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## From The President's Desk

Robert Buss, CD

Welcome to August. Where does the time go. Things at the Branch have been very slow, we have had very few rentals which equates to low revenues. We did have a successful Ceilidh with over 50 people attending. Though I missed out on the fish and chips I heard it was a success. The Branch will be holding TGIF on the last Friday of the month so come on out and enjoy some pizza and catch up with old friends.

We are also planning a corn roast and a three event Olympics on the first Saturday of September. Members will be paired up and compete for prizes in euchre, darts and corn hole. It should be a fun afternoon.

Don't forget our next General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday September 14, 2025

Enjoy what's left of the summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall

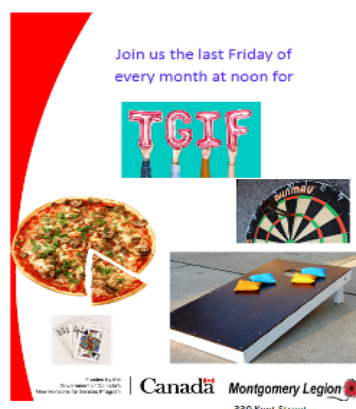
## Legion Seniors Update

Lisa Morris [seniors@montgomerylegion.ca](mailto:seniors@montgomerylegion.ca)

[July Calendar](#) | [August Calendar](#)

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) Grant has allowed the Branch to:

- Hold a Welcome Luncheon and a Lunch and Learn on Senior's nutrition in April.
- Host a Dart Banquet and a Social afternoon with a band in May.
- Have a reception for Trek4Vets and celebrate the Montgomery Legion's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June.
- Welcome many to a Ceilidh and to start a TGIF social event at noon on the last Friday of every month in July.



TGIF event the last Friday of the month (Starting July 25/25).

The date for the Corn Roast Event will be announced soon that will also be funded by NHSP Grant.

We're planning a Lunch and Learn session on Fraud in September with more sessions to follow. We'll be hosting an Oktoberfest, a Grey Cup Event, A Christmas Party, A Valentine's Day Event and a St Patrick's Day Wrap-up Event.

Keep checking the [Montgomery Legion website](#) for upcoming events. Participation is increasing and we look forward to welcoming more to future events.

## Branch Service Officer needed

Dean McCuaig

The Montgomery Legion is currently seeking someone to fill the role of a Legion Service Officer.

At the local Legion Branches, Branch Service Officers are volunteers that reach out to Veterans in their communities.

A Branch volunteer Service Officer will:

- Conduct outreach in the community to identify Veterans and their families in need
- Assist the Veteran in completing the Legion Claims Form and refer them to a Legion Command Service Officer for individual assistance
- Co-ordinate benevolent financial assistance through the Branch Poppy Fund
- Conduct visits to Veterans in retirement and long-term care facilities
- Refer Veterans to support and care programs as offered through the Branch and local community

To learn more about the important role of the Service Officer, please click here: <https://youtu.be/ihlQzfUQj4I>

Not long ago, we had a problem with a broken washroom door. Jeff Bittle was in the Branch and saw the situation. Without fanfare or expectation of any reward, he said, "I can fix that". And he did!

So, Jeff Bittle this is for you:

# Thank You!

We appreciate what you did for the Branch.

Joan McCorkell, Branch Manager – Montgomery Legion

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## History re-visited



### VJ-Day (Victory over Japan)

Victory over Japan Day, or VJ-Day, on 15 August 1945, marked the end of the war in the Pacific and the end of the Second World War. The surrender of Japan was observed across Canada with joy, and in some cases street riots.

[\(Read more...\)](#)



### The Korean War

Canada did not declare war on North Korea but did enter the Korean War as part of a United Nations collective security action. On August 15, 1950, Canada announced its commitment to sending military forces to participate in the UN's efforts to restore peace in Korea following North Korea's invasion of South Korea. This decision was made in accordance with the UN Charter, which allows for collective action to thwart aggression without the need for formal declarations of war.

[\(Read more...\)](#)



### The Dieppe Raid

At 0500 on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1942, the men from the Royal Regiment of Canada were approaching the beach of Puits, a small seaside village two kilometres east of Dieppe. They were already behind schedule and, as the sun rose, their presence was detected. The Germans took aim at the landing crafts that were still ten metres from the shore. At 0507, the first LCA lowered its ramp. Canadian soldiers dashed forward in the noise of machine-gun and mortar fire that targeted them. They fell, mowed down by bullets, hit by mortar shells. Some tried to reach the seawall bordering the beach, hoping to find shelter. They were to be made prisoner after a few hours of useless resistance. [\(Read more...\)](#)



### The Avro Arrow

*Magnificent Failure*

To those of you at the far corners of the world, the deep south, or the Spitfire skies of East Anglia, the Avro Arrow was a Canadian designed and built twin-engine, all-weather supersonic interceptor that was in the prototype and test stages of its development when the entire project was cancelled due to runaway cost overruns, strategic realignment and, as some like to say, meddling from big business and government south of the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel.

[\(Read more...\)](#)

## Twin Otter Air Reserve Defence Plan

By Michael Kostiuik – Montgomery Legion's Cadet Liaison Officer

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*Linking Air Reserve Twin Otters with Reserve Land/Sea Forces and Canadian Rangers.*

The purpose of this paper is to discuss the benefits of re-establishing Air Reserve Squadrons across Canada, specifically Air Reserve squadrons that are equipped with the Twin Otter Utility Aircraft. Since Canada is committed to increasing its defence budget to meet both domestic and international obligations, re-establishing our Air Reserve Squadrons would help meet that goal.

[Read the complete paper here...](#) (Long)

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## From the kitchen to the table



### Pork Chop Supreme

#### Ingredients:

- 4 thinly sliced medium potatoes
- 4 boneless pork chops
- 1 envelope of Lipton onion soup mix
- 1 can cream of mushroom
- ¼ cup of milk
- Salt and pepper

In a preheated oven to 350° bake for 1 hour

#### Directions:

In a saucepan, heat ¼ cup of oil and brown the pork chops then drain off fat

In a medium casserole dish, arrange the potato slices evenly then add a layer of pork chops

In a boil, mix together the onion soup mix, the cream of mushroom and milk and pour over the casserole to cover



### Potato Pancakes

#### Ingredients:

- 4 cups cold mashed potatoes
- 5 slices bacon
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

#### Directions

1. Cook bacon until crisp. Crumble and set aside. Keep the drippings.
2. Mix mashed potatoes, eggs, onion powder, salt, and pepper. Add bacon and
3. cheese.
4. Form into 8 patties.
5. Fry patties in bacon drippings until crisp, about 4 mins per side.



### Peach Crisp

#### Ingredients:

#### Peach Mixture:

- 6 cups peeled, sliced fresh peaches
- 1 1/2 tablespoons pineapple or lemon juice
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

#### Crisp Topping:

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chilled butter, cut into small cubes
- 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats

#### Directions:

1. Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. In a large bowl, gently combine the peaches, pineapple juice or lemon juice, brown sugar, cornstarch, vanilla extract, and cinnamon. Spoon the mixture into a 9 x 9-inch baking dish or an equivalent size.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Using a pastry blender, cut in the chilled butter until the mixture becomes crumbly. Stir in the rolled oats.
4. Evenly sprinkle the crisp topping over the peach mixture in the baking dish.
5. Bake for 30 minutes, or until the fruit is bubbly and the top is golden brown.

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## Scholarships and Bursaries

The Legion does not have a national level bursary or scholarship program as all awards are administered by our local branches, such as Montgomery Branch, and Provincial Commands. Each branch is responsible for developing the specific eligibility requirements, deadlines and application procedures, which can vary regionally.

Some bursaries are awarded from the Poppy Trust Funds to students who are children or grandchildren of Canadian ex-service persons (war veterans or post-war service) and who are in need of assistance. These bursaries may be awarded at any stage of a college or university program. Other bursaries and scholarships may be awarded from other Legion funds and the criteria are established by the respective branch or Provincial Command.

[Bursary Application Form](#) - PDF | [Bursary Application Form](#) - MS Word

For complete information on the bursaries and scholarships available from Montgomery Branch, please [contact us](#).



Fun Darts  
Every Wednesday Night  
6pm – 9pm



Every Friday Night  
7pm – 11pm



Every second Thursday  
10:00am to 12:00pm

# Ceiliùdh

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a great time! We had a full house!

The DJ was awesome and the music was a great mix of Celtic tunes.

People talked and mingled. Some stayed until closing at 5 pm.

A big **Thank You** to William Behan who ran a successful 50/50 with \$90 raised for the Branch.

[Photos viewable here...](#)

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## Hours of Operation

Sunday – Closed - Monday – Closed - Tuesday - Closed - Wednesday - 12:00pm to 10:00pm

Thursday - 12:00pm to 5:00pm - Friday - 12:00pm to 10:00pm - Saturday - 12:00pm to 5:00pm



The Royal Canadian Legion honours the peoples and land of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and their valuable past and present contributions to this land.

*Memoriam Eorum Retinebimus*



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