



Office hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday; noon to 5:00 pm Saturday; closed Sunday



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the membership for reinstating me as President of the Manotick Legion. Our new Executive has a remarkable resemblance to our 2017-2018 Executive. We welcome our new enthusiastic members. We can share with sincere honour our commitment to positive progress, both socially and structurally. Our mission continues to provide for our veterans, families, and first responders in our community. Our chairpersons and their committees are seeking valuable volunteers to work on communication, co-operation and progressive results. These committees include Poppy, youth, cadets, seniors, sports, maintenance, hospitality, interbranch support, as well as The Remembrance Park. We encourage every member to contribute some of their time, experience and generosity toward advancing our worthy Legion causes.

"WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Winston Spratt, President

Oaks Of Vimy Ridge: Paying Tribute To an Extraordinary Canadian Veteran

excerpts of an article by [Andrew Wright](#) April 9th, 2018 *Everything Zoomer*



VIMY OAKS

Standing on the battlefield of Vimy Ridge, Leslie Miller, a member of the Signal Corp during the First World War, pocketed a handful of acorns to plant on his farm in Ontario. Unbeknownst to him, his actions would set off a sequence of events that would profoundly change the life of a fellow Canadian back home. Gathering those acorns in the aftermath of battle from a blasted-out oak tree and sending them home to be planted on his farm in Scarborough, Ont. was Miller's personal way of commemorating his fallen comrades who had served in Canada's historic battle. Seventy-two-year-old Monty McDonald first came across the oak trees at the age of five. Intrigued by a roadside sign that read "Vimy Oaks," McDonald's father stopped in at the farm to inquire about the historic name. From there, Miller and McDonald's father struck up a close friendship and, when McDonald was old enough, he began working on the farm during the summers. Later, that chance encounter with the First World War veteran took on new significance when McDonald lost his father at the age of 16. Miller, who McDonald says shared his father's love for academics and languages, stepped in and became his mentor. After Miller passed away at 90 in 1979, his impact on McDonald's life would circle back to the Vimy Oak tree. While vacationing in France with his wife, McDonald visited the Canadian National Vimy Memorial (<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/overseas/first-worldwar/france/vimy>) to discover that not a single oak tree was left. From that initial disappointment came the idea to repatriate some of the oaks to Vimy Ridge and mark them with a small plaque. In addition to paying tribute to Miller for his mentorship, McDonald wanted to recognize the sacrifice he and others like him had made during the First World War. With some assistance from Vimy Foundation (<http://vimyfoundation.ca>), the project went from bringing over a couple of trees to creating a large centennial park to be built beside the Vimy Ridge Monument. The project, however would encounter its fair share of setbacks. Due to a severe ice storm in 2013 the nine trees produced only 12 acorns. McDonald had anticipated roadblocks and had already sent hundreds of acorns produced by grafted Vimy Oaks to a nursery in Paris. McDonald has given this project his all. While the Vimy Oaks missed the 100-year Battle of Vimy Ridge commemoration in France in 2017, McDonald envisions that his addition to the great memorial will be completed in time for Remembrance Day 2018.

A Sapling from a Vimy Ridge Acorn Planted

On May 7, 2018, Members of the Barrhaven Legion and the Manotick Legion planted a Vimy Oak in Claudette Cain Park near the Vimy Memorial Bridge. Many local dignitaries were on hand for the ceremony.



Photos by
Margery Toner-Haan

Army Cadets

The 2958 RCAC Corps is open to youth of ages 12 to 18. The regular Parade night is Thursday, 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Contact details are available at the Legion Office.

Email address: contact@2958rcacc.ca

Website: www.2958rcacc.ca

Corps phone: 613-599-3355



Clothes Needed for the Diabetes Association



All used clothing welcomed and appreciated. Drop off any donations at the Legion (5550 Ann St., Manotick). Thanks in advance. 613-692-3243

Pennies for Homeless Vets

Drop off your pennies in the jar located in the lobby. The money collected will help veterans in need.

Birthday Socials

Photos by
Margery Toner-Haen

May Birthdays



L-R: Gary Ambrose, Rich McDonald, Louise Spratt, Winston Spratt and May Collins



Thanks once again to our volunteers for a lovely spread!



Kazimier Samujko of the Manotick Brass.



L-R: Linda Ambrose, Arthur Buss, Barbara Rowat, Monique Lanouette



05/17/2018

June Birthdays

L-R: Richard Coles, Arthur Buss, Ann Coles



L-R: Charles Morton, Jai Mathu, Jean Lanouette, Arno Giek



Richard Coles announcing the birthdays

RECENT EVENTS

Honours and Awards Presentations, June 3

Photos by Greg Newton



L-R: Joyce LeBeau, Irma Whynacht, Roy Blair, Ian Burleton and Winston Spratt



Ian Burleton (L) accepted the award posthumously for his mom, Audrey.



Winston Spratt and Pat Whelan

Dickinson Days, June 1 - 3



Photo by Greg Newton

The Manotick Legion float



Remembrance Park was in full swing

Photo by Simone Bachelor

Dinner Dance, June 13

Food prepared by *Ad Mare* Fish Truck, music provided by the *Rockphiles*. A good time was had by all. Thanks to the organizers!

Photos by Simone Bachelor



Pat Whelan and Sylvia McGowan. "Where's the bartender?"



Wayne "Loves to Dance" with Kris Schulz



The band The Rockphiles

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2017/18
**Zone
SPORTS**



Bridge: Wednesdays 1 to 4 pm



Euchre: Thursdays at 7 pm

Darts: Thursdays at 7:30 pm



Zone Sports – Another year of Zone Sports has wrapped up. We had players advance to the District Level in Mixed Darts, and to the Provincial Championships in Euchre and Horseshoes. It has been an honour running the Zone Sports again this year and I look forward to next year.



Zone Golf – We had two 2-player teams participate in Zone Golf hosted by the Morrisburg Legion at the Upper Canada Golf Course on Saturday, June 9. They had a good day on the course, but neither team advanced to the next level.



Provincial Horseshoes – On Saturday, June 23, District Horseshoes was held in Merrickville. For the third consecutive year, **Shawn Hawkins** won the District Ladies Singles Championship, and Shawn and **Lorna Carr** won the District Ladies Team Championship. Congratulations to both of them. They compete in the Provincial Championship on Saturday, August 11 in Brighton.



Zone Washer Toss – Zone Washer Toss was held on Saturday, June 23 at the Russell Arena. We had one Single and two 2-player teams representing our branch. A good time was had by all, but no one advanced to the Districts.



Thursday Night Dart League – Another successful year for the Thursday Night Dart League has wrapped up. We had 71 players this year, and I trust everyone had fun. The regular season trophy went to **Dan Charron, Marcel Michaud, Shirley Spinks** and **Pat Whelan**. The Playoffs were won by **Jack Baillie, Allan Haan, Louise Spratt** and **Annette Blaadow**. The last place team receives the Toilet Seat Award. Winners of this award (L-R) are **Bruce Milmine, Michelle Charron, Jo-an Sundstrom** and **Rob Wemmers**. The league will start again on September 6th.



Thursday Night Drop-Ins
Again this summer, there is a Darts Drop-In held every Thursday night. The cost is \$2, and is a chance to play just for the fun of it, with no commitment required. Please be there by 7:15 so we can start play at 7:30 pm.

REGULAR EVENTS



Bar-B-Q is now on the Legion patio every Friday 11am to 2pm. Come and enjoy. The net proceeds from our BBQs are going towards the Remembrance Park maintenance. Come out and enjoy the great fare and support the Remembrance Park!



Every **Tuesday** from noon to 2 pm available at the bar in the members' lounge: **sandwiches** one Tuesday and wiener schnitzel the next. Cost \$4. Bring a guest!!



Photo by Irma Whynacht



Photos Irma Whynacht



Ross Kerr & Sylvia McGowan, chefs of the day

ROSSS Manotick Breakfast Club, First Thursday of each month, 9:00 - 10:30 am, Cost: \$8 (includes transportation for those who need it) Venue: Manotick Legion, 5550 Ann St, Manotick. RSVP: 613-692-4697

"Sports Events on the Big Screen"

Public welcome. No cover charge. During regular bar hours and if the hall has not been rented, the big screen in Harmony Hall will be down for viewing sports events. Please call ahead to check on availability.

Next General Meetings

(usually held the 3rd Monday of every month)

None held during July and August.

The next meeting will be in September



Upcoming Birthday Socials

(usually held the 3rd Thursday of every month)

Thursday, **July 19**, 2 to 4 pm

Thursday, **August 16**, 2 to 4 pm

RECENT EVENTS



Photo by Newton

Remembrance Park, June 16

This photo shows a group of Legionnaires at the Remembrance Park on Saturday June 16. This was an open house for the public to explain the various displays and gardens at Remembrance Park. Also attending were members of the Manotick Horticultural Society and the Manotick Art Association.

(L-R) President **Winston Spratt**, **Dennis Osmond**, **Roy Blair**, **Mike Schulz**, **Sheila King** (Manotick Art Association), **Kris Schulz**, Sgt. at Arms **Paul Allen**, and **Anne Clark-Stewart** (Manotick Horticultural Society)

New Executive and the Directors & their Portfolios

President: **Winston Spratt**
Past President: **Gary White**
1st Vice President: **Allan Haan**
2nd Vice President: **Roy Blair**
3rd Vice President: **Shirley Spinks**
Secretary: **Margery Toner-Haan**
Treasurer: **Rob Sova**
Membership: **Lynn Bourassa**
Poppy Chairperson: **Linda Ambrose**
Bursary: **Gary White**
Youth Education: **Roy Blair**
Veterans Service Officer: **Paul Whynacht**
Legion Seniors: **Joyce LeBeau**
Honours and Awards: **Joyce LeBeau**
Training and Organizational Development: TBD
Sports: **Dan Spitzig**
Public Relations Officer: **Greg Newton**
Sgt. at Arms: **Paul Allen**

Branch 314 is looking for volunteers for the Hospitality Group.

This group would be responsible for serving lunches from the kitchen from 11:30 to 2:30 pm.

If able and willing, volunteers would be asked to:

- serve at the Veteran's luncheon
- help with the socials
- help with Remembrance Day activities
- help with dinner/dances

Our aim is for 20 volunteers with two people on each shift. You may have to work **only once every two weeks or so**.

IT WILL BE FUN !!

Thank you for volunteering

Irma Whynacht

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The blood red poppy of Flanders is immortalized as an emblem of sacrifice and remembrance for the honouring of the thousands who laid down their lives for those ideals which we, as Canadians, cherish. The poppy calls upon us to remember not only those who have died, but those they left dependent, and those who still suffer from honourable wounds and disabilities. The poppy challenges us to serve in peace, as in war, to help those who need our help, and to protect those who need our protection.

On the lighter side

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks. "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" "Sure." "Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks. "No, I can remember it." "Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?" He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries." "I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks. Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream – I got it, for goodness sake!" Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. "Where's my toast?"

PONDER THIS

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt by the heart.

Helen
Keller



HELP WANTED

Shirley Spinks, membership committee chair, is looking for someone interested in taking over the membership program. Instruction and help will be provided. Please contact Shirley at sspinks@hotmail.ca

New Members

*Congratulations
and Welcome to
Branch 314!*

Associate Members

Pamela MacCormack
David Rushton
Williamina Tait Garden
James Henry

Volunteers are needed to tend the bar. The legion needs you if we want to continue being open and available for functions and rentals. If you have your Smartserve certificate please call **Sylvia McGowan**, Bar Manager, at 613-821-4639. If you do not have your Smartserve certificate and are interested in getting it, please call the Legion at 613-692-3243 and have your name put on a list as we may offer this course in the future, and we will call you back..

Without volunteers, managers and staff -- the bar will have to be closed.

Been to the Legion lately?
Have you lost something?

Drop by the Legion and
check the Lost and Found.



If you would like to contribute to the funding of Remembrance Park, please visit our website at <http://www.manoticklegion.ca/index.php/veterans-services/remembrance-park/donation-tester>



Donation Form



CANADA 150

Canada's 150th is an opportunity to celebrate the values of our great country with pride: values such as inclusion, diversity, compassion and access for everyone. As we celebrate these values, it's also important that we create lasting impact. **Together, we can create an accessible Canada and leave a lasting legacy for our country's 150th. For more information on the Canada 150 Signature initiative, please visit:**

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1468262573081>



We need your help! In order for your Legion to be open for members and rentals, we are looking for individuals to man the office during week days. You tell us when you would be able to assist and we will supply all required training. This is a volunteer position. The hours are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The work involves answering the telephone and some office duties.

Please contact **Kris**: 613-692-8266 krisandmikeschulz@gmail.com

Our **Webmaster** is Ted Ross, 613-979-4436
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Sept-Oct 2018 Legionnaire
Deadline to submit material:
Monday, August 27
Publish and mail out:
Tuesday, September 4



Membership Renewals are Due

In order to keep your years of service updated, please pay your dues on time. We have a lot of members who have not yet paid. We need your dues to keep the Legion going for 2018.

Thank you.

Shirley Spinks, Membership Chair.

The Legionnaire appears on our website. www.manoticklegion.ca

Legionnaire co-editors: **Simone Bachelor & Mark Phillips**

If you have anything you would like published in the next newsletter, please e-mail it to nurseladybee@yahoo.com
We're always looking for photos, and we welcome suggestions for "Ponder This" and "On the Lighter Side".