

# Find the Poppy!

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Locate the black & white Poppy, hidden in this Blazer, for the chance to win a \$50 prize! Click the button below to enter.



Enter the Contest

Find the hidden Poppy in this month's Blazer for the chance to win up to \$50 worth of gifts from the Poppy Store!

Congratulations to last month's winner, Carol B.

Contest Details: No purchase required. Fill out the four-question survey and enter to win by clicking the button above. One entry per email address.

Deadline: February 22, 2026. Winner Contacted: February 23, 2026.



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## The BC/Yukon Blazer

February 2026

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## Youth Remembrance Contest Winners 2025-2026

Provincial Winners for the Youth Remembrance Contests have just been announced! All of us at BC/Yukon Command would like to congratulate every winner and honourable mention, and thank every young artist who dedicated their time and talents to this year's contests.

"This is so much more than a contest," wrote Bev Croft, Chair of the Provincial Youth Remembrance Contests Subcommittee. "It is about honouring our Veterans. It is about believing in our youth. It is about compassion, integrity, and our shared commitment to making a real and lasting difference."

Poems were judged by the Aldergrove Rotary Club, and essays were judged by the RCMP "E" Division Youth Strategies Unit.



Pictured above: 3rd Place Intermediate Colour Poster by Esther Yin.

All posters were judged by Langley City Councillor Michael Pratt, along with a team of parent volunteers, at the Aldergrove Legion over the weekend. "It was a distinct honour to be invited to participate in this year's poster judging for the BC National Youth Remembrance Contest, and to witness this very meaningful movement," wrote Echo and Alan Liu, parents of last year's 1st Place Senior Colour Poster Winner of the National Youth Remembrance Contests. "The posters, submitted by youth from Kindergarten through Grade 12, showcased a wide range of artistic styles and levels of complexity... Beyond artistic technique, what stood out most was the genuine effort and thoughtful reflection each young artist invested in expressing their personal understanding of Remembrance. Their artwork reflected not only respect for the past, but also an appreciation of the spirit of service, courage, and devotion demonstrated by Canadians who served our country. It was especially meaningful to see how younger generations are engaging with these values and carrying them forward."

Bev Croft expressed her heartfelt thanks to every volunteer who took part in judging the posters, poems, and essays. "[Our judges] helped bring the spirit of Remembrance to life in a way that truly honours those who have served," wrote Croft, who noted her appreciation for the judges' dedication, insight, and respect for the students' work, along with their understanding of the impact of these contests in paying tribute to Canada's Veterans.

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners at the Provincial Level, along with Honourable Mentions, are included below. Thank you to every young artist for honouring Canada's Veterans through your art, words, and creativity.



Pictured above: 2nd Place Junior Colour Poster by Nerissa Ruan.

### Colour Poster Winners

Senior

Intermediate



Pictured above: 1st Place Senior Colour Poster.



Pictured above: 1st Place Intermediate Colour Poster.

**1st: Chaelyn Han**

Branch #142 West Point Grey

**2nd: Carly Issel**

Branch #11 Trail

**3rd: Mu Tong (Emily) Wu**

Branch #83 South Burnaby

**Honourable Mentions:**

Kathryn Burnett (#259 Vavenby)

Kawai (Maggie) Pi (#291 Richmond)

Isla MacKay (#140 Sechelt)

Khanak Shirguppikar (#999 Poppy Central)

**Junior**



Pictured above: 1st Place Junior Colour Poster.

**1st: Ziyu Li**

Branch #60 West Vancouver

**2nd: Nerissa Ruan**

Branch #289 Tsawwassen

**3rd: Madyson Lee-Hassen**

Branch #133 Port Coquitlam

**Honourable Mentions:**

Ziyue Zheng (#265 Aldergrove)

Willow-Evelyn Gray-Funk (#81 Michel-Natal)

**1st: Elyn Han**

Branch #142 West Point Grey

**2nd: Lisa Feng**

Branch #8 White Rock

**3rd: Esther Yin**

Branch #65 Aldergrove

**Honourable Mentions:**

Caiyi Huang (#257 Seaview Centennial-Lantzville)

Louie Liu (#83 South Burnaby)

Olivia Shin (#118 North Vancouver)

Crystal Tiedemann (#102 Fort St. John)

Akenya Illamperuma (#40 Penticton)

**Primary**



Pictured above: 1st Place Primary Colour Poster.

**1st: Eleanor Robertson**

Branch #140 Sechelt

**2nd: Gwyneth Zinovia Noel**

Branch #88 Maple Ridge

**3rd: Grace Magnus**

Branch #81 Michel-Natal

**Honourable Mentions:**

Faith Thiessen (#139 Williams Lake)

Sortera Silvestre (#118 North Vancouver)

Flora Thorne (#227 Okanagan Falls)

**Black & White Poster Winners**

**Senior**



Pictured above: 1st Place Senior B&W Poster.

**1st: Akaljot Brar**

Branch #173 K. Knudtson - Osoyoos

**2nd: Eren Kozuszyn**

Branch #281 Port McNeill

**3rd: Jennica Chen**

Branch #291 Richmond

**Honourable Mentions:**

Juhngin Moon (#142 West Point Grey)

Angelinn Carpenter (#54 Sooke)

**Intermediate**



Pictured above: 1st Place Intermediate B&W Poster.

**1st: Colyn Feng Li**

Branch #148 North Burnaby

**2nd: Qing Han Zhung**

Branch #8 White Rock

**3rd: Gavin Baerg**

Branch #97 Oliver

**Honourable Mentions:**

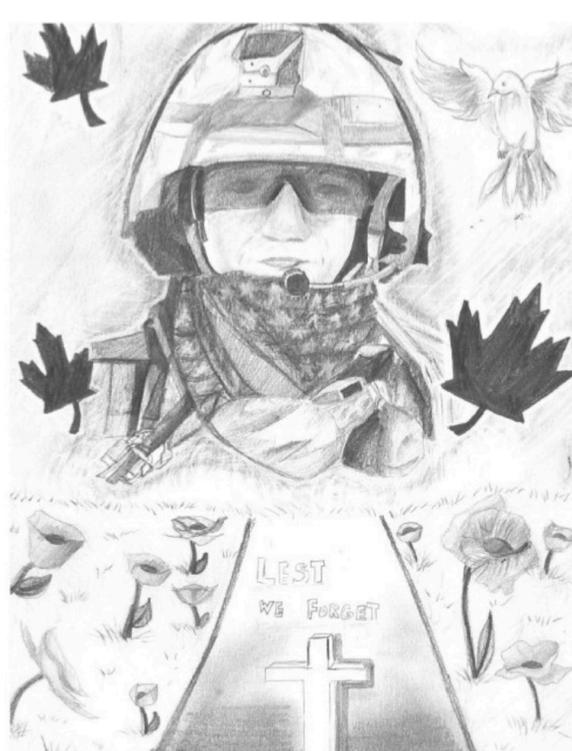
Kyleigh Smith (#266 Valemount)

Mazey Erin Townsend (#281 Port McNeill)

Jillian Cardiff (#91 Prince Edward)

Amber Posthuma (#63 Bulkley Valley - Smithers)

**Junior**



Pictured above: 1st Place Junior B&W Poster.

**1st: Zoe Young**

Branch #291 Richmond

**2nd: Aya Harvey**

Branch #53 Cowichan

**3rd: Rebecca Liu**

Branch #265 Aldergrove

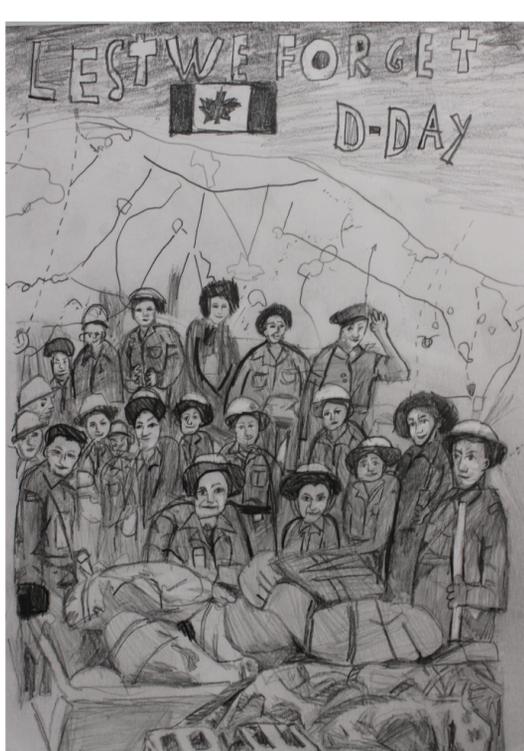
**Honourable Mentions:**

Annie Blackmore (#29 Creston)

Nevaeh Budgell (#164 Powell River)

Amé Sanderson (#148 North Burnaby)

**Primary**



Pictured above: 1st Place Primary B&W Poster.

**1st: Bowen Shao**

Branch #291 Richmond

**2nd: Partap Singh Chatha**

Branch #265 Aldergrove

**3rd: Everett Tegart**

Branch #199 Edgewater

**Honourable Mentions:**

Levi Grime (#14 Rossland)

James Kerr (#191 Chemainus)

**Poetry Winners**

**Senior**

[Read "One Moment" by Anna Goodsell](#)

**1st: Anna Goodsell** (#52 Kamloops)

**2nd: Sage Rodewalt** (#210 Lake Cowichan)

**3rd: Lia Singh** (#2 New Westminster)

**Honourable Mentions:**

Antonina Hallonquist (#118 North Vancouver)

Danica McArthur (#43 Prince George)

Madison Raap (#63 Bulkley Valley - Smithers)

Bailey Annett (#194 Clinton)

**Intermediate**

[Read "Not Forgotten" by Cali Loring](#)

**Junior**

[Read "On the 11th Hour" by Stephanie Sujic](#)

**1st: Cali Loring**

Branch #91 Prince Edward

**2nd: Mackenzie Thibeault**

Branch #260 100 Mile House

**3rd: Manjot Kaur**

Branch #265 Aldergrove

**1st: Stephanie Sujic**

Branch #91 Prince Edward

**2nd: Gabriella Fiorentino**

Branch #24 Cranbrook

**3rd: Seneh Dhanoa**

Branch #259 Vavenby & Dist. - Clearwater

**Honourable Mentions:**

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Jayden Qiu (#257 Seaview Centennial-Lantzville)  
 Eleanor Van Marck (#59 Grand Forks)  
 Kloey Snow (#24 Cranbrook)  
 Jasmine Trayer (#62 Salmon Arm)  
 Evangeline Green (#60 West Vancouver)

Omoye Agbenin (#43 Prince George)  
 Abigail Therrien (#26 Kelowna)  
 Stella Maddicks (#164 Powell River)  
 Kylie Madsen (#61 Delta)  
 Joseph Van Brugge (#295 Chilliwack-Vedder)

## Essay Winners

### Senior

Read "Two Minutes and a Lifetime"

**1st: Matthew Friesen** (#61 Delta)

*Essay: "Two Minutes and a Lifetime"*

**2nd: Seohyun Kang** (#118 North Vancouver)

**3rd: Stella Vanness** (#11 Trail)

### Honourable Mentions:

Emma Metternich (#281 Port McNeill)  
 Mariia Miroshnyk (#43 Prince George)  
 Janelle Lloyd (#36 Fernie)

### Intermediate

Read "The Weight of a Poppy"

**1st: Karen Bai**

*Essay: "The Weight of a Poppy"*

Branch #83 South Burnaby

**2nd: Luca Cunningham**

Branch #14 Rossland

**3rd: Claire Couture**

Branch #36 Fernie

### Honourable Mentions:

Nova Heemskerck (#53 Cowichan)  
 Damien MacLennan (#118 North Vancouver)  
 Wenzhao (Marcus) Shi (#142 West Point Grey)

### Junior

Read "They Are Never Coming Back"

**1st: Aleythia Benson**

*Essay: "They Are Never Coming Back"*

Branch #239 Pender Island

**2nd: Emma Petkau**

Branch #295 Chilliwack-Vedder

**3rd: Ava Bottaro (Fitzgerald)**

Branch #257 Seaview Centennial

### Honourable Mentions:

Luke Greenhalf (#20 Nakusp)  
 Isabelle Mulcaster (#118 North Vancouver)  
 Zoey Richardson (#173 K. Knudston - Osoyoos)



## February

### Black History Month

**February 14** - Valentine's Day

**February 15** - National Flag of Canada Day (1965)

**February 16** - Family Day (BC) - *Stat*

**February 28** - Gulf War Ends (1991)

*Lapsed Member Reminders*

## March

**March 3** - World Hearing Day

**March 8** - International Women's Day

**March 9** - Commonwealth Day (RCEL Support) (2nd Monday)

**March 12** - Canada's Military Mission in Afghanistan Ends (2014)

**March 30** - Battle of Moreuil Wood (1918)

*Lapsed Member Reminders*

## Upcoming Branch Training Sessions

### Service Officer Training & Branch Executive Training (In-Person)

**Date:** Saturday, February 7, 2026

**Location:** Legion Branch #10 Nanaimo (129 Harewood Rd, Nanaimo, BC)

**Time:** Service Officer Training 1:00pm - 2:30pm; Branch Executive Training 2:30pm - 4:00pm

**Topics:** Service Officer Training: Role of Branch Service Officers, disability claims, and benevolent funds.

Branch Executive Training: Fiduciary duties, financial accountability, leadership roles, ethical conduct, and risk management and liability.

### Branch Operations Drop-in Session (Online via Zoom)

**Date & Time:** Monday, February 23, 2026 (10:00am - 10:30am PST)

A virtual drop-in session to ask questions and discuss any Branch operational matters.

### Membership Training (Online via Zoom)

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 (6:00pm - 7:00pm PST)

Geared towards Branch and Zone Membership Chairs, this training session will include discussion of membership issues, best practices, and upcoming promotions.

### Centenary Information Session (Online via Zoom)

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026 (10:00am - 11:00am PST)

Overview of national and provincial Centenary initiatives.

### Social Media for Legion Branches (Online via Zoom)

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 (12:00pm - 1:00pm PST)

Learn where to find pre-made graphics for Branch membership campaigns and get an introduction to Canva, a free tool for creating custom social media content for your Branch.

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**Date & Time:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (6:00pm - 7:00pm PST)

Overview of national and provincial Centenary initiatives.

### Liquor Due Diligence Requirements (Online via Zoom)

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, March 31, 2026 (10:00am - 11:00am PST)

Overview of liquor regulations, practical tips for preparing for liquor inspections, and guidance on barring individuals.

### How to Register

All workshops are free and open to all Legion members. To register, please email [info@legionbcyukon.ca](mailto:info@legionbcyukon.ca) to confirm your spot.



If you have any questions, or would like to suggest an idea for a future training topic, please contact the BC/Yukon Command office directly at (604) 575-8840 or via email [info@legionbcyukon.ca](mailto:info@legionbcyukon.ca).

## February Branch Anniversaries



#2 New Westminster & #66 Lillooet - *Celebrating 100 Years!*

#13 Terrace & #295 Chilliwack-Vedder - *Celebrating 99 Years!*

#84 Gulf Islands - *Celebrating 98 Years!*

#133 Port Coquitlam - *Celebrating 92 Years!*

#148 North Burnaby - *Celebrating 90 Years!*

#164 Powell River - *Celebrating 86 Years!*

#170 Castlegar - *Celebrating 83 Years!*

#189 Oyama, #191 Chemainus, & #192 South Similkameen-Keremeos  
 - *Celebrating 80 Years!*

#237 Port Hardy - *Celebrating 76 Years!*

#242 N. Thompson Valley - *Celebrating 73 Years!*

#250 Kitimat - *Celebrating 71 Years!*



# Legion Membership

## Resources for Branch Membership Chairs



### Social Media Graphics for Membership Chairs

The Membership, Marketing & PR Committee has created new social media graphics for Branches to post on social media. These new images, themed around Valentine's Day, encourage new members to join during our Centenary year and remind current members to renew. Download these images by visiting the Marketing & PR webpage on Branch Corner, or by clicking the button below.

[Valentine's Day Graphics for your Branch](#)

### Centenary Membership Processing: Video and Welcome Template

Dominion Command has created an instructional video for processing Centenary Memberships on the Portal, which addresses frequently-asked questions by Branches. (Watch the video [here](#).) They have also created a Welcome Email Template for Branches to personalize and send to new Centenary Members in 2026. This template can be downloaded from the [Centenary Resource Page](#) on the Portal.

### Upcoming Training

Join the Membership, Marketing & PR Committee for upcoming one-hour training sessions!

- Membership Training for Branch & Zone Chairs: February 24th at 6:00pm PST (Zoom)
- Social Media for Branches: March 4th at 12:00pm PST (Zoom)

All workshops are free and open to all Legion members. For more details or to register, please email [info@legionbcyukon.ca](mailto:info@legionbcyukon.ca).

### BC/Yukon Command Membership Report: February 5, 2026

- New Memberships in 2026: 99.97% (9,551 New Members) - *That's amazing! Welcome everyone!*
- Paid Memberships in 2026: 85.38% (43,595 Paid Members)
- Renewals in 2026: 66.67% (34,044 Members Renewed)



# Veteran Community



Legion Foundation  
BC/Yukon Command

### Volunteer Your Expertise: Seeking Foundation Committee Members

The Legion Foundation BC/Yukon Command invites individuals with professional experience to volunteer on the Foundation's Audit & Finance Committee or Governance Committee.



These committees play a key role in ensuring the Foundation remains strong, accountable, and well-positioned to support Veterans and their families across BC and the Yukon. Meetings are held virtually, participation is flexible, and volunteers may join from anywhere in the province. Experience in finance, accounting, governance, policy, or board leadership is especially welcome.

To learn more, or to put your name forward, please email Amber Stewart, Executive Director, at [Amber.Stewart@legionbcyukon.ca](mailto:Amber.Stewart@legionbcyukon.ca). We would be grateful to hear from you. (**Last Chance!** The deadline to submit interest is **TODAY: Friday, February 6th.**)



## WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING

Gain valuable insights on **estate and incapacity planning** so the right decisions are made when it matters most.



Ken Volkenant  
Lawyer, Partner

**Thursday, February 26  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Cloverdale Legion Branch**  
17567 57 Ave, Surrey, BC

*Tea, Coffee, and Snacks Provided*

### Save the Date: Legion Foundation Seminar

Join the Legion Foundation on **Thursday, February 26 at 10:30 am** for a **FREE in-person seminar** focused on the essentials of wills, estate planning, and incapacity planning.

Presented by Ken Volkenant, Lawyer and Partner at [Volkenant Law Group](#), this session will provide practical insight into estate planning basics, including the importance of having a will, choosing an executor, and understanding key incapacity documents such as Powers of Attorney and Representation Agreements. This session is designed for individuals and families looking to better understand how the right planning can help ensure decisions are made with clarity and care when it matters most.

The seminar will be held at Cloverdale Legion Branch. To register, please click [HERE](#) or call 604-579-0064.

### Mental Health First Aid for Veterans and Those Working with Veterans

Build the confidence and skills to support Veterans with compassion and understanding. This course helps participants recognize the signs of a declining mental well-being or mental health crisis and provides practical tools and guidance to offer meaningful, respectful support in challenging moments. This course is open to Royal Canadian Legion employees and volunteers who work directly with Veterans. Please register early, as space is limited.

**Date:** Monday March 16, 2026 (9:00am - 5:00pm PST)

**Location:** Virtual (Online via Zoom or Teams)

**Register:** [Mental Health First Aid: Veteran Community](#)

**Questions:** [Lauren.Brown@legionbcyukon.ca](mailto:Lauren.Brown@legionbcyukon.ca)

### Supporting Veterans who are Homeless

As the weather turns cold, more Veterans in need are reaching out to Legion Branches and Branch Service Officers for help. The Legion Foundation has three main ways to support Veterans who are homeless or are at-risk of homelessness:

1. Operation: Leave the Streets Behind
  - Provides Comfort Backpacks and Apartment Kits to Veterans in need
  - Contact: [Amber Stewart](#) or visit the [Legion Foundation website](#)
2. Veterans House Victoria
  - Provides supportive, transitional housing for Veterans in need
  - Contact: [Terri Orser](#) or visit the [Legion Foundation website](#)
3. Veteran Homelessness Program
  - Provides rent supplements, rent deposits/arrears, housing searches and other supports to Veterans experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness
  - Contact: [VHP Email](#) or visit the [Legion Foundation website](#)

## Valentines for Vets

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Share the love  
this Valentine's Day!

#### How Legion Branches Can Participate

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) has partnered with the Legion to help children share their appreciation for Veterans this Valentine's Day. Legion Branches should have received a package from VAC, containing Valentine's Day cards from students to Veterans. Branches are invited to review and deliver these heartfelt cards to Veterans and currently serving military members. For detailed instructions regarding the campaign, please click the button below to read a letter from VAC.

[Read the Letter from VAC](#)

#### How You Can Participate

This Valentine's Day, consider thanking a Canadian Veteran by sending them a card. There are many ways to take part in Valentines for Vets, from hand-delivering cards to sharing them on social media. Click the button below for more information on this year's initiative.

[Visit the VAC Website](#)

## British Columbia Tattoo Announces 2026 Debut



Pictured above: Images from The Okanagan Military Tattoo Website.

#### Performance Debut

After 17 months of searching for a new home, The British Columbia Tattoo, formerly known as the Okanagan Military Tattoo Society, is pleased to announce their upcoming performance at the opening weekend of this year's PNE (August 22-23, 2026). "This move represents a significant opportunity to bring a high-profile military tattoo to a much larger and more diverse audience, while continuing to honour the traditions, service, and sacrifices of the Canadian Armed Forces and our Veterans," writes Norman D. Crerar, MSM, Founder of the OMT Society.

#### Request for Financial Support

The Board of Directors of the OMT Society is reaching out to request the continued financial support of Legion Branches. "Historically, Legion Branches across BC and Yukon have played a vital role in financially supporting past Tattoo events. That support has made it possible for us to place CAF Veterans front and center in our programming," writes Crerar.

"As we take this important next step, we are once again asking Branches to consider providing financial assistance to help us help you," continues Crerar. "With the financial support of Legion Branches, we make a firm commitment that each production of The British Columbia Tattoo will include at least one dedicated segment honouring Veterans, their service, and their continuing contribution to our communities. This segment will be presented with dignity, respect, and prominence, ensuring that the Legion's values and mission are clearly reflected on the floor and in the hearts of the audience."

The OMT Society is pleased to provide additional information, meet with Branch representatives, or discuss ways in which Legion Branches can be recognized for its support. Visit <https://okanagantattoo.ca/contact/>.



## Reporting Branch Elections

For Branches that have completed their elections for 2026, please take a moment to submit your updated Branch executive contact information to BC/Yukon Command. This ensures all Branch executives receive new memos, valuable resources, and important updates. It also helps us keep our records current.

Executive contact information can be submitted in Branch Corner through the BC/Yukon Command website. Please refer to Memo 07.26 for a step-by-step walkthrough. For questions or assistance, please contact the BC/Yukon Command office at [info@legionbcyukon.ca](mailto:info@legionbcyukon.ca) or by calling 604-575-8840.

## Stories from Branches in BC and the Yukon:

### Branch #7 Britannia Remembers Veteran and Longtime Member



Pictured above: Gordon Quan  
(Photo: Canadian War Museum Website)

The Britannia Legion remembers Gordon Quan, a Veteran and longtime member, and the oldest member of the Branch at 99 years old. He passed away on October 5, 2025, just a few months before his 100th birthday. His Celebration of Life took place on January 17, 2026, where at least 300 people were in attendance. "[Branch President] Keith Yow was asked to be MC and did an excellent job of honouring our good friend," wrote Irene Harrison, Branch Secretary.

Gordon joined the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War at the age of 18, serving as one of 134 recruits of the Canadian Army and Special Operations Executive (Force 136). Later, Gordon served as Sergeant-At-Arms at the Britannia Legion, and was also a member of the Victoria Chinese Canadian Veterans Association. We will remember him.

## Branch #61 Delta-Ladner Holds Commemoration Ceremony Honouring Past President

On January 8th, the Delta-Ladner Legion held a Commemoration Ceremony in remembrance of Al Ridgway, a long-serving member of the Branch. The ceremony of recognition and remembrance took place outside the Branch, and many members of the community were there to honour his memory, including Delta City Councillor Dylan Kruger. An installation of a plaque for Al Ridgway also took place during the commemoration.

Al was an executive member of the Delta-Ladner Branch for many years, including seven years as President. He was awarded Life Membership in recognition of his longtime service to the Branch and his local community. He was involved in many initiatives, including years of coaching youth sports. We will remember him.



Pictured above: The family of Al Ridgway.



Pictured above: Delta City Councillor speaking at Commemoration Ceremony.

## In honour of Allan (Al) Ridgway

July 22 1953 - January 8th 2025  
Past President RCL Branch 61  
Lifetime community volunteer  
We will remember him

## Branch #88 Maple Ridge Makes Generous Contribution to Hospital Foundation



On Remembrance Day, the Maple Ridge Legion made a generous donation to the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation to purchase a bladder scanner and two power lifters. This equipment will be available to Veterans and their families, if the need arises. The cheque was presented to Samantha and Heidi of the Hospital Foundation by 1st Vice President Darryl Hildibrandt.

In November, the Branch also made the front page of the Maple Ridge News. Articles on both the Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day Ceremony were featured on pages 10-11, and Don Purdy's story was shared on page 13. Read the full issue [here](#).

The Branch's Bingo Night was also featured on CTV National News! Watch the two-minute video [here](#).

## Branch #91 Prince Edward - Langford Receives Donation

Norm Scott, President of the Prince Edward - Langford Legion, recently met with Elements Casino in Victoria to thank them for their generous donation of \$2,000 to the Branch.



## Branch #96 Merritt Welcomes New Executives

The Merritt Legion has just announced their Branch Executive Committee for 2026. Congratulations to all new and returning executive members! The BC/Yukon Command executive and staff look forward to working with you over the coming term.



Pictured above, from left to right: Larry Hintz (Sergeant-At-Arms), Ken Landgraff (Executive Officer), Annette Alexander (Executive Officer), Karin Fisher (Vice President), Alphonse L'Abbe (President, Service Officer), Claudette L'Abbe (Secretary, Poppy Chair), Renee Rempel (Executive Officer), and Lila Bodnar (Treasurer).

## Branch #254 Whitehorse Shares Success of Local Fundraiser

The Whitehorse Legion proudly sponsors the Yukon Regiment 2685 Army Cadets, a group who recently helped distribute cookie boxes for a fundraiser. The 2685's Parent's Sponsoring Committee, in partnership with local company Klondike Cakes, organized and ran the fundraiser, selling nearly 300 boxes. Proceeds from the fundraiser were given to Humane Society Yukon. The cadets helped by distributing the boxes. Thank you, cadets!



Pictured above: The Yukon Regiment 2685 Army Cadets (Humane Society Yukon Facebook Page).

## Branch #257 Seaview Centennial - Lantzville Presents Legionnaire of the Year Award



In January, the Seaview Centennial - Lantzville Legion presented their treasurer, Kathy Stanton, with the Legionnaire of the Year Award.

The award was officially presented to Kathy by Branch President Vicki Jones, and Kathy was formally recognized for her outstanding contributions to the Branch, as well as her tenure of over 20 years as Branch Treasurer.

Congratulations Kathy, and thank you for your time and dedication to the Legion!

## Branch #288 Westbank Celebrates Victory

On January 11th, players from the Westbank Legion gathered at the Peachland Legion to compete for the opportunity to represent Zone 5 at the Provincial Playdowns. After several hours and thrown darts, the Westbank players celebrated several wins. Gavin Drain took the Legion Singles Champion title, while Necole Belanger was crowned Ladies Singles Champion. The Westbank Ladies team also took home the Ladies Team Championship trophy. The Ladies Doubles team, mother-daughter duo Janet Hawryliw and Robin Busch, tied for first place with the Okanagan Falls team before the two teams faced off in a best-of-three game shootout, where Okanagan Falls took the win.



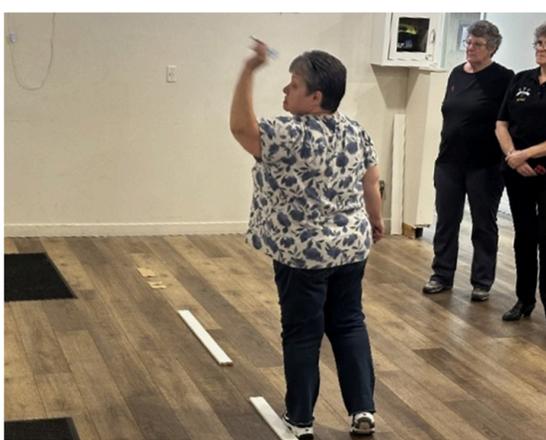
Pictured above: Bob Patterson presents Singles Champion trophy to Gavin Drain.



Pictured above: Necole Belanger, Ladies Singles Champion, proudly displays her trophy.



Pictured above, from left to right: Ladies Team Champions Deb Brown, Shannon Jenner, Tina Amaral, and Necole Belanger.



Pictured above: Tina Amaral places a perfect shot into the Double 10, winning the match for the Westbank Ladies Team.

## Branch #293 Alberni Valley Awards 50 Year Medal

The Alberni Valley Legion recently awarded longtime member Harold Malcom Kraus with his 50 Year Medal. The medal was officially presented by Branch President Roy Buchanan and Sergeant-At-Arms Willem Groeneveld.



### Want to see your Legion Branch in our next newsletter?

Ask a Branch Executive to email [lindsay.petrie@legionbcyukon.ca](mailto:lindsay.petrie@legionbcyukon.ca) with photos and stories you'd like to share in the next edition of the BC/Yukon Blazer!

### Memo Summary

#### December

- 71.25 - Poppy Assessment and Statement Deadline Reminder - January 31, 2026
- 72.25 - Centenary Updates - Membership, Media Kit & Giveaway
- 73.25 - Reminders: Portal Closure and Per Capita Tax Increase
- 74.25 - Legion Magazine Update: 2026 Submission Procedures
- 75.25 - Command Office Holiday Closure

#### January

- 01.26 - 100th Anniversary Book - Call for Submissions (Deadline: March 13, 2026)
- 02.26 - Veteran Services Committee & Community Contact List
- 03.26 - Poppy Assessment and Poppy Fund Statement Submission Reminder
- 04.26 - Leave the Streets Behind Initiative - Q3 & Q4 Survey
- 05.26 - Article III Branch Level Quarterly Reporting Q4 - 2025
- 06.26 - Valentines for Vets
- 07.26 - Branch Elections Reporting
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