

# MONTGOMERY MESSENGER

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## From The President's Desk

Robert Buss, CD

I don't have a lot to report as the summer at the branch has been relatively quiet. Branch sales and rentals have been very slow, this is not unusual during the summer months as many are away at cottages and on holiday. It is hoped that things will pick up come September.

Congratulations to Lisa and her team on another successful event. Their Ceilidh was very well attended in fact they ran out of food.

Also, a special shout out to Andre and Dean for continuing to get the word out and keeping members informed.

I am looking forward to our next event on Saturday, September 6 at 1300. Come on out and enjoy some corn on the cob and join us in a little friendly competition.

Also don't forget to mark your calendars with the General meeting Sunday, September 14 at 1400 hrs.



Every member counts!

### The Legion's Early Bird Campaign

*Renew by November 30th for one of three chances to win your 2027 membership FREE! All renewed members' names stay in the draw 'til you win or the campaign ends.*

(Offer closes on November 30th, at midnight. Draws will be held at the General Meeting in October, November and December).

Starting on September 1st, you can renew your Legion membership. Dues are \$70.00 for current members and \$75.00 for new members, *(Command is charging a \$5 processing fee for new members).*

Drop into the branch and pay by cash or cheque and pick up your renewal sticker; or go to [www.Legion.ca](http://www.Legion.ca) to renew online and then pick up your renewal sticker at your convenience.

## Update - The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) Grant

Lisa Morris, Branch Seniors Chair

This summer we hosted clients of the Royal Ottawa to a Games Afternoon in the Lower Lounge and they've asked if they can continue into the fall.

- Saturday, September 6, we'll be hosting a Corn Roast Event. Corn, hot dogs (meat and veggie) along with a fun sports event will be funded by NHSP Grant.
- A Lunch and Learn session on Fraud presented by the Ottawa Police Service is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24.
- We'll be hosting an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 25.
- A Grey Cup Event on Sunday, November 16.
- A Christmas Party with date to be determined.
- A Valentine's Day Event on Saturday, February 14.
- The final event will be a St Patrick's Day Wrap-up on Saturday, March 14.

## 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>



Canadian Labour Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September. It's a public holiday in Canada, commemorating the social and economic achievements of workers. The day is often marked with parades, picnics, and other festivities, and it's a time for many Canadians to enjoy a long weekend.

The holiday's origins trace back to the late 19th century and the efforts of Canadian trade unions to improve working conditions. The first significant demonstration for workers' rights in Canada was organized by the Toronto Trades Assembly on April 15, 1872. Later, in 1894, Labour Day was officially declared a statutory holiday by the Parliament of Canada.

While Labour Day is a time for celebration, it also serves as a reminder of the struggles and sacrifices made by workers throughout history to achieve better working conditions and rights.

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## History re-visited



### Canada Goes to War

The history of Canada during the Second World War begins with the German invasion of Poland on 1 September 1939. While the Canadian Armed Forces were eventually active in nearly every theatre of war, most combat was centred in Italy, Northwestern Europe, and the North Atlantic. In all, some 1.1 million Canadians served in the Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Air Force, out of a population that as of the 1941 Census had 11,506,655 people, and in forces across the empire, with approximately 42,000 killed and another 55,000 wounded. During the war, Canada was subject to direct attack in the Battle of the St. Lawrence, and in the shelling of a lighthouse at Estevan Point on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. ([Read more...](#))



HMCS Ottawa

### Battle of the Atlantic

3 September 1939 – 8 May 1945

The Battle of the Atlantic, the longest continuous military campaign in World War II, ran from 1939 to the defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945, covering a major part of the naval history of World War II. At its core was the Allied naval blockade of Germany, announced the day after the declaration of war, and Germany's subsequent counterblockade. The campaign peaked from mid-1940 to the end of 1943. ([Read more...](#))

The RCN lost 2008 men and 34 ships during the War, most of them in the Atlantic. ([List of HMC ships lost in the Battle of the Atlantic](#))



### The Medak Pocket - (15 – 16 September 1993)

Tasked with protecting civilians in Croatia, Canadian Armed Forces came under heavy fire.

#### Croatian offensive

In September 1993, Croatian and Serbian forces fought in the Lika region of southern Croatia. On September 9, Croatian troops attacked near the town of Medak and pushed the Serbian line back. This created the so-called “Medak Pocket,” Croatian-held territory populated by Serbian people. ([Read more...](#))



### Royal Canadian Air Force Golden Hawks

Established to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of powered flight in Canada, the RCAF Golden Hawks set a new standard for Canadian aerobatic teams. Flying F-86 Sabre aircraft from 1959 to 1963, the Golden Hawks thrilled audiences, demonstrated professionalism of pilots and the maintenance crew, and generated pride in Canada's air force.

The Golden Hawks aerobatic team was formed on March 1, 1959 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of powered flight in Canada, when the primitive Silver Dart biplane flown by J.A.D. McCurdy lifted off from Bras D'Or Lake at Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in February 1909. In 1974, McCurdy was installed as an original member of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. ([Read more...](#))



### HMCS Bonaventure

(Shout out to Legion member Comrade Doug Munroe who served on the Bonnie...Ready Aye, Ready)

Built by Harland & Wolff Ltd., Belfast, Ireland, she was originally laid down as HMS POWERFUL. Construction on her had been suspended in 1946 but was restarted on 15 Jul 1952 and she was renamed HMCS BONAVENTURE after the bird sanctuary in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Work on this ship had stopped three months after her launching in Feb 1945, with the result that when construction resumed in 1952, improvements could be built into her. The most notable of these was the angled flight deck, which provided a longer landing run without sacrificing forward parking space,

and permitted the removal of the unpopular crash barrier. Also noteworthy were a steam catapult and a mirror landing sight, the latter going far toward eliminating human error in landing. ([Read more...](#))



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## From the kitchen to the table



### Chicken Thighs & Potatoes

#### Ingredients:

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| 5 Chicken thighs  | — A small bunch of Parsley |
| – Salt and pepper | – 50g Butter               |
| – 5 Potatoes      | – 80g Honey                |
| – 2 Carrots       | – 80g Sweet chili sauce    |
| – 3 Garlic cloves | – 50ml Soy sauce           |
| – 1 Onion         | – 1 tablespoon Mustard     |

#### Directions:

1. Season chicken thighs with salt and pepper.
2. Cut potatoes into chunks.
3. Coarsely chop carrots.
4. In a pan, fry chicken thighs in butter for 5 minutes on each side.
5. Finely chop the onion, garlic, and parsley.
6. Remove thighs and add potatoes, carrots, onion, garlic, and parsley to the pan. Fry for 10 minutes.
7. In another pan, mix honey, sweet chili sauce, soy sauce, and mustard.
8. Place potatoes in a baking dish, add chicken thighs on top, and pour the honey sauce over.
9. Bake in the oven at 180°C (350°F) for 40 minutes.



### Corn Fritters

#### Ingredients

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| 3/4 cup all-purpose flour               | 1 tsp. kosher salt                                       |
| 1 Tbsp. sugar                           | 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper                                  |
| 1 tsp. baking powder                    | 4 cups (generous) corn kernels: fresh, frozen, or canned |
| 2 whole eggs                            | 3 tsp. chopped fresh chives                              |
| 1/2 cup milk, more to thin if necessary | canola oil, for frying                                   |
|   | powdered sugar (optional)                                |
|   | maple syrup (optional)                                   |

#### Directions

Mix our, sugar, and baking powder.  
Add eggs, milk, salt, and cayenne pepper. Stir together to make a batter.  
Add corn and chives to batter.  
Fold together to combine.  
Heat canola oil to 365°.

When oil is heated, drop spoonfuls of batter (about 1 1/2 tablespoons each) into the oil and cook, flipping to the other side, until golden brown, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 minutes.  
Drain on a paper towel-lined plate.  
Serve alone, with dipping sauces, or sprinkled with powdered sugar or drizzled with maple syrup.



### Cranberry Apple Pie

#### Ingredients

- 2 prepared pie crusts
- 4 cups peeled and sliced apples
- 2 cups cranberries
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. Fit a pie crust into a 9-inch pie dish and arrange sliced apples into crust. Spread cranberries over apples.
3. Whisk sugar, cornstarch, and cinnamon in a small bowl and sprinkle mixture over cranberries. Distribute butter pieces over pie filling.
4. Place remaining crust over filling, crimp both crusts together, and cut several slits into top crust to vent steam.
5. Bake until pie is browned and fruit filling is bubbling, 45 minutes to 1 hour.

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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](#).

## What's on @ 351?

Montgomery Legion

### Wednesday Night Dart League



Beginning on  
Wednesday,  
September 3rd  
6pm - 9pm  
\$5.00 per night  
Arrive early for  
registration  
Play begins at 7:00 pm

Organizers  
Donna Murray  
Treene Maskinnan

Everyone Welcome!

Montgomery Legion - Branch 351  
330 Kent Street, Ottawa

Join us on Saturday, September 6  
For a Welcome Back Event  
1-5 pm

**Tickets for food:** will be available free of charge Aug. 15-Sept. 3 at the Montgomery Bar during Business Hours. Food will be available 1-3 pm on September 6 for Ticket Holders.



**Games Event:** There'll be a blind draw for 2 person teams



Funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program

Canada Montgomery Legion  
330 Kent Street



Every Wednesday Night  
Beginning Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7pm



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



Every Friday Night  
7pm – 11pm

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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*