



BRANCH & AUXILIARY NEWS SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2025

From the President's Desk

Branch 530 Executive and Members have been very busy over the summer, dressing up the clubroom. Thank you especially to Cheryl Lace, Chris Mann, Steve Mann, Lorna Kennedy and Kirby O'Link for all their work. It is an excellent job well done.



We do not have general meetings during July and August so why not come to the September general meeting on the 14th at 2:00 p.m. You can get caught up on what has been happening. There have been a few changes to committee chairs which will be discussed at the general meeting. Thank you also to Donna Champion who is stepping up to take over the Secretary duties.

Honours & Awards - Cheryl Lace

On September 26th, we will recognize our members who have achieved milestones in their years of service. Invitations have been sent out to all members who are eligible for service pin or award. Honourable mentions go to Garry Papke on achieving 55 years of service and Doug Arnold for achieving 65 years of service.

We would also like to recognize those members and friends of the Legion whose efforts and volunteerism contributed to the welfare of the branch. Those members include Chris Powell Mann, Carl Guenther, Stephanie Mitchell Hodge, Kevin Lobsinger, and Doug Carder. Please see the boardroom door for a full list of all member years of service awards. **Congratulations to all**

Membership - Cheryl Lace

Our current Branch Membership continues to grow with our current membership strength at 497 members.



It's time to renew!!! The 2026 membership cards are in and the Early Bird Renewal Program is on!!

Buy your 2026 renewal sticker by the end of November to be entered into the early bird draws! The earlier you renew, the better your chances to have 2027 dues paid by the Branch !

2 draws at the end of September and October and 1 draw at the end of November

Pre-paid members – please see the bartender to pick up your 2026 sticker.

Auto-Renew members - your sticker will be available for pick-up once we receive notification that the credit card payment has been processed for dues paid and your name will be included in the early bird draws. These are usually processed during November.

Digital cardholders - stickers are not produced for digital cards. As soon as we receive notification that the credit card payment has been processed for dues paid, your name will be included in the early bird draws. Digital members can also pay their dues through the Branch and will be issued a receipt. As soon as your dues are processed, you will receive a link to your updated digital card.

General Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month, beginning at 2pm. Members are asked to make every effort to attend and get involved to help make this the club everyone wants!

Any questions about your membership, please see Cheryl at the Branch or email 05-530@gmail.com or call 519-580-8229 and leave a message.

Bursary - Donna Champion

The 2025/2026 Bursary Program opens in September when the students are physically on campus. The deadline to apply is the last Friday of March 2026.

The Bursary Program is funded through the Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation. For more information, visit [Bursaries – Ontario Legion](#) or see Donna at the Branch.

Poppy Campaign 2025

We are getting ready for this year's Poppy Campaign - which begins on the last Friday of October. This year, the campaign window is short, allowing us only 10 days!



We need your help for a successful campaign!

- Members are needed to deliver countertop boxes to businesses at the beginning of the campaign and then to retrieve them at the close of the campaign. We have easy routes organized and mapped out - we just need your help to take a route.
- Members are needed to 'tag' at Costco Waterloo. This is a very busy location and by organizing short 2 hour time commitments, we are hoping to have members visible during peak time to hand out poppies and allow the public to conveniently support the campaign.

If you can spare a couple hours for this important work - please contact Jim Conrad at jconrad@sympatico.ca or by cell at 519-497-0125.

GRATITUDE

Thanks to the John Gosse family for their generous donation toward our recent Pig & Corn Roast. Your support to the Waterloo Legion is truly appreciated.

Emergency Veterans Fund



Thanks to the Emergency Veterans Fund, we were able to assist a Veteran and their young family with some cash and Zehrs gift cards.

Please help us build our 'in house' emergency fund to provide emergent assistance to local veterans in need - to bridge the gap for those who are awaiting Legion / Poppy Fund or Veteran Affairs assistance. **At time of printing, our current balance is \$829.30**

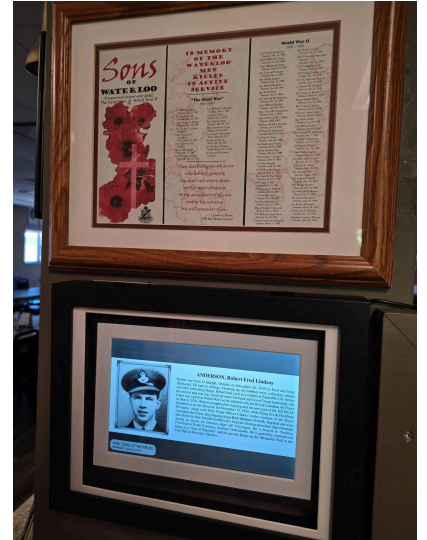
Please consider dropping a couple dollars or a gift card you wouldn't miss into the jar at the bar. Every little bit helps us to reach our goal of having \$5000 on hand.

Branch ReFresh

Over the summer, a crew was busy at work - sprucing up the Branch for the membership. Thanks go out to Chris Powell Mann, Steve Mann, Cheryl Lace, Jim Conrad, Lorna Kennedy and Kirby O'Link for their hours of volunteer work to get this done! Here are a couple snaps on what has changed

-WWI and WWII Sons of Waterloo. This memorial contains the photo and a short bio for each of our Waterloo war dead.

Let us pause for a few moments to think reverently of those of our comrades who by sea, by land, and in the air, laid down their lives for their Sovereign and Country. Their sacrifice will ever inspire us to labour on, to the end that those who survive and need our aid may be assured of assistance, and that the country in which we live, and for which they died, may ever be worthy of the sacrifice they made.



Shuffleboard table has been moved to Veterans Lounge

Community Involvement area to display sponsorships to local teams as well as our involvement with local organizations



Youth Education artwork has been hung in the lobby areas outside of the elevators on both floors to promote the contest and show off our local talent and winners



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26 - Branch Awards Night - 6:30 pm

October 13 - LegionFest following the Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day Parade

October 18 - KELVIS! and the Burnin' Love Band 1 - 5pm in Banquet Hall

October 22 - Battlefields Tour Information Night - 7pm in the Clubroom

November 10 - Veterans Dinner

November 11 - Remembrance Day - Branch Hospitality

November 29 - Cadet Winter Market in Banquet Hall and the Ship 10am - 4 pm

Sports

Sign up sheets are on the board at the Branch! For more information, please see Kirby O'Link at the Branch.

Zone C2 Cribbage at Branch #236 St Marys on October 4 2025.

Entry deadline September 25

Zone C2 Euchre at Branch #126 Preston on October 18 2025.

Entry deadline October 9

Zone C2 Snooker at Branch #121 Galt on October 25 2025.

Entry deadline October 7

Zone C2 Mixed Darts Doubles & Teams at Branch #530 Waterloo on November 15 2025. Entry deadline November 1

Zone C2 Darts: Singles, Doubles & Teams - at Branch #272 Hespeler on Sunday November 2 2025. Entry deadline October 25.

Zone C2 8-Ball at Branch #50 Kitchener on November 22 2025.

Entry deadline November 10

Senior Darts Singles, Doubles & Teams at Branch #126 Preston on November 29 2025. Entry deadline November 15

Zone C2 Shuffleboard at Branch #412 Kitchener Polish on February 14 2026.

Entry deadline February 1 2026

Ladies Auxiliary - Ruth Wilson

Mark your calendars for these delicious upcoming fundraisers that you can take home to enjoy!

Apple Crisp - \$20.00 - Order by September 13th - Pick up on September 20th
Cabbage Roll Casserole - \$20.00 - Order by October 18th - Pick up on October 25th
Hearty Beef Lasagna - \$20.00 - Order by November 29th - Pick up on December 6th

Please email orders to cheryllace2@gmail.com or by phone to Judy at 226-241-6756

LA SPORTS: The Ladies Auxiliary have one team going on to District Euchre in Hespeler on October 18. We wish you good cards, ladies. Also, we have one team participating in Zone C2 Euchre on September 13. Waterloo Branch #530 will be hosting Zone C2 Darts on September 21. We have one team participating in Zone C2 Cribbage in Hespeler as well.

RCSCC Warspite and the K-W Navy League

Fall Registration & Training Resumes

Training resumes on **Tuesday, September 2nd, 1830-2100h** with our **Open House and Welcome Back BBQ**. Already, we have over **30 new cadets registered to join** this fall, making RCSCC Warspite one of the largest sea cadet corps in the province. The program is **completely free for youth ages 12-18**, and we encourage you to share this opportunity with anyone who may be interested. More details can be found on our website: www.warspiteseacadets.com.

- **Volunteering with the Navy League**

The **K-W Navy League** supports our cadet program through fundraising and community events. They are currently seeking occasional volunteers to assist with **bingo nights, cooking, and fundraising activities**. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out at info@kwnavyleague.com.

- **Upcoming Winter Market**

The **K-W Navy League Winter Market** will be held on **Saturday, November 29th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm** in the lower Legion hall and the back building. The event will feature **40 local vendors, door prizes, and a hot lunch**, with proceeds supporting the Navy League and Sea Cadet program. There is no cost to attend and is open to the public. Come out and get a kick-start on your Christmas shopping while supporting the Branch and Local Vendors!

- **Facility Refresh at Branch 530**

Alongside the Legion's ongoing improvements, the **back building is receiving updates as well**. A new coat of paint and exterior signage will be in place mid-September, and this fall we will be adding a **new interior mural** to further brighten the space.

We remain grateful for the support of **Branch 530** and look forward to working together through another successful training year.

Lt(N) Daniel Knoop, CD

Commanding Officer, RCSCC Warspite

Branch 530 Executive – Youth Education, Public Affairs & Cadet Liaison

NOTABLE DATES IN HISTORY

WWII Ends - September 2 (1945) 80th Anniversary
Operation Medusa (2006)- September 17
International Day of Peace - September 21
National Legion Week - 3rd Sunday through Saturday
Battle of Britain - 3rd Sunday (1940) - 85th Anniversary
24th Anniversary of the United Nations (1946) - October 24
Start of Poppy Campaign - Last Friday in October
Passchendaele Ends (1917) - November 10
Remembrance Day - November 11
WWI Ends - Armistice Day (1918) - November 11
Battle of the Somme (1916) - November 18

Member Benefits

This month's highlighted [Member Benefit Partners](#) is Canadian SafeStep Walk-In Tub Co.



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Safe Step is pleased to offer Legion members \$2000 off the cost of a walk-in tub with full installation. For every Safe Step walk-in tub sold we will also donate \$225 to the Legion. As part of Canadian Safe Step Walk-In Tub Co.'s initiative to give back, we are proud to partner with The Royal Canadian Legion's Member Benefits Package and to help our veterans through various programs.

Canadian Safe Step Walk-in Tub Co., makes bathing easier and safer than ever before. For many people with mobility issues, routine tasks such as bathing can become

challenging. Slippery surfaces, high step-ins, and lack of support bars can make taking a bath risky. Broken bones from falls can forever change a person's ability to live independently.

At Canadian Safe Step Walk-In Tub Co., we understand that our clients need a walk-in tub that will help them remain safe, comfortable and independent. The addition of a walk-in tub can also extend the ability to live independently by an average of five years. Our tubs are loaded with safety features including low step-ins, anti-slip surfaces, safety grab bars and wider doors.

Canadian Safe Step Walk-In Tub Co., is a 100% Canadian-owned business supplying the highest quality North American made walk-in tubs and showers. We have the most certifications and the best warranty in the industry. In our own small way, we also proudly serve our fellow Canadians.

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