

Remembering the fallen in past wars

For as long as there have been War casualties, there have been ways of remembering them. Our present-day Remembrance Day services represent one variation of this very old custom.

November 11 took on the special significance it has today when the hostilities of the First World War ceased at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918 1919 marked the first observance of what has become an international day of Remembrance.

In Canada, November 11, Remembrance Day, has long been set aside as a Statutory Holiday, so that Canadians can remember and mourn those who died and those who served in the Armed Forces in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean conflict.

Poppy

Our Annual Poppy Campaign held on the Saturday preceding November 11th. The opportunity for every Canadian to show that they care and remember, by wearing a "Poppy".

Ladies auxillary

Membership is open to any woman of good character whose services were terminated under conditions other than dishonourable; or a woman of good character who is the wife, widow, mother, sister, daughter or granddaughter (who has attained the age of majority) of any person whose services were terminated under conditions other than dishonourable.

"Any person of good character who is the wife or daughter of an Associate Member voting (under the provisions contained in the General by-laws of The Royal Canadian Legion) or of a person who is or was eligible to be an Associate Member voting as heretofore stated and who has attained the age of ma-

The only National Appeal by our organization to the general public for funds.

All proceeds are placed in trust accounts and after expenses, including the cost of poppies and wreaths are paid, the funds are used to assist Canadian ex-service personnel and their dependants in necessitous countries and of Allied countries resident in Canada.

Some of the funds may be used for the following purposes:

Community medical appliances and medical research.

Day care centres, meals on wheels, transportation and related services for veterans, their dependants and the aged.

Donations for relief of disasters declared by the Federal and Provincial Governments.

Although national in scope, each unit of the Legion is responsible for conducting its own campaign, collecting and disbursing the funds collected in its own area.

Majority under the laws of Ontario".

401 Auxiliary units attached to our Branches with a membership of over 32,000.

Underwriters of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxillary Bursary Programme with annual awards in the amount of \$125,000.00

Donations by the Auxiliaries to the Bursary Programme averaging \$125,000.00 annually and supportive to the many Branch Bursary and Scholarship Awards.

Annual contributions to the Ontario Command Service Bureau operation.

An active sports program for their members.

Supportive of the many Branch projects and activities within their communities.

There is not a central national fund where all monies are deposited.

The Objective

To recognize the sacrifice made by thousands of Canadians in the First and Second World Wars and in the Korean War.

To develop an understanding of the significance of Remembrance Day.

To develop an awareness

of the ceremonies and rites of the past as they are reflected in the present.

To appreciate the qualities of endurance and courage and of devotion to the principles of freedom within our multicultural community.

Membership

The Royal Canadian Legion founded in 1925 as an association of those who served in the Armed

Forces, is dedicated to improve the social and economic conditions of the ex-service personnel and their dependants. An organization that has grown to meet many of today's challenges without forgetting its original obligation along with service to our community.

157,000 Life, Ordinary and Associate Members in 449 Branches in Ontario. Membership is open to

all, who have served Canada on active service during wartime, have served or are serving in the regular forces, or a minimum of at least two years of service in the reserve or militia forces of Canada or in the R.C.M.P.

Canadian Citizens or Commonwealth subjects who had active service in forces of any of Her Majesty's allies in any conflict in

which Canada was engaged.

Eligibility for Associate Membership Voting is open to the Sons and Daughters of ex-service personnel eligible for Ordinary Membership to join the Legion without restriction and are entitled to all of its rights and privileges.

It is the belief that our youth of today will serve us tomorrow and carry on the tradition of the organization.



Community service

Legions across Canada make a special effort to be involved in community events. Penetang's Legion is no exception. Pictured here is a member of the ever popular pipe and drum band giving a performance

at Summerama. Legion Pipe bands including Penetang's and Midland's are in such demand that they have to be booked months in advance. Providing music for events is just one of the many

roles the legion plays in a community. To find out more about your legion drop by and talk to someone on duty. They will be more than happy to chat.



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