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Branch 641 Barrhaven



Vimy Memorial Bridge
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Ed Schelenz

The President's Message

Comrades:

Ellie and I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy yourselves over the holidays.

It takes many people to keep our branch going and I want to thank all of our executive members and all our volunteers who keep our branch going as we could not do it without your support.

As we reach the end of the year, I want to remind everyone, comrades old and new, that our branch does not pay anyone; we are a total volunteer branch. If you find you have extra time on your hands next year and would like to help your branch, please tell someone you would like to volunteer.

If you would like to get involved in the running of our branch as part of the executive, please remember that you must attend at least three General Meetings and have signed in to be eligible to run for office.

With a membership of close to 700, we should be able to get some new interest in volunteering and interest in serving on the executive committee.

Hope to see you all at the New Years Day Levée.

It is you, the volunteers, who make our branch what it is.

Thank you everyone for your support. Enjoy your Legion. Keep volunteering.

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Last Post

We Will Remember Them



Judy Phair (November 2022)

Passed peacefully on Monday, November 28, 2022. Beloved wife of Donald Phair for 60 years. Loving mother of Scot and Andrew. Cherished grandmother to Ashley (Tom), Robert (Chelsea), and great-grandmother to Jordan and Jack Acres as well as Tanner Phair. Judy was one of our original members and she was our first Finance Officer. She also volunteered in many other roles over the years and helped our branch open our doors. Judy was a true comrade, and a Life Member in recognition of her volunteerism with our branch, and she will be missed.

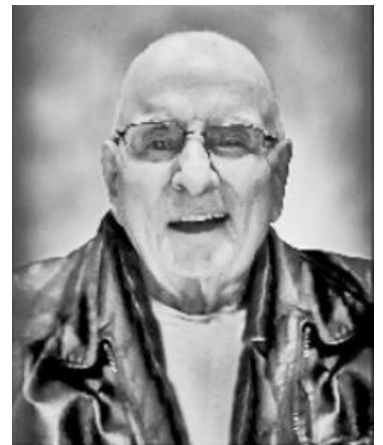
Our condolences to Judy's husband Don and her family.



William (Bill) Cooper (1927-2022)

It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of William Cooper (Bill) on Friday December 2, 2022 at the age of 95 at the Perley Rideau Veterans Health Centre. Predeceased by his loving wife Margaret Elizabeth Tregenza (Gypsy). Dear father of Joy Cruikshank (Alex) of Russell and son Ron of Hamilton. Loving grandfather to Alexander (Anna) and Brian both of Vancouver. Also survived by his two brothers James of Ottawa and Bramley of Mississauga.

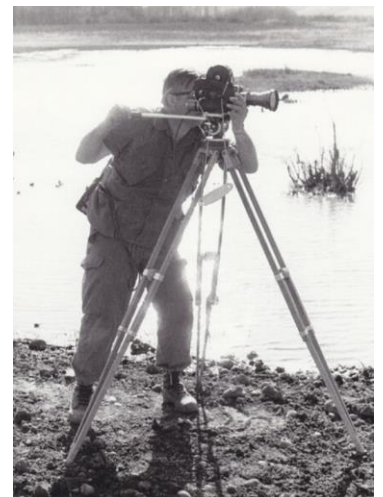
Our condolences to Bill's family.



James (Jimmy) Wright (1929 - 2022)

It's with a heavy heart that Jan (Jeannette Wright) announces the death of the love of her life for 72 years, Jimmy. Born in Nanaimo, B.C. on June 27, 1929, he passed away peacefully on December 7, 2022, in Ottawa. He was predeceased by his parents John Wright and Vilsie (Perry), his brother Jack (Carmen), and sons John Mark and Oral Vincent. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, son James Monte (Kate), grandson Jordan (Micheline), great-granddaughter Mackenzie and step-great-grandson Manny.

Our condolences to Jimmy's family.



Executive and General Meeting Reports for December

These documents are now available on our website. Please note these are shown as submitted so please excuse any typos.

Executive Meeting Report for December, [please click here](#).

General Meeting Report for December, [please click here](#).



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS & SPECIAL EVENTS RESERVATIONS

Barrhaven Legion Branch 641
Reservations functions (Friday Night meals)
Dinner served from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$25.00 Members
\$30.00 Non-Members

For reservation, please contact
Angele Guy: 613-797-7029
OR
By Email: br641reservation@gmail.com
by Thursday 3:00 p.m.

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Presentations at Branch 641

On December 6, cheques in the amount of \$5,000 were presented to three of the cadet corps that we support. Funds for the donations came from the 2021 Poppy Campaign.



Shown left to right, President Ed Schelenz, Lt (N) Robert Desnoyers, [40 Faulkland Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps](#) and Cadet Liaison Officer Patrick Makinson.

Shown left to right, President Ed Schelenz, Capt. Konrad Shourie, [2958 1st Anti-tank Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadets](#) and Cadet Liaison Officer Patrick Makinson.



Shown left to right, President Ed Schelenz, Maj. Chris Sloan, [Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps](#) and Cadet Liaison Officer Patrick Makinson.

2022/2023 Branch 641 Executive Team

Position	Chair	Position	Chair	
President	Ed Schelenz	Honours and Awards	Stephane Guy	
Immediate Past President	Stephane Guy	Hospitality/Entertainment	Angele Guy	
1st Vice President	Dave Sereda	Housing	Jim Duff	
2nd Vice President	Bert Boehme	Leadership and Development	Bert Boehme	
3rd Vice President	Lyle Brennan	Legion Seniors	Lorette Ellis	
Chairman	Dave Cole	Long Range Planning	Stephane Guy	
Treasurer	Diane Craig	Membership	David St Amand	
Secretary	Pam Hall	Poppy Campaign	Lyle Brennan	
Sergeant at Arms	Stephane Guy	Poppy Trust Fund	Jim Duff	
Bar Officer	Dave Sereda	Public Relations (Website, Bulletin)	Debi Sereda	
Cadets	Patrick Makinson	Sports/Track and Field	Joe Guitard	
Community Liaison	Dave Sereda	Veterans' Service Officer	Lorette Ellis	
Constitution and Laws	Mike Harrietha	Ways and Means	Lorette Ellis	
Finance Officer	Bert Boehme	Youth Education/Bursary	Lyle Brennan	
Grants and Assistance	Dave Voisey			
Non-Executive				
Chaplain for Legion Tributes	Reverend Margo Whittaker	Hospital Visits Co-ordinator	Louise Laflamme	
		E-mail: rcl6A41@bellnet.ca December 2022		



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Christmas Newsletter from 2012

Let's look back on where we were and what we were up to 10 years ago. Click [here](#) to read the December 2012 edition of The Advance.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Comrades all:

We have reached the festive season and to those that celebrate, Ellie and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

At our last Executive Meeting, our Membership Chair, Danny Desmarais, who is doing a great job, informed us that as of December 1, 2012, our membership stands at 537. What a great achievement for a Legion that has only been in existence for 7½ years. The down side of the report was that only half of our members have renewed their membership for 2013 as of December 1, 2012. I urge all those who have not yet renewed their membership to come in and do so and thus continue to remain a member in good standing.

On Wednesday,




Nov 28, I and 10 other Comrades had the pleasure of attending a reception at City Hall honouring all the Legions in Ottawa for their service to the community. It was great to see all the Legions in our area being recognized for what they contribute to the community. Our Comrade and Deputy Mayor Steve Desroches was in attendance and participated in the ceremonies.

Ellie and I and our grandchildren enjoyed the gathering at our Branch for our annual Children's Christmas party. In attendance were many of our comrades, their children and grandchildren. Again, what a great job the Hospitality Team did, under the guidance of their chairperson, Kathy Blomquist. Thank you to

all the volunteers and the participants; what a great tradition for our Branch.

Another four comrades have received, or are about to receive, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. They are Dave Cole, Steve Desroches, Bill Humphries and Kathy Johnston. This makes a total of 12 comrades from our Branch who have received this honour and we are all extremely proud of them.

On Tuesday, Dec 11, the Barrhaven Community Concert Band held their Holiday concert at our Branch and it was a full house with many donations to the Barrhaven Food Cupboard. This is another example of Branch 641 supporting our community.

On Wednesday, Dec 12, our Cadet Liaison Officer Chris Fuchs and I attended the 2332 Maj. E.J.G. Holland, VC, Armouries RCACC Christmas Dinner. They made it a formal occasion and many black bow ties were spotted. As always these young people never fail to impress me.

In closing, I hope to see many of you throughout the holiday season and I wish all the best to you and your families.

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Ed

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BRANCH 641's LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

It's time to vote for your Legionnaire of the year.

You can vote by email or ballot:

by Email: to Sheila at she@rogers.com

by Ballot: at the bar.

Last day to cast your vote: December 28, 2012.

JOHNSTON (FONG), Edward David
Royal Canadian Legion,
Barrhaven Branch 641



Comrade Ed, 76, of Nepean, Ontario, much-loved husband passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 23, 2012.

Ed is lovingly remembered by so many, but especially his wife of 22 years, Trudy Zimmerly, his three children Anne Adkins (Matthew), David and Julie, Trudy's three children David (Claire), Bill (Claudette) and Christine Hauschild (Tom) and grandchildren Julien, Eric, Ayla, Kathleen, Michael and Emeline, also his sister Kay and aunt Doris. He is preceded in death by his first wife Alice and his parents, Harry and Mable.

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Barrhaven Legion Memorial Bricks

If you would like to be a part of the past, present and the future of the Barrhaven Legion, purchase a Memorial Brick. Your brick will be engraved with your name and it will be mounted on our Memorial Wall in Valour Hall.

Bricks are available in three denominations:

Copper \$250

Silver \$500

Gold \$1,000

Purchasing a Memorial Brick is also a great way to honour a family member or friend. For more information, please contact Debi Sereda by email at debi.foxhill@gmail.com

Notes from the Editor

Debi Sereda



The season of sharing family fun and making memories is upon us once again. Enjoy being surrounded by family and friends and making new memories to look back on over the year, and always. I hope everyone who is travelling gets to your destination safely . . . and that your luggage arrives with you!


We are all thrilled to see our membership grow higher than it has ever been. Thanks to the careful management of all the paperwork by our Membership Chair Dave St Amand, our numbers are now close to 700. Please make sure to get involved with your branch now that you are a member. Even if you only have a few hours a week or a month to offer, we need you. You don't have to any special skills to volunteer, but if you do, we can find a job made just for you!

Many thanks to all our volunteers over the past year who have made our success possible.

Don't forget to drop into the branch after 11 a.m. on January 1 for the President's Levée. Our traditional moose milk will be served!

Have a Merry Christmas. Stay well. Enjoy your Legion. Volunteer.

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Thanks to all our members
for supporting your Legion
during the past year.

We wish you and your family good health
and happiness in 2023, and we look forward
to seeing you in the branch.

To all our volunteers, thank you for
donating your time to your Legion.

Merry Christmas and Seasons Greetings
from President Ed Schelenz,
your executive, and
all our fantastic volunteers.