

October President Report

October has been another very busy month gearing up for November 11th Remembrance Day and the beginning of the 2022 Poppy Campaign. We are ready to start the Poppy Campaign on Friday, October 28th at 4 locations with a poppy table. We also have volunteers looking after businesses in various parts of Medicine Hat delivering Poppy Boxes and Poppies for the general public.

Thank you in advance to everyone who has signed up to work at the tables located at the following locations: Canadian Tire, The Mall near the Food Court Entrance, Walmart and 13th Avenue Co-op. Instructions are on the table if this is your first time with the Poppy Campaign. Please leave the instructions on the table at the end of the day. A big thank you to the route volunteers as well. Taking responsibility for a particular route is a time consuming commitment. We are still in need of volunteers to help in the Poppy Office and someone willing to help take the wreaths to the Cenotaph on November 11th.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the three cadet corps and their assistance on both weekends during the campaign and the part they are playing in the ceremony at the Esplanade and at the Cenotaph. Their volunteering is very much appreciated. Also the Golden K Kiwanis Club has volunteered to work both Wednesdays and both Thursdays at Canadian Tire. We thank them for their support and continued help.

The plans for November 11th include the following:

We will have the usual bus pick up at the Legion to take those who cannot walk to the Esplanade and then to the Cenotaph and after the Cenotaph Service back to the Legion. 9:00 O'clock departure from the Legion to Esplanade and then pick up after the ceremony to cenotaph and then back to the Legion after the Remembrance Day Service. Thank you to the City Transit for making this service available to our Veterans.

Breakfast will be available from 7-9am and the lunch will be, beef on a bun, cheesy macaroni and coleslaw for \$10.00.

At 9:30 the Service of Remembrance begins at the Esplanade. After the service the parade will form up just outside the Esplanade with Robert McKenzie as Parade Commander. The Colour Party will be under the direction of Scott Schall. The parade will proceed to the cenotaph for the Service and the wreath laying. After the Service at the cenotaph the parade will march back to the Legion. If you have any questions, please call the Legion.

Once the parade is back at the Legion, the CAV's will be taking care of security. The only way in will be the front door. Colour party will enter first and they have a table reserved for them in the canteen. All those on parade enter next, then military, veterans, police and fire service and also Legion members. Cadets and children will go downstairs for hotdogs and a drink. No children will be allowed in the canteen. The Pub will be open for those wishing to go there instead of the canteen. If you would like to volunteer in anyway please let the office know. We need volunteers for the 50/50, to help with the hotdogs, or just help out as needed throughout the afternoon.

On October 15th we celebrated Roy Gale's passing in the Ortona Room. We learned so much about Roy from his family. There were at least 150 in attendance to wish Roy farewell, May he rest in peace.

October 29th the Line Dancers are hosting a Hallowe'en Event and everyone is invited to attend. The same evening the RedCliff Legion is hosting their annual Veterans' Dinner.

The Schools are getting ready once again for the Legion Literary Poster contest. We will need judges for the first week in December, so if you would like to volunteer, please let the office know.

These past 2 1/2 years have not been easy ones to keep the Legion viable and follow all the mandates. Members are, I am sure, more than aware that our staff have gone above and beyond in their commitment and loyalty to Robertson Memorial. Please take the time to thank them for their hard work and continued efforts towards keeping our Legion financially viable.

Thank you to Diane and all the Bar staff and the wonderful job they do serving our patrons and members.

Don't forget that November is elections month at our Legion. Please consider running for a position or volunteering to be on a committee. Your Legion needs your help.

Thank you to all our members who support Robertson Memorial in whatever way possible. Our Legion is an important member of the Medicine Hat Community. Currently we host a variety of clubs and activities:

Golden K Kiwanis; Youth Darts; Line Dancers; Senior Darts; RUSI; Aviation Club; AHS Living Well Course; Presentations for Seniors which include Frauds and Scams, Living Healthy, Keeping your Brain Healthy; Medicine Hat Pool League; Trivia Night; Drop in Darts; CAVS, Teamsters Union, Histroical Society, Palisade Condo Board.

A big thank you is extended to Roger Beebe and his committee for their maintenance work and keeping up with repairs and to Wes Krause for all he has done and continues to do in the area of history and archives. This November Wes will be giving a tour of our Legion and highlighting our history and artifacts to several classes from Crescent Heights High School. He is also helping to set up a Remembrance Day display at Crescent Heights High.

Lots of good things are happening at Robertson Memorial but we could sure use more volunteers. Meat Raffles and Chase the President, Committees or even helping to put up and take down tables for functions.

Your Executive is planning a few things for December and if you are interested in helping please let us know.

To borrow the thoughts of John F Kennedy, **"Ask not what your Legion can do for you, but what can you do for your Legion."** When we all work together with the same end in mind we can achieve much.

Yours in Comradeship,

Sheila Donner, President

