# Last Post

Sadly, we announce the passing of:

CDE. ROBERT (ROBBIE) McDONALD

CDE. EILEEN HELGASON





# MARCH 2022



## Prince Edward Branch #91

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### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH # 91 PRINCE EDWARD 2021 EXECUTIVE

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 Wednesday before General Meeting

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# ARE YOU READY TO DANCE?

# **Royal Canadian Legion**

761 Station Ave. (Langford)

## **PRESENTS**

March 18, 2022



Tickets sold at the bar \$15 in advance or \$20 at door

# Doors open 7pm Dance 8pm

For more information please contact the bar @ 250 478-8365 Piece of ID and Vaccination card required for entry





The Prince Edward Legion #91 acknowledges the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the Scia'new First Nation and the T'Sou-ke First Nation, on whose traditional territories our Legion activities take place.











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### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report Langford Legion, Branch 91, February, 2022

1st Vice President Report

Two years ago, our lives dramatically changed when COVID came to Canada. Since then, all of us have sacrificed things to keep ourselves our families and our comrades safe, we have lost friends, for some lost family to this pandemic and other medical issues. But with restrictions starting to relax there is light at the end of the tunnel and if we are patient and follow health directives life will get back to normal.

You're elected Executive has worked above and beyond to keep things running smoothly. A lot of progress has been made towards the future upgrading of our branch as most of you will see this Saturday at the open house.

The building committee has worked very hard in getting this open house ready and we hope that you like and support what you see. I know there are some who were hoping we were going to be putting up a brand-new building unfortunately the cost of that endeavor was too expensive, and it would have been irresponsible of us to try and present that to you the membership. We're hoping that construction will start very soon which will involve a two-stage renovation so that we will be able to continue to use the branch.

Our two-tier pricing is now in place with of course the lower price being for those members who are paid up in good standing and the regular price for everyone else. Remember if you want the member price you must show your membership card to the bartender.

A big thank you to Bea LeBlanc, Keith Waters and all the volunteers for their hard work in helping keep the branch running during COVID-19.





### 1st Vice President's Report (Cont'd)

Enough cannot be said for the hard work that your President Norm Scott and the volunteer manager Tammy Shiells has done in the office helping to organize events large and small in conjunction with Ways and Means.

Now that things have been relaxed for those who haven't visited the branch in awhile, please come down, see your comrades, have a libation and have a few laughs it'll be worth it.

Just remember though for now you still have to show your vaccine passport and wear a mask when not sitting at your table.

Yours in comradeship Richard Walker CD First vice President



### CLASS ACTION REGARDING ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA

Manuge et al. v. Her Majesty the Queen Court No. T-119-19

The Federal Court has certified a class proceeding involving alleged underpayments of certain benefits administered by Veterans Affairs Canada ("VAC") and payable to members of former members of the Canadian Armed Forces ("CAF") or Royal Canadian Mounted Police ("RCMP") and their spouses, common-law partners, survivors, and other persons If you received, at any time between 2002 and the present, any of the awards and benefits listed at Schedule "A", you may be a member of the Class. Eligible estates of persons who received, at any time between 2002 and present, any of the awards and benefits listed at Schedule "A" may also be class members. If the class proceeding succeeds at trial, or is settled. class members may be entitled to a payment.

#### WHAT IS THE CLASS ACTION ABOUT?

VAC administers certain benefits, which must be annually adjusted.

The Plaintiffs and the Class claim the Defendant miscalculated annual adjustment rates from 2002 to the present, resulting in underpayments to Class members. The class proceeding seeks damages for underpayments that occurred because of the calculation errors.

#### WHO ARE THE CLASS MEMBERS?

The Federal Court has defined the Class as:

All members and former members of the Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and their spouses, common-law partners, dependants, survivors, orphans, and any other individuals, including eligible estates of all such persons, who received, at any time between 2002 and the present, disability pensions, disability awards and other benefits from the Defendant that were affected by the annual adjustment of the basic pension under section 75 of the Pension Act including, but not limited to, the awards and benefits listed at Schedule "A".

- Pension Act. pension for disability, pension for death; attendance allowance; allowance for wear and tear of clothing or for specially made apparel; and exceptional incapacity allowance;
- Veterans Well-being Act: disability award; and clothing allowance;
- Veterans Well-being Regulations: remuneration of an escort;
- Veterans Health Care Regulations: remuneration of an escort, treatment allowance;
- Veterans Review and Appeal Board Act: compassionate award;

- Civilian War-related Benefits Act. war pensions and allowances for salt water fishers, overseas headquarters staff, air raid precautions workers, and injury for remedial treatment of various persons and voluntary aid detachment (World War II);
- Children of Deceased Veterans Education Assistance Act. monthly allowance for education; and
- Flying Accidents Compensation Regulations: flying accidents compensation.

The CAF and RCMP veterans who commenced the class proceeding and who act as representative plaintiffs on behalf of the Class are Dennis Manuge, Raymond Toth, Betty Brousse, Brenton MacDonald, Jean-François Pelletier, and David White.

#### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO TAKE PART?

All Class Members have the right to participate in the class proceeding. You are automatically included in the proceeding and bound by the results unless you opt-out. If you do not opt-out, you will be eligible to receive a payment from a settlement or judgment in favour of the class. You do not need to do anything if you wish to participate. If you wish to opt-out, you must sign and deliver an Opt-Out Coupon available from any of the lawyers listed below or posted on the case website. If you wish to opt-out, you must send a signed Opt-Out Coupon to any of the lawyers listed below or later than 31 March 2022. If you opt-out, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from a settlement or judgment in favour of the class.

### WHO ARE THE LAWYERS FOR THE CLASS?

The lawyers for the class ("Class Counsel") are:

Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP (Toronto); Michel Drapeau Law Office (Ottawa); Murphy Battista LLP (Kelowna); Koskie Minsky LLP (Toronto); McInnes Cooper (Halifax).

You can obtain more information about the class proceeding at the website created by Class Counsel:

http://www.vetspensionerror.ca/

#### DO I NEED TO PAY ANYTHING?

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You do not need to pay any legal fees. If the case is unsuccessful, there will be no legal fees. If the case succeeds, whether at trial or by settlement, counsel will be paid at their regular hourly rates for any amount recovered up to \$165 million. If the amount recovered exceeds \$165 million, Class Counsel may receive a scaled fee of up to 30% of any amounts recovered above \$165 million. The Federal Court must approve Class Counsel's fees and any settlement of the class proceeding.



### FREE SIMPLE INCOME TAX

For Legion members and Veterans in the Western Communities.

Please contact
Jeannie Caspersen at
jcjcaspersen76@gmail.com
Or through the office.



Due to COVID-19 mask must be worn at appointment(s).

# Royal Canadian Legion Prince Edward Br #91 761 Station Ave



Royal Bay Charters

# New Electronic

# Reader Sign Fundraiser

1 for \$5 Or 3 for \$10

1000 tickets to be sold 1 for \$5 4500 tickets to be sold 3 for \$10

Early Bird Draw

Draw May 7, 2022 @ 4:30pm

Labatt's Budweiser painted Guitar

### Final Draw July 1, 2022 @ 4:30pm

1st Prize: Fishing Charter for up to 4 people

2nd Prize: Phillips Brewery custom painted Bar Fridge

3rd Prize: \$350 Gift Card for Spa Alita

If you are able to help with selling tickets outside the branch please contact Tammy In the office or call 250-478-1828 for more details



### Chaplain's Corner March 2022

As the world sits fixed to their TV screens watching attacks, failures, catastrophic events - we ask ourselves; what happened, who are the good guys?

" John 13:35 (NKJV)

35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

What does this look like? How to show God's care?

"1 John 4:8 (NKJV)

 ${\bf 8}$  He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. "

Our hope is in this Great Love, Great Kindness, Great Forgiveness, Great Kingdom. Glorious Saviour!!

As we consider the harsh realities around us, let's remember to choose Truth, Love, Kindness and Endeavour; stand against evil.

As we remember many heroes who have walked this road before, let us take courage that the ultimate reward far outweighs the short-term costs.

Lest we forget!

Cecil, Denise & family





## **BUSINESS HOURS**

MON. NOON -TO- 11 PM
TUES. NOON -TO- 11 PM

WED. NOON -TO- 11 PM

THUR. NOON -TO- 11 PM

FRI. NOON -TO- MIDNIGHT

SAT. NOON -TO- 11 PM

SUN. 11 AM -TO- 5 PM

• THANK YOU •

NO Shirt!

NO Shot!

**NO Shoes!** 



### **NO ENTRY!**

If you do not have proof of your vaccinations you are **NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER!** 

Covid-19 House Rules are still in effect!

If you refuse this policy we will call the police.

Thank you for your support RCL #91 Staff and Management



### LANGFORD LEGION

761 STATION AVE

FRIDAY DINNER SPECIAL

Fish & Chips

**AVAILABLE BETWEEN 4 - 7 PM** 

1 piece \$10.25 - 2 piece \$12.75

### **FOR TAKE OUT ORDERS:**

Please leave your Name, Phone #, Pickup Time, 1 or 2 pieces of fish and how many orders you would like!

Phone: 250 478-1828 or email

manager@rcl91.ca

### **LOOKING FOR:**

Winner for the Superbowl squares

SERIAL # 028564 TAB# 81

Please come to the Bar or Office <u>WITH THE</u>

<u>TAB</u> to claim your Prize!

## LANGFORD LEGION

761 STATION AVE

### LUNCH MENU

SERVED MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 12-2PM

SANDWICH W/SOUP, FRIES OR SALAD - \$7.75 EGG SALAD, HAM & CHEESE, GRILLED CHEESE OR GRILLED CHEESE & HAM

SOUP OF THE DAY -- SM \$3.75 LG \$ 5.15

LEGION BURGER

W/FRIES, SOUP OR SALAD --- \$9.75
CHEESE, BACON, LETTUCE, TOMATO

BLT W/ FRIES, SOUP OR SALAD ---- \$9.75

HOUSE SALAD ----\$7.00

CAESAR SALAD ---- \$7.50

CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP ---- \$9.75

W/FRIES,SOUP OR SALAD
POUTINE ---- \$6.95

ONION RINGS ---- \$5.25

HOT DOG ---- \$3.75

FRINGS ---- \$5.00

FRIES ---- \$5.00

TAKEOUT IS AVAILABLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 250 478-8365



# Every Saturday@7pm

Langford Legion, - 761 Station Avenue

Any questions give us a call @ 250-478-8365 or

Email: manager@rcl91.ca

For those who don't know what Music Bingo is, it's not your normal bingo - add some music, remember the name of the song and find it on your bingo card. When you get what the DJ says we are looking for (2 lines etc.) you call

out **BINGO** 

Members and guest welcome



### Branch #91 Ladies Auxiliary

On February 10, 2022, the Ladies Auxiliary of RCL #91 met for our first meeting of 2022. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm. 13 members and 1 guest attended.

Installation of Officers presented by RCL #91 Legion Vice-President Richard Walker was the first order of business. The following Officers were installed:

- Sargent at Arms Betty Hutchinson
- Secretary Lynnda Kennedy
- Treasurer Trudine Wilson
- Vice-President Darlene Tchansky
- President Maralyn Walsh

Congratulations and our thanks to you for your service. Service awards were presented to the following members:

- 5 year pin to Darlene Tchansky
- 25 year pin to Daphoni Pendleton
- 45 year pin to Matsonia Matson (She was not able to attend so the pin will be delivered to her personally).

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication and service.

The membership discussed the Annual Book Sale & it was decided to put this event On Hold due to ongoing COVID concerns.

Discussions took place regarding the donations made on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary. We will be presenting donations of \$200 each to 11 different benefactors.

Our next scheduled meeting will be March 10, 2022 at 1 pm. We look forward to having you join us.

With Gratitude & Thanks,

Millie Vandale



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# **Service Officer Available**

- Direct Veteran's Assistance
- Pension Claim Preparation
- Counselling & Assistance

Website: rcl91.ca Email: svco@rcl91.ca





Prince Edward Branch #91

761 Station Ave. Langford, BC 250-478-9812

### SERVICE OFFICER

Craig Tompkins svco@rcl91.ca Please leave a message to arrange for an appointment 250-478-9812

Tuesday

10 am-12:45 pm

KITCHEN HOURS				
LUNCH: MONDAY - FRIDAY DINNER: MONDAY - THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY		122:00 PM 4:00 - 7:30 PM 4:00 - 8:00 PM 2:00 - 8:00 PM CLOSED		
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
3 Taco Salad Bowl \$10.95	4 Fish & Chips 1 piece \$10.25 2 pieces \$12.75	5 Regular Menu		
Sheppard's Pie w/ Caesar Salad \$10.95	11 Fish & Chips 1 piece \$10.25 2 pieces \$12.75	Regular Menu		
17 St. Patrick's Day Beef Stew w/ Bun \$10.95	18 Fish & Chips 1 piece \$10.25 2 pieces \$12.75	19 Regular Menu		
Liver & Onions w/ mashed Pota- to \$10.95	25 Fish & Chips 1 piece \$10.25 2 pieces \$12.75	Steak Night \$15 6 PM		
31 Hawaiian Chicken Burger w/ Fries or Salad\$10.95				

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