Legion News

With Peggy Graham, Branch President Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197, Acton

September 17th to 23th was legion week, a great week to highlight the good things the branch does for the community. We provide space and donations to sponsor a fine group of young people in our Air Cadet and Navy League Squadrons.

We provided a hearty breakfast for the community before attending the Acton Fall Fair with free breakfasts for the Acton Agricultural workers. We also provide our parking lot for free parking for the community to attend the fair.

We have accepted food and monetary donations at our various events that aid both the Acton Food Share and Food for Life programs. We donate to veteran funds such as Hospital B District fund, Homeless Veterans Fund, Sunnybrook Hospital, Service Dogs etc.

We visit Sunnybrook and host Sunnybrook veterans at our branch.

We are presently running a Buddy Check program which gives veterans a chance to have coffee and chat with other veterans as well as provide guest speakers to ensure all veterans get the help they require.

Our Remembrance Day parade takes place on Nov 11th. We muster at Old Hide House at 10:15 for a 10:30 march off. We appreciate as many members marching with us as possible. This is our chance to thank our veterans who sacrificed so much for us.

Our Youth Education Remembrance day contest has started with information distributed to schools. This is open to grade k TO 12 . If interested ask your teacher or contact the branch. We are looking for poems, essays and posters. Secondary students of legion members and veterans can check our website for bursary information and application forms.

We look forward to seeing our veteran banners up on the streets during Remembrance day period and will begin taking applications again in March.

Also a reminder for veterans or families to pick up a Military Recognition Form for inclusion in Vol. 11 of Military Recognition Book.

Upcoming events:

- Friday, October 6th: Crazy Chester playing at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, October 14: Octoberfest Party with live music by Almost, Almost Cool at 5 p.m.. Sausage on a bun with perogies and a warm pretzel being served between 6-7 p.m. for \$15. Tickets for dinner can be purchased at the main bar during operating hours.
- Friday, October 20th: Fish and Chip dinner being served at 5:30 p.m., trivia at 7 p.m.
- Open Darts every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.
- Open Mic / Jam Sessions every Thursday at 7 p.m.
- Everyone is welcome to attend all events

Please check the webpage at legion197.com, and in addition we will be posting information on social media.



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