
6pm-11pm Saturday
519 752-6668



Pharmasave Smith Drug & Apothecary
794 Colborne St. E.
Monday-Friday
9am-7pm
Saturday
9am-4pm

Interested in Participating or Supporting The Poppy Project?

Contact Us: brantfordpoppyproject@gmail.com



Materials:

You will need 17-20 yards of any bright poppy red worsted weight (#4) yarn and 3 yards of the same type in black.

(Something similar to Caron Scarlett, Bernat Berry or Red Heart Supersaver in Cherry Red).

Knitting Needle: - Size 5 mm

Crochet Hook - Size 5.0 mm/J *Needle or hook size may be adjusted but finished poppy should be between 4-6 inches in diameter.

Don't worry if it is a little bit larger or smaller, just something to aim for!

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Knitted Poppy

Knit Abbreviations

K: knit | P: purl | K2tog: knit 2 together | (S11, K2tog, pss0):

Slip 1 purl-wise, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over

Each Poppy should begin and end with a 6" tail (for tying to the final display)

With red yarn, cast on 52 stitches.

Work the next 8 rows as follows:

Right side : *K10, p3* repeat from * to * to end. Wrong side : *K3, P10* repeat from * to * to end. Cut red yarn.

Change to black yarn tying to red at needle.

Next row: K2 tog across.

Next row: P across.

Next row: *(S11, K2tog, pss0)* repeat from * to * across to last 2 sts. K2 tog.

Cut yarn and thread through the last stitches with a darning needle. Pull tight while removing from needle.

Sew sides up with black, then with red.

There should be no seams showing.

Congratulations! You have finished your first poppy!

Crocheted Poppy

Crochet Abbreviations Ch: chain(s) | Dc: double crochet | Sc = single crochet | Sl st = slip stitch |

(12)= indicates number of stitches at end of round

Each Poppy should begin and end with a 6" tail (for tying to the final display)

Row 1: With black, Ch 3, do not join. Do 11 dc into the last chain from hook. Sl st into top of Ch 3 (counts as dc).

Ch 1 and pull yarn through.

Row 2: Change to red. Join to the top of any of black dc. Ch 3, work in 1 dc in same st. Work 2 dc into each dc across making sure you do not create an extra stitch out of the join from the black row.

Join with sl st to top of ch 3. You have 24 dc in total. Do not turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, work 1 dc in same stitch. Work 2 dc in each of the next 3 dc, (8 dc group) *sc into each of the next 2 dc, 2 dc in each of the next 4 dc*. Repeat from * to * ending with the 2 sc and joining with a sl st into the Ch 3 at the beginning of the row. 4 sets of (8 dc + 2 sc). Do not turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, work 1 dc in same stitch. Work 2 dc into each of the next 7 dc, *sl st between the 2 sc of the previous row. Work 2 dc in each of the next 8 dc*. Repeat from * to * 3 times. Sl st between the sc of the previous row.

Sl st to the top of sc 3. 4 sets of 16 dc with sl st between.

Pull yarn through loop and cut to tie off.

Congratulations! You are finished your first poppy!

Facebook - [The Brantford Poppy Project](#)

Web Site - <https://sites.google.com/view/brantford-poppy-project/home>

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RCL Branch 461 Dunsdon - Information

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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
Men's League Cribbage 7-10pm Tuesday Drop In Snooker 6-11pm Tuesday
Weekly Events 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

May	June	July	August
2 50's Brothers	6 Mike Thorpe	4 Music Trivia	1 Long weekend
9 Music Trivia	13 Music Trivia	11 International Villages	8 Music Trivia
16 Long weekend	20 Easy Street Blues Band	18 50's Brothers	15 Easy Street Blues Band
23 Karaoke	27 Karaoke	25 Karaoke	22 Karaoke
24 Saving Angus	28 Cobby's Kitchen Party - up		29 Voodoo Kings
30 Hwy 24 -Upper Hall			

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

Karaoke is with Murray Mclean from Brantford Party Rentals

APRIL:

10 Back to Back 18 Easy Street Blues Band
11 Music Trivia 25 Karaoke
12 Pepper Shakers 26 Cobby's Kitchen Party - Upper
17 Mike Thorpe

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 Murray McClean of Brantford Party Rentals (there is no entrance fee for these two events). We have some great music up and coming. We are trying some Friday evening and Sunday afternoon bands. Check out the new format calendar which has all the Legion information on one page.

BUILDING

During the winter we had a problem with our furnace and we had to get emergency repairs completed. This came in at a cost of \$2,800. We also had to get our Keypad upgraded at a cost of \$1,300. Thanks to Marty Heron for setup and Brenda/Mandy Bridgewater and Joyce Soulier for cleaning. Comrade Don Wolan – 1st Vice president

BAR MATTERS

Our new summer bar hours will begin once the leagues finish:

Bar Hours (Summer)

- Monday: 1–5 pm
- Wednesday: 1–11 pm
- Friday: 1–9 pm
- Saturday: 6–11 pm

Our Friday afternoon social continues to grow, and Saturday entertainment—including Music Trivia and Karaoke—has been drawing great crowds.

A sincere thank you to Head Bar Steward Melissa Cheesman for doing an excellent job running the bar, along with our bar staff Sandra, Linda, and Scott for their great service.

We also appreciate Sandra Eisenbach, our Rental Coordinator, whose work booking the upper hall has greatly helped support the Legion. Special thanks as well to Sean Cheesman for assisting with bar duties.

Finally, our staff recently completed a Violence and Harassment seminar and are fully compliant with command requirements.

Comrade Don Wolan – 1st Vice president



2026 CHICK WRIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT

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includes golf, cart and steak dinner

For more information contact:
Don Wolan 519-771-7872 or
Ron Butcher 226-387-3750

Register online or sign up at the
Dunsdon Legion by Friday May 29th



YOUTH EDUCATION:

Comrades: The Speaking contest was held at the Branch on Feb 19th. There were 18 contestants from the schools, up considerably from the previous year. Here are the Winners Grades 4-6 – Junior Jace Bryson from Braemar House School Grades 7-9 – Intermediate Yzelle Carreon from St. Pius X.

Comrade Don Wolan -
Youth Education Chairperson



SERVICE OFFICER:

Please join us in welcoming Ian Davidson, our new Provincial Service Officer. Veterans and their dependents looking for information on pensions, allowances or other benefits can arrange an appointment through the Branch or contact Ian directly at 519-732-0056. The Provincial Service Officer is an excellent resource for assistance and information.

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