



Proud to be 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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LEST WE FORGET FLAG RAISING

Friday October 23rd at 1pm

at Harmony Square

LEGION REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday November 8th at 2pm

at the Dunsdon Legion



CADET VIGIL & LIGHTING

Tuesday November 10th at 6pm

at the Brant War Memorial

CIVIC REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Wednesday November 11th at 10:30am

at the Brant War Memorial

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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 18th, 2026

Dunsdon Legion Branch 461

Come out, hear what's happening, support your Executive, share your ideas and find out how you can help make YOUR Branch even stronger.

SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION

We'll be recognizing members who have reached
5, 10, 15, 20+ years of Legion membership.

If you are eligible for a Service Pin, please contact Jack Wallace at 519-759-4568 or swalla@sympatico.ca.

NEW MEMBER WELCOMING CEREMONY

Help us officially welcome our newest members into the Legion family and celebrate their commitment to our Branch and its traditions.

Membership card is required for entry.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Comrades: As your newly elected President, I would like to thank you for the task I have been given. I will strive to make our Legion one that we can all be proud of.

I would like to thank Christine Wallace for stepping up as your Vice President. She is most certainly a well-appreciated addition to our team.

I would also like to thank Ronald Butcher for his past 12 years as President. His guidance during those challenging years has provided our Legion with a good foundation.

Our financial staff of Bryon Steckly, Meghan Campbell, and Cindy Dickens have ensured that our books are maintained in a professional manner.

This upcoming Poppy Campaign has been expanded from October 24th to November 11th, and we are looking for help in this area. If you could find time to help put some boxes together, make deliveries, or even help out at one of our three Poppy locations, we would be most appreciative.

Sandy Wallace spearheads our Poppy Campaign and had a co-chair who unfortunately had a medical procedure and will not be available until the new year. We wish Brian Sherren a speedy recovery.

We are looking at putting up some veterans' displays within the Branch to better reflect on the sacrifices of our past and current service members.

It is a busy time for the President, as we will be attending the District Conference, the Six Nations Veterans Parade, our own Legion Service on November 8th, and the wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph on November 11th. Our Padre, Jim Sutton, has been the lead for our service as well as the Cenotaph service. Please come out and support these events.

If there are veterans who need assistance, our new Service Officer, Ian Davidson, will be there to help you.

The Dunsdon Legion has thrown its support behind the Brantford Poppy Project, which is being spearheaded by the Brantford Station Neighbourhood Association. They have received over 20,000 knitted/crocheted poppies, which are being attached to netting and will be placed at various locations around town. Please join in and help tie one on, if you can. We have netting and poppies at the Legion.

If you are a Centenary Member (joined free for this year), you must pay your 2027 membership before December 17th to qualify for the national truck draw.

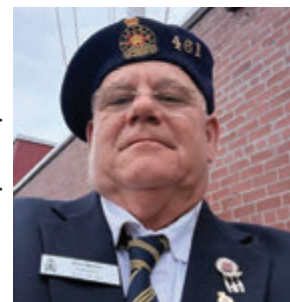
Our Membership Chair, Cheryl Potter, has done an excellent job of keeping our membership on track.

Legion sports are another area where you can participate. Cribbage, Euchre, Darts, and Snooker are available, and our Sports Chair, Scott Butcher, will guide you through the various activities.

At our November 18th General Meeting, we will be holding a swearing-in ceremony for any and all new and existing members who wish to participate. Please come out and find out what your obligations are as a valued member of the Legion Family.

We have lost a few valued volunteers of our Legion, including Peter Hardwicke Past Sargent at Arms and Education Volunteer, Ineses Stark from our Ladies Auxiliary, Marion Ruth Thibault Past President and Lil Paul who volunteered in the kitchen, horses races, 400 Club and much more. I would like to extend my condolences to their families. They will be missed. Lest We Forget.

Comrade Don Wolan President



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

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Saturday 3	Saving Agnes 7pm	Saturday 7	Easy Street Blues Band 7pm	Thursday 3	Cornhole 7pm \$5 & Prizes
Saturday 10	Music Trivia 7:30 pm	Sunday 8	Remembrance Legion Service - Men of Song 2pm	Saturday 5	Way Back When Classic Rock 7pm
Saturday 17	Steve Beach & The Boys 7pm	Saturday 14	Music Trivia 7:30 pm	Thursday 10	Christmas Music Bingo 7pm \$5/card
Thursday 22	Music Bingo 7pm \$5/card	Sunday 15	TBD	Saturday 12	Music Trivia 7:30 pm
Saturday 24	Karaoke 7pm	Thursday 19	Music Bingo 7pm \$5/card	Friday 18	Christmas Potluck & Horse Races 4-7pm
Sunday 25	80's Matinee with Boombox 1pm \$5	Saturday 21	50's-60's Brothers 7pm	Thursday 31	New Year's Eve Party with HWY 24 Tickets \$45 7pm
Saturday 31	Halloween Colby's Kitchen Party \$10 advanced tickets, food & prizes 7pm	Saturday 28	Karaoke 7pm	Friday January 1	New Year's Day Levy HWY 24 1pm

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 **FRIDAY:** **Friday Social** 4-7pm & Mixed **Darts** 8-12pm

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 pre-registration. Please contact Ross McGuinness at m McGuinness9535@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)



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DUNSDON LEGION'S POPPY CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 24 TO NOVEMBER 11, 2026

As our annual Poppy Campaign approaches, I would like to invite everyone to come together to support this very important cause.

Last year's campaign was an incredible success, thanks to the dedication of more than 44 volunteers.

In 2025, poppy boxes were placed at approximately 100 locations in the Brantford area, supported by three collection booths and six tap boxes. We are also very proud to welcome back the 104 Starfighter Air Cadets poppy volunteers.

The money raised through the Dunsdon Legion Branch 461 Poppy Fund donated more than \$45,000 to support Veterans, families, youth, healthcare and community programs. Donations included support for the Royal Canadian Legion Charitable Foundation, District Hospital Fund, Ontario Command Bursary Program, Operation Leave the Streets, Operation Service Dogs, Heroes Mending on the Fly, 104 Starfighter Air Cadets, Sea Cadets, Parkwood Veterans Care Program in London and Juravinski Cancer Centre.

Volunteers Make A Difference

Our volunteers are what make the Poppy Campaign possible. This year, we are looking for volunteers to help at our collection booths at two Zehrs locations and Walmart, as well as a few people who can help deliver and pick up poppy boxes.

When a volunteer is sitting at a Poppy table, the difference is more than simply collecting donations. A friendly "Would you like a Poppy?" can turn a shopper passing by into a donor. Volunteers create awareness, answer questions and remind people about the importance of supporting our Veterans.

You don't need to give up an entire day. Even a couple of hours can make a huge difference. Last year, our volunteers contributed approximately 350 hours, and many were amazed by the wonderful response and generosity of shoppers.

Sign-up sheets are available at the Legion, or please contact me if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

Your Support Matters

Enclosed with this newsletter is an envelope containing poppies for each of you. Please consider returning the envelope with your donation to the Poppy Fund. Charitable donation receipts are available upon request for donations over \$35. Thank you to everyone who has supported our Poppy Campaign in the past. Whether you donate, volunteer for a shift, help with the collection boxes or simply wear your poppy, your support helps us remember, honour and continue to serve our Veterans.

I hope you will consider giving a little of your time this year. Together, we can make a difference.

Sandy Wallace, Poppy Chair

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400 CLUB

The next 400 club elimination draw will be October 16, 2026. At the time of this printing, it will not be completed. The next elimination draw is scheduled for May 7, 2027. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket for this draw please leave your name and number with the Legion bartender or myself. I can be reached at President@dunsdonbranch461.ca. If you would be interested in taking over this vital role as coordinator please let us know.

Don Wolan
Lottery Chairperson

YOUTH EDUCATION

Our Youth Education program is now in full swing, giving local Brantford students an opportunity to learn about Remembrance and honour the sacrifices of Canada's Veterans through the National Youth Remembrance Contests.

Students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 can participate through poster, poetry and essay, and multimedia contests, with opportunities to advance from local judging to provincial and national competitions. National winners receive cash awards, with additional opportunities for winning students to have their work recognized nationally.

This is a very rewarding part of our Legion's activities, and we are looking for a volunteer to take over and lead this important program. If you would like to get involved and help encourage the next generation to understand and remember our Veterans, we would love to hear from you.

For more information, visit RemembranceContests.ca.

Interested in helping?

Please contact President@dunsdonbranch461.ca.
Comrade Don Wolan, President

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

BUILDING

We have had a few hiccups with the downstairs area. First off we had a flood in July which closed the downstairs lounge for approximately 3 weeks. We were able to move many of the Downstairs events to the upper hall to mitigate our losses. We have taken the old floor out and have replaced it with a new epoxy flooring. As the building is getting older, we have had various leaks which have now been rectified.

Comrade Don Wolan President

DOWNSTAIRS LOUNGE

Bar Hours (winter): Monday 1 to 5 pm (10pm if cards are on), Tuesday 5 -11pm, Wednesday 1 to 11 pm, Friday 1 to 9 pm, Saturday 6 to 11 pm.

Our Friday afternoon social is doing quite well and we hope to see you out. Our Saturday entertainment has had some really great turnouts and not so great ones, the music Trivia and Karaoke has a great crowd so overall we are doing quite well. We would like to thank Vince McGregor for keeping our patrons entertained. We would like to thank our head Bar Steward Melissa Cheesman (and her husband Sean) for doing such a great job running the bar. Our Bar Staff of Sandra, Scott (who will be off for a while), Joanne, Jordan and Linda (who we hope to welcome back soon) are doing a great job. Our cleaning staff of Mandy and Brenda have been doing a fantastic job. We would also like to thank Marty and Doug for set up and maintenance. Another area that has helped with keeping the Legion open is the hard work of our Rental Coordinator Sandra Eisenbach in renting our upper hall.

Comrade Don Wolan, President

YOUTH ART, WRITING, AND VIDEO CONTEST

Share What Remembrance Means to You

Enter for a chance to WIN!

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National
Exposure

Trip
for Two



Poster created by ISABELLA HUANG Calgary, AB

Henry
1-0-7-5-4-6-1
I am just a number and nothing more.
Why am I here? Why did I come?
I'm only a bullet in His Majesty's gun.
Make no mistake I am the pariah kind.
But I've abandoned all hope fighting the Gothic Line.
The mud, the mortars, the mayhem of Mussolini's lair,
How can any man overcome this sadness and despair?
"Frieda, you wouldn't understand all this death and misery."
The humiliated in Germany is where I want to be.
"And Frieda, why don't you write to me more?"
Letters are the only thing keeping me alive in this war.
"Sell all my tools, you will need the cash."
The Battle of Ortona Ridge will be my last.
Why am I here? Why did I come?
Fighting a war that fools have begun?
Surrounded by everyone, yet alone I go.
Regret and self-pity are the only things I know.
I am bitter and salty like the Adriatic Sea.
Where my stone will face East to a fading legacy.
Who is Henry? I am a broken man,
1-0-7-5-4-6-1 is all that I am.

Poem created by NASH HOVE Gunn, AB



Video created by GUS CASSIDY Saint John, NB

Learn more at
RemembranceContests.ca



PADRE'S REPORT:

Comrades: In this the 100th anniversary of the Legion and the 95th time Remembrance Day has been honoured in our country, we will gather for a branch service on Sunday, November 8th at 2 PM and again on Wednesday November 11th at 11 am at the Cenotaph downtown. If you would like to be part of the march to that service please gather at Harmony Square by 10:20. Noting that downtown construction may alter the route to the event. This is a very trying time in the world, and we need to stand strong with our country. We need to particularly remember those who gave their lives in various conflicts to bring us to where we are. Our poppy campaign goes on and also needs your support and volunteering. Wear your poppy whenever you go, and keep you head high. Jim Sutton, Padre



Renew your Legion membership today!

If you have already sent in your dues, we thank you. Membership dues are regular \$55, but with our Early Bird promotion they are \$50 if you sign up before December 31st, 2026. The Executive agreed to offer a draw for a **FREE 2027 MEMBERSHIP** to one lucky member who has paid their 2027 dues by December 31st, 2026. To get in the national draw for the truck, membership needs to be paid by December 19th, 2026.

Cheryl Potter, Membership Chair

LEGION WEEK SEPTEMBER 2026

Legion Week 2026 was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate what makes Dunsdon Legion Branch 461 special — our members, volunteers, community and friendships.

Members and guests enjoyed a full week of activities, including Volunteer Appreciation with Hwy 24, Ladies Euchre, Mixed Cribbage, Drop-In Snooker, Progressive Euchre, Cornhole, Horse Races and Karaoke.

Congratulations to our Legion Week Participation Draw Winners - \$100 Devlin's Bistro Giftcard - Jerry, \$50 Boston Pizza Voucher - Val Lowe, \$25 Boston Pizza Voucher - Betty Lynn Walker, \$20 Hangry Piri Piri Gift Certificates - Jan Sturgeon, Tu Nguyen, Mary Leigh and Nancy Tasker

A special thank you to Don Mellors from Northway Ford for providing the beautiful red Ford F-150 displayed on our front lawn to help promote the national Legion membership campaign. Our 2027 Membership Drive, with an Early Bird rate of \$50 and you must register by December 19th, to get into the draw.

Legion Week is about people coming through our doors, meeting others, trying something new and enjoying time together.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, helped behind the scenes, organized an event, supported our activities and helped make Legion Week happen. Together, we can continue to make Dunsdon Legion a place where people want to be.

Christine Wallace, First Vice President

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