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BCLC to Release New Centenary Pull Tab: "At Your Service"

Article by *Shane Norum*,
Senior Territory Manager, BCLC

BCLC is proud to partner with The Royal Canadian Legion as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary. BC/Yukon Command has been a valued partner for many years, and we deeply appreciate the shared commitment to service, community, and support for veterans that continues to bring our organizations together.

At BCLC, everything we do is guided by a higher purpose: serving the best interests of our players and communities. We exist to generate win-wins for the greater good and recognize the lasting value of community service, human connection, and supporting the people and organizations that make a difference across British Columbia.



Through close consultation with key stakeholders, including BC/Yukon Command, BCLC is helping build awareness, generate funding, and strengthen support for the Legion network during their 100th Anniversary celebrations.

As part of our collaboration with BC/Yukon Command, BCLC's instant product team is excited to introduce the newest addition to our pull tab portfolio: "At Your Service." This Legion-themed and branded pull tab is launching **June 15, 2026**. This \$0.50 ticket comes with its own unique merchandising materials and has been created to encourage engagement, celebrate the Legion's legacy, and inspire support from communities throughout British Columbia.

This effort will extend beyond the Legion network, with the ticket also being available throughout our hospitality network. By reaching communities across the province, "At Your Service" is intended to build greater awareness, encourage broader support, and help generate funding in recognition of the Legion's important role in British Columbia.



Together, BCLC and the BC/Yukon Command are proud to be "Pulling" together to support our Veterans.

For more information on the contest, along with the At Your Service pull tab ticket, please call your BCLC Territory Manager or the Lottery Hotline: 1-800-667-1649.



Important Dates

Dominion Command Convention Reminders:

June 26, 2026 - Nominations for Office Due

June

PTSD Awareness Month

Pride Month

June 4 - Miracle at Dunkirk (1940)

June 6 - Normandy Invasion (D-Day) (1944)

June 7 - Canadian Armed Forces Day - 1st Sunday of the Month

June 21 - Father's Day

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 27 - Canadian Multiculturalism Day

July

GWVA Adopts Poppy as Symbol of Remembrance (July 1921)

July 1 - Canada Day - Stat (Legion supports Operation Canada Day)

July 1 - Beaumont Hamel (1916)

July 1 - Repatriation of Unknown Newfoundland Soldier (2024)

July 7 - Canada Ceases Combat Operations in Afghanistan (2011)

July 17 - 100th Anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion (1926)

July 26 - Legion Leads Pilgrimage to Vimy Unveiling (1936)

July 27 - Korean War Armistice (1953)

Training Opportunities for Branch Executives

Open to all Legion members. Please email info@legionbcyukon.ca to register.

Preparing for the Poppy Campaign

Session #1 - Date & Time: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 6:00pm PST (1 Hour)

Session #2 - Date & Time: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 10:00am PST (1 Hour)

Location: Online

Overview of planning and delivering a Poppy Campaign, including managing supplies, implementing tap-to-pay options, coordinating volunteers and community engagement, and best practices for coordinating a Remembrance Day Ceremony.

New Branch Executive Training

Date & Time: Monday, June 15, 2026 at 10:00am PST (1 Hour)

Location: Online

Overview of Legion governance, by-laws, policies, and financial management, with an introduction to developing procedures and house rules, followed by Q&A.

Service Officer Drop-In Session

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 1:30pm PST (1 Hour)

Location: Online

A virtual drop-in session to ask questions and discuss any service officer-related matters.

Branch Operations Drop-In Session

Date & Time: Monday, June 22, 2026 at 10:00am PST (1 Hour)

Location: Online

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

June Branch Anniversaries



- #17 Courtenay - Celebrating 99 Years!
- #88 Maple Ridge - Celebrating 99 Years!
- #167 Lumby - Celebrating 85 Years!
- #178 Shalom - Celebrating 81 Years!
- #180 Port Alice - Celebrating 81 Years!
- #203 Edgewood - Celebrating 80 Years!
- #219 Roberts Creek - Celebrating 79 Years!
- #260 - 100 Mile House - Celebrating 67 Years!
- #281 Port McNeill - Celebrating 49 Years!



A Monumental Milestone in Legion Membership



Celebrating 300,000+ Legion Members in Canada!

Last month, the total number of Legion members across Canada surpassed a milestone number of **300,000!** The Legion has also welcomed over 82,000 new members across the country this year alone.

This milestone reflects the outstanding efforts of Legion Branches welcoming and engaging their members. From all of us at BC/Yukon Command, thank you to all Membership Chairs and Legion Branches for your hard work and dedication. And thank you to every member, new and returning, for supporting the Legion and its mission.

BC/Yukon Command Membership Report: May 26, 2026

- New Memberships in 2026: 291.31% (28,001 New Members) - *Welcome, everyone!*
- Paid Memberships in 2026: 131.34% (67,565 Paid Members)
- Renewals in 2026: 77.20% (39,564 Members Renewed)



Legion Foundation
BC/Yukon Command

Ring That Bell

On April 11, something special happened at the Aldergrove Legion.

That evening, over 80 guests attended the FUNdraising dinner in support of the Legion Foundation. When Amber Stewart, Executive Director, spoke about the Veterans Homeless Program, she shared an idea with the room – her team had hoped to find a ship's bell for the office, something they could ring each time a Veteran is helped into safe housing.

Then, Doug Hadley of the Aldergrove Legion stepped out of the room. When he returned, he brought a beautiful nautical bell for the Foundation team. A navy Veteran in the crowd shared that sailors who served for two or more



Pictured above, from left to right: Amber Stewart, Executive Director; and Doug Hadley of the Aldergrove Legion.

years on a ship were often given a bell like this, making the donation even more special – connecting the moment to a proud naval tradition.

The Legion Foundation BC/Yukon Command is proud to bring this piece of history into their office. This bell will be more than just an object — it will be a symbol of hope, service, and community. Each time a Veteran is found a home, the bell will ring in celebration. Let's ring that bell many times this year!

Community Outreach Support for Your Centenary Celebration!

As Branches across BC and Yukon celebrate 100 years of service, the Legion Foundation BC/Yukon Command is proud to support these milestone events through our **commemorative community outreach display**. The new display helps enhance Centenary celebrations by increasing community participation, promoting Remembrance, and raising awareness of programs that support Veterans, seniors, and local communities. It provides an opportunity for members of the public to connect with the legacy of The Royal Canadian Legion while learning about the ongoing impact of Legion-supported programs throughout the province.

Whether your event is a Branch celebration, district gathering, parade, community festival, open house, or commemorative ceremony, the Foundation would be pleased to work with local organizers to provide a professional and engaging presence that complements your existing activities.

To learn more or discuss availability, please contact Erin McDonald, Manager of Philanthropy & Legacy Giving, at: erin.mcdonald@legionbcyukon.ca.



LEGION CHARITY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
 ★ BENEFITING THE LEGION FOUNDATION BC/YUKON COMMAND ★
 SUPPORTING VETERANS AND VETERAN SERVING PROGRAMS

LEGION CHARITY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW!

AUGUST 1 TO 3 PHILIP JACKMAN PARK
 32 AVENUE & 271 STREET

TEAM DEPOSIT \$200
 SECURE YOUR SPOT!

FULL REGISTRATION \$450
 REGISTRATION CLOSING JULY 15TH

✉ TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM, EMAIL: khhobbis@gmail.com

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FOOD TRUCK
 Enjoy great food at the park!

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 Cold drinks, good vibes!

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 Your support helps us make a difference for Veterans and Veteran Serving Programs.

For donation inquiries, please contact: cey@youthleague@hotmail.com

Legion Charity Baseball Tournament:

Registration Now Open!

Join the Foundation for a great weekend of slo-pitch at the upcoming Legion Charity Baseball Tournament in Aldergrove, BC over the August long weekend! The Foundation is excited to help spread the word about this fantastic community event and encourage everyone to come out and show their support.

Dates: August 1-3, 2026

Location: Philip Jackman Park (32 Avenue & 271 Street in Aldergrove, BC)

Team Registration Fee: \$450 per team

Deposit: \$200 per team

Registration Deadline: July 15, 2026

Note: Before sending your deposit, please confirm your team registration with our tournament coordinators, Karen Hobbis and Cori Augustine.

This tournament is being organized in support of the Legion Foundation BC/Yukon Command, and all proceeds will support Veterans and Veteran-serving programs across British Columbia and Yukon.

In addition to great ball games, there will be a food truck, a beer garden, a 50/50 raffle, and a family-friendly atmosphere. We hope to see you there! Register your team today by emailing Karen Hobbis, Tournament Coordinator, at: khhobbis@gmail.com

The 2026 Memorial Cup



Pictured above: Legion members pose with Sofia (Lady of the Lake) and Amelia (Princess) of the Miss Kelowna Lady of the Lake Society at the Welcoming Parade in Kelowna, BC.

The 2026 Memorial Cup, known as the national championship for all three leagues of the Canadian Hockey League (CHL), took place from May 21-31 in **Kelowna, BC**. Since its rededication in 2010, the Memorial Cup serves to remember and honour all soldiers who died fighting for Canada.

On Thursday, fans were invited to witness the Arrival of the Cup at Hot Sands Beach, where the trophy was ceremoniously given to members of the Canadian Armed Forces. A community parade and welcome ceremony followed, where the hockey teams were introduced – including the host team, the **Kelowna Rockets**.

At the opening game, Valerie MacGregor, Dominion Vice President and BC/Yukon Command Past President, proudly represented The Royal Canadian Legion during the ceremonial puck drop and Player of the Game presentations. The Kelowna Rockets, who faced off against the Kitchener Rangers, stepped onto the ice wearing special **commemorative jerseys** to recognize the Legion's Centenary. This year's design was inspired by The Royal Canadian Mint's fine silver proof dollar of 2026, which also honours the Legion's 100th Anniversary.

Later, these game-worn jerseys became available for auction, with proceeds going to support the Legion's National Poppy Fund. Since 2008, this Memorial Cup bidding tradition has raised **over \$320,000** in support of Veterans and their families.

"Participating in these events was a meaningful reminder of the strong connection between Remembrance, service, and community," wrote Valerie MacGregor. "As The Royal Canadian Legion marks its 100th Anniversary, the 2026 Memorial Cup offered a fitting opportunity to honour the sacrifices of Canada's Veterans while engaging a new generation through one of our country's most celebrated traditions. I extend my sincere thanks to Kelowna Branch #26, the event organizers, and the many volunteers whose dedication helped make these commemorative moments both memorable and impactful."



Pictured above: Valerie MacGregor, Dominion Command Vice President and BC/Yukon Command Past President, during the Jersey Reveal (left) and the ceremonial puck drop (right).



Congratulations to all of our winners from BC/Yukon Command, thank you to everyone who took part!

Provincial Cribbage

Hosted by the Maple Ridge Legion on March 20-22, 2026



Pictured above: 1st Place Singles Winner of #24 Cranbrook.



Pictured above: 1st Place Doubles Winners of #91 Prince Edward.



Pictured above: 1st Place Teams Winners of #171 Ladysmith.

Singles

1st Place:

Bill Nelligan
 Branch #24 Cranbrook

2nd Place:

Milt Davis
 Branch #11 Trail

3rd Place:

Sharon Martin
 Branch #133 Port Coquitlam

Doubles

1st Place:

Barry Dillon and Richard Falle
 Branch #91 Prince Edward

2nd Place:

Doug Clayton and Gary Williams
 Branch #112 Pender Harbour

3rd Place:

Thomas McCready and Connie McCready
 Branch #133 Port Coquitlam

Teams

1st Place:

Heather Taylor, Miriam Reid, Eric Nernberg, and Rob Johnson
 Branch #171 Ladysmith

2nd Place:

Sue McDonald, Wendy Webb, Doug Clayton, and Gary Williams
 Branch #112 Pender Harbour

3rd Place:

Jamie Neal, Ron White, Dawn Willis, and Kenneth Douglas

Provincial Mixed Darts

Hosted by the Nanaimo Legion on March 27-29, 2026



Singles

1st Place:

Rory Hansen
Branch #91 Prince Edward

2nd Place:

Dalton Desmarais
Branch #52 Kamloops

3rd Place:

Roy White
Branch #154 Quadra Island

Doubles

1st Place:

Rory Hansen and Chris Lammie
Branch #91 Prince Edward

2nd Place:

Jamie O'Neil and Tom Clemens
Branch #24 Cranbrook

3rd Place:

Roy White and Ken Binnersley
Branch #154 Quadra Island

Teams

1st Place:

Connor Book, Kalan Higgins, Dalton Desmarais, and Brad Campbell
Branch #52 Kamloops

2nd Place:

Clem Stewart, Chris Johnston, Larry Bartlett, and Ryan Newirth
Branch #293 Alberni Valley

3rd Place:

Doug Patterson, Dwayne Bamber, Troy MacDonald, and Gary Walsh
Branch #88 Maple Ridge

Provincial Eight Ball

Hosted by the Aldergrove Legion on April 24-26, 2026



Pictured above: 1st Place Singles
Winner of #7 Britannia.



Pictured above: 1st Place Doubles Winners
of #49 Mount Arrowsmith.



Pictured above: 1st Place Doubles Winners of #7
Britannia.

Singles

1st Place:

Mark Hernas
Branch #7 Britannia

2nd Place:

Curtis Beech
Branch #7 Britannia

3rd Place:

Lorne MacDonald
Branch #229 Whalley

Doubles

1st Place:

Russell Kelly and Rob Jahasz
Branch #49 Mount Arrowsmith

2nd Place:

Mark Hernas and Curtis Beech
Branch #7 Britannia

3rd Place:

Lorne MacDonald and Gerry Dionne
Branch #229 Whalley

Teams

1st Place:

Mark Hernas, Curtis Beech, Craig Walters, and Andrea Wilson
Branch #7 Britannia

2nd Place:

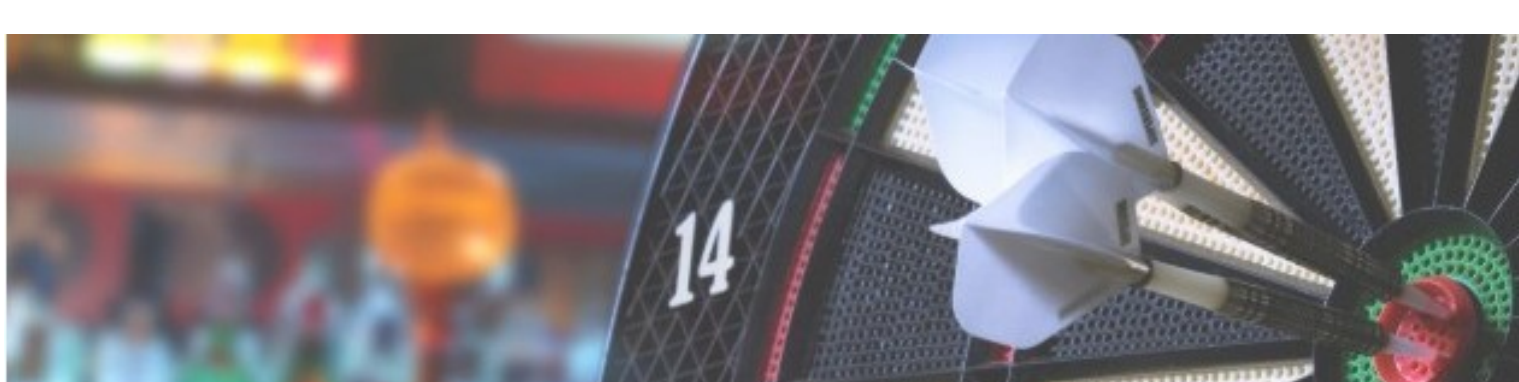
Robert Junasz, Dave Williams, Russell Kelly, and Brad Uyterhagen
Branch #49 Mount Arrowsmith

3rd Place:

Dave Ellis, Gerry Dionne, Felicity Wimperis, and Lorne MacDonald
Branch #229 Whalley

Provincial Ladies Darts

Hosted by the Chilliwack-Vedder Legion on May 1-3, 2026



Singles

1st Place:

Doreen Banville
Branch #172 Esquimalt

2nd Place:

Katie Smith
Branch #10 Nanaimo

3rd Place:

Deanne Edmondson
Branch #32 Agassiz

Doubles

1st Place:

Cindy Laninga & Liz Hall
Branch #88 Maple Ridge

2nd Place:

Siobhan MacPhail & Dominique Gaudet
Branch #10 Nanaimo

3rd Place:

Dee Stone & Debbie Adams
Branch #227 Okanagan Falls

Teams

1st Place:

Siobhan MacPhail, Miranda Kelliher, Katie Smith, and Helga Lange
Branch #10 Nanaimo

2nd Place:

Scarlet Wilson, Kay Gentry, Shelly Matus, and Jhossie Medina
Branch #295 Chilliwack-Vedder

3rd Place:

Christina Smith, Loes Watson, Gail Zalazar, and Betty Mackie
Branch #91 Prince Edward

Provincial Euchre

The Provincial Euchre Championships will place on June 19-20, 2026 and will be hosted by the Qualicum Beach Legion.

National Championships



National Cribbage:

Bill Nelligan (Branch #24) - *1st Place Singles Winner!*

Barry Dillon and Richard Falle (Branch #91 Prince Edward) - *1st Place Doubles Winners!*

Heather Taylor, Miriam Reid, Eric Nernberg, and Rob Johnson (Branch #171 Ladysmith)
- *1st Place Teams Winners!*

National Mixed Darts:

Rory Hansen (Branch #91 Prince Edward) - *1st Place Singles Winner!*

Rory Hansen and Chris Lammie (Branch #91 Prince Edward) - *2nd Place Doubles Winners!*

National Eight Ball:

Mark Hernas (Branch #7 Britannia) - *1st Place Singles Winner!*

Mark Hernas and Curtis Beech (Branch #7 Britannia) - *1st Place Doubles Winners!*

Mark Hernas, Curtis Beech, Craig Walters, and Andrea Wilson (Branch #7 Britannia)

- *1st Place Teams Winners!*



Call to Host:

2028 National Championships

The Dominion Command Sports Committee is seeking Branch applications to host the 2028 National Cribbage, Darts, and Eight Ball Championships.

The "Call for Applications" memo and application form can be accessed by clicking the buttons below.

[Memo - Call for Applications](#)

[2028 Member Sports Hosting Application](#)

Branches interested in hosting must submit applications to BC/Yukon Command by the deadline of **July 31, 2026**. Dates for the 2028 Dominion Command Member Sports Championships are as follows:

- Cribbage: April 28 - May 1, 2028
- Mixed Darts: May 5 - May 8, 2028
- Eight Ball: May 26 - May 29, 2028



Fundraising Activities by Ladies' Auxiliaries

Ladies' Auxiliary #217 Salmo: Baking the World a Better Place



The Salmo Ladies' Auxiliary (LA) has been working hard on fundraising and supporting their community, **baking over 900 items** in 2026. So far, these have included beef, chicken, and turkey pot pies; shepherd's pies; turkey and pea soups; quiches; and apple and pear crisps. To date, the Salmo LA has raised a profit of \$2,795 from their baked goods and \$730 from catering at community events and memorials. These funds are used to support the Salmo Legion's maintenance costs, upgrading the cenotaph, and bursaries for Salmo High School students. "We are fortunate to have our many volunteers," wrote Corrinne Powers, Salmo LA President, "And we rely on them to help prep and bake, along with our nineteen regular and four life LA members."



Ladies' Auxiliary #295 Chilliwack-Vedder: Fundraising Throughout the Year



The Chilliwack-Vedder Ladies' Auxiliary (LA) organizes several successful events throughout the year.

For the past two years, they have begun hosting **Christmas in July**. The LA begins planning around Easter, purchasing turkeys on sale and keeping them fresh in a deep freezer. The LA Secretary composes a letter for local merchants before the event, requesting gift cards and other items for baskets. Dinner tickets sell for \$28 each, and tickets always sell out.

At the dinner, 70 guests enjoy a full meal – cooked by the Branch at no charge – and dessert. The Branch President assists the LA with a Silent Auction, where tickets sell at three for \$5. Dinner guests also receive one Silent Auction ticket as a gift, and are pleased to find it taped under their chair as a surprise. During the Silent Auction, guests can bid on baskets of gift cards and store items, along with one turkey basket with all the trimmings. One year, an LA member dressed up as Mrs. Claus, handing out miniature candy canes. Santa also made an appearance at the dinner, and the kids were so excited to see him there.

Throughout the year, the Chilliwack-Vedder LA also organizes **garage sales**, advertising the event in advance. In September, the LA sells **tickets for gift cards** at three for \$5. In early December, tickets are collected and entered in a draw. The first prize, a value of \$350, includes grocery store gift cards. The second prize, a value of \$250, consists of gas station gift cards. Third prize, a value of \$150, includes gift cards for local liquor stores. An additional prize includes a small basket of Christmas goodies.

Every Wednesday at the Branch, the LA gathers to create **Christmas crafts**, which are sold towards the end of the year. In November, the LA hosts a **Christmas Bazaar**, booked early to not conflict with other events. Here, at the Legion Hall, local merchants rent tables from the LA to participate in the market. Each merchant is also asked to include a draw box at their table, where someone can win a special gift. At this event, the LA also prepares a bake table.

Branch #2 New Westminster Congratulates Youth Remembrance Contests Winner



Pictured above, from left to right: Lia Singh, Senior 3rd Place Winner; and Terry Leith, Branch President.

The New Westminster Legion recently congratulated Lia Singh, whose **Senior Poem placed 3rd** at the Provincial Level for the 2025-2026 Youth Remembrance Contests.

Terry Leith, Branch President, presented Lia with an official certificate and prize cheque. Congratulations, Lia!

**"My Poem for Remembrance Day" Excerpt
by Lia Singh:**

*At Eleven, the world grows still
A hush drapes over hearts and hills.
Poppies bloom in a quiet red,
For those who fought, for those who bled.*

**Branch #257 Seaview Centennial - Lantzville
Makes Meaningful Donations**



Pictured above, from left to right: Vicki Jones, Branch President; Russel Ambers, Manager of Meals on Wheels; and Barry French, Branch Vice President and Poppy Chair.



Pictured above, from left to right: Vicki Jones, Branch President; Tina Moreira of the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation; and Barry French, Branch Vice President and Poppy Chair.

Recently, the Seaview Centennial - Lantzville Legion made a donation of \$2,000 to **Meals on Wheels**, and an additional donation of \$9,000 to the **Nanaimo Hospital Foundation**, in meaningful support of their community.

**Branch #259 Vavenby & District
Hosts Unveiling Ceremony for Winning Poster**



Pictured above: The Unveiling Ceremony for Kathreyn Burnett's Senior Colour Poster.

On Saturday, May 23rd, the Vavenby & District Legion held the Unveiling Ceremony of a Senior Colour Poster entry for the 2025-2026 Youth Remembrance Contests. The artist, Kathreyn Burnett, took **1st Place at both Branch and Zone Levels**. Charlotte Cederholm, Branch President, unveiled the framed poster. After the ceremony, Kathreyn, assisted by Murray Doull, Branch Sergeant-at-Arms, hung the poster in a prominent place. The poster was professionally framed by Doris Laner of Harvest Studio, who donated the materials and her time.



Pictured above: Seneh Dhanoa, 3rd Place Junior Poetry Winner, receives official certificate and prize.



Pictured above: Kathreyn Burnett receives official certificate for her Senior Colour Poster, which received an honourable mention at the Provincial Level.

**Branch #288 Westbank Holds Craft Distillery Tasting
at Tumbleweed Spirits**

Article by Necole Belanger, Branch President



Pictured above: Phil Hartman, Zone Commander, and Necole Belanger, Branch President, present Mike Patterson of Tumbleweed Spirits with Friendship Certificate.

On Monday, April 27th, the Westbank Legion welcomed Mike Patterson, co-owner of Tumbleweed Spirits Craft Distillery and creator of **BC/Yukon Command's 100th Anniversary whisky: "Bravo Zulu."** The Westbank Legion carries Tumbleweed's "Bravo Zulu," haskap and raspberry vodkas, and espresso martini. Recently, the Branch decided to showcase Tumbleweed's top-shelf line of liquors at a **tasting event**.

Thirty Branch members purchased a \$12 ticket to the event. Not only did they to sample Tumbleweed's liquors, but they were also treated to food pairings for each tasting, offered by the Branch's resident Red Seal Chef, Stefan Pimenta.

The evening began with the raspberry vodka, paired with a Chinese bao bun. The steamed bun was stuffed with charred siu pork, bean sprouts, and julienne carrots, and served with a kecap manis sauce. This dish was designed to enhance the raspberry and lemon notes of the vodka. The haskap vodka was next, paired with a BC smoked salmon crostini, which sat atop an herb and caper cream cheese. The fattiness of the salmon brought out the tangy flavours of the haskap berry. Next up was Anarchist Mountain Canadian Whisky. Wishing to bring out the smokiness of the bourbon, Chef Stef served smoked gouda, almonds, and whiskey, along with soaked, dehydrated, and rehydrated raisins to compliment the natural oak flavours from the barrels. Then came the whiskey everyone was waiting for: "Bravo Zulu," which was paired with a mini wild mushroom quiche. The



Pictured above: Phil Hartman, Zone Commander, and Necole Belanger, Branch President, present Stef Pimenta with a bottle of "Bravo Zulu."

flavour of the wild mushrooms set off the smooth flavours of the beverage. Then, the evening concluded with the espresso martini, paired with white chocolate cheesecake. According to the Chef, the white chocolate was to offset the in-depth flavour profile of the martini.

Before the dishes could be cleared, a line formed at the bar, with most wanting to purchase their own bottle of "Bravo Zulu." One longstanding brew enthusiast even commented that the Centenary Whisky was so good, they were **changing their drink of choice to "Bravo Zulu!"**

Mike was particularly impressed with Chef Stefan's food pairings. He even commented that an event such as this would normally cost anywhere from \$80 to \$140 per person, and was amazed to learn that all of the food pairings were donated by the Chef Stef. Both Mike and the Chef received a resounding ovation for their offerings. Chef Stefan was presented with his very own bottle of "Bravo Zulu," while Mike Patterson received a special Friendship Award from the Branch.

On **July 17, 2026**, the Westbank Legion will host a **street party**, complete with live bands and food trucks, in celebration of the Legion's 100th Anniversary. The Branch and Tumbleweed Spirits plan to team up again for this special event.

Branch #291 Richmond Makes Generous Contribution



Pictured above, from left to right: Jennifer Dufour, Volunteer Coordinator of the Hospice House; Susie Farrell, Executive Director of the Hospice House; Bill Costain, Branch Service Officer; and Ron Fontaine, Branch President.



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On Friday, May 8th, the Richmond Legion donated \$25,000 to the **Richmond Salvation Army Rotary Hospice House**. These funds will be used to renovate the Hospice House's flooring. To show their appreciation, representatives from the Hospice House presented a special plaque to executives of the Richmond Legion.

Victoria Remembrance Day Poppy Fund Committee Congratulates Young Artist



On April 15, Khanak Shirguppikar, who received an **Honourable Mention at the Provincial Level** for her Senior Colour Poster, attended the Victoria Remembrance Day Poppy Fund Committee's general meeting to receive her official certificate and goodie bag.

The certificate was presented by Roe Campbell, Executive Member. Other members of the Victoria Poppy Fund Executive Committee, such as Andrew Gates, Chair, and Becky Alexander, Secretary, were also in attendance to give Khanak their congratulations.

Khanak gave an impressive speech about the contents of the poster and Remembrance, which was so much appreciated by all members present.

Congratulations, Khanak!

Pictured above: Roe Campbell, Executive Member, presents Khanak Shirguppikar with official certificate.

Youth Remembrance Subcommittee Recognizes Volunteer Judges



Recently, the Youth Remembrance Subcommittee of BC/Yukon Command recognized **two volunteer judges** for the 2025-2026 Youth Remembrance Contests: Eco and Alan Liu.

These volunteers are the parents of Yuanxi (Racine) Liu, whose Senior Colour Poster won 1st Place in the National Contests last year.

Eco and Alan Liu were presented with **Certificates of Appreciation** and **100th Anniversary pins** by Bev Croft, Subcommittee Chair.

Pictured above: Eco and Alan Liu.

Want to see your Legion Branch in the next newsletter?

Branch Executives can email photos & stories to: lindsay.petrie@legionbcyukon.ca by **Friday, June 19, 2026**.

Reminder to Legion Branches in British Columbia:

Minimum wage is going up to \$18.25 per hour, effective June 1, 2026. This applies to Branches with staff paid at minimum wage rates. Please review your payroll arrangements to see if any adjustments are needed. Contact your Branch Operations Advisor if you have any further questions.

Memo Summary

- April**
- 27.26 - Vimy Ridge Day
 - 28.26 - 2026 Legion Provincial Golf Tournament
 - 29.26 - Article III Branch Level Quarterly Reporting Q1 - 2026
 - 30.26 - Leave the Streets Behind Initiative - Q1 Survey
 - 31.26 - Legion Charity Baseball Tournament
 - 32.26 - Victory Square Banner Program - Applications Open
- May**
- 33.26 - Branch Non-Profit Organization Information Return T1044
 - 34.26 - Upcoming Training Sessions - May & June 2026
 - 35.26 - Resignation of Command Treasurer
 - 36.26 - Standardized Process for Poppy Fund Financial Assistance
 - 37.26 - Ladies Auxiliary Updates and Reminders
 - 38.26 - Legion Dress Clarification
 - 39.26 - 2026 Dominion Convention Reminders
 - 40.26 - 2026 Poppy, Wreath, and Promotional Material Price Lists

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The BC/Yukon Command acknowledges it carries out its work on the traditional territories of Indigenous nations throughout British Columbia and Yukon.

We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present, descendants and custodians of these lands. We honour the knowledge keepers and the continuing relationships with Indigenous peoples in BC that develop through our work together. The BC/Yukon Command is grateful to the s̓q̓əciy̓aʔɬ təməxʷ (Katzie), sc̓əwaθenaʔɬ təməxʷ (Tsawwassen), Kwantlen, Á,LEŃENEÇ ŁTE (W̱SÁNEĆ), Semiahmoo, S'ólh Téméxw (Stó:lō), and Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla First Nations, on whose traditional territories we operate our main office.

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