



The Official Newsletter of  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #62  
Salmon Arm

“THE BUGLER”



July, 2022

**Message From The President:**

We are well into the summer season and welcome the sunnier and warmer days than we have had this spring! While summer has been a slow time for our Branch 62, we are working on developing events to try to keep our branch more active all year around. We had a pancake breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, with a Poker Run and dance on the 9<sup>th</sup> July and another dance on the 16<sup>th</sup> July. I encourage all of our membership to attend and support our branch. We need the support to keep our branch advancing towards profitability and self sustaining.

We now have a nice big screen TV installed for use as both entertainment as well as for use as a screen for presentations during various activities and rentals of our hall. A great big thank-you to Sunny at City Furniture for donating ½ the cost of the TV to our branch. Please drop in and thank Sunny if you get a chance.

We still have many issues and branch development needs for the future, however with the involvement and support of our membership, we will achieve what we need to do and go forward into the future stronger and more committed than previously. This is not a good thing, but a necessary thing as we, The Legion, is one of few voices that support the needs of our veterans and their families.

We will Remember!

Harley Belt, President Branch 62

## **Membership:**

- Make sure you have renewed your membership for 2022! Online renewals can be done through **Legion.ca** easily and securely with less wait time for your renewal sticker. New memberships are also easy and quicker to receive your membership number when done online. It has been noticed that Dominion is now mailing new membership cards directly to our new members. Nice and about time!

- Please ask at the Branch if you would like help with either renewal or new membership application online! We would be very pleased to help you out!

- If you have lost your membership card and would like a replacement, see Holly or our president, Harley, to help you order a new one.

- Remember, you too are responsible for letting people know why and how they can join the Legion, the one loud voice for our veterans across Canada! We need new memberships now more than ever to take up the cause of never forgetting and supporting our veterans.

## **History Notes:**

1 July 1916

After two years of stalemate in the vast trench works held by the Allied and German armies on the Western Front, the British launched a massive offensive in the Somme River valley in northern France. It was hoped the assault on a 25 km section of the front would not only break the stalemate, but relieve pressure on beleaguered French forces defending against the long-running German assault further south, at Verdun.

The Somme offensive opened with a massive artillery bombardment, which lasted five days and did little to knock out enemy troops and artillery guns. The Germans simply hid in their deep and reinforced dugouts until the barrage ended, emerging largely unscathed to face the oncoming attackers. Many British shells had also been poorly manufactured and turned out to be duds; others lacked the fuses necessary to explode on contact with the barbed wire strung across no man's land between the opposing sides.

### **Battle of Beaumont-Hamel**

At the northern end of the Somme front, near the village of Beaumont-Hamel, about 800 troops of the First Newfoundland Regiment were gathered on 1 July in a support trench nicknamed St. John's Road. They were part of a third wave of troops to attack German lines. At 9:15 a.m., the Newfoundlanders began their assault, crossing no man's land in rehearsed lines. Out in the open, they saw that the first waves of British attackers had failed — the troops lying dead, or trapped in no man's land, cut down by machine guns and artillery fire while trying to navigate a few narrow gaps in the barbed wire.

The Newfoundlanders pressed forward into this firestorm. Some were hit before they even reached the front of the existing British lines. Others died upon reaching the base of the Danger Tree, a prominent tree halfway between the British and German lines, where enemy bullets soon found them.

Less than 30 minutes after leaving their trench, it was all over for the Newfoundlanders. Small groups of survivors attempted in vain to fight on. Hundreds of injured men were left to fend for themselves on the battlefield through the night, where they died of their wounds or were killed by German snipers.

More than 700 soldiers of the First Newfoundland Regiment were cut down at Beaumont-Hamel. Of the regiment's 801 members, only 68 could answer roll call by the end of the opening day.\*

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Every 1 July, while Canadians celebrate Canada Day, the people of Newfoundland and Labrador gather to also observe Memorial Day in honour of the men who fought at Beaumont-Hamel. The battlefield of Beaumont-Hamel is now a park. At its highest point, a statue of a caribou, the official emblem of the Newfoundland Regiment, looks out over the field where so many died.\*

(\*Canadian Encyclopedia)

### **Poppy Store:**

- All items that are in the Dominion Poppy Store are available through our own store. The big difference is **WE PAY THE SHIPPING FOR YOU!!!** That's a saving of a minimum of \$8 for you right off the bat! All items are at catalogue pricing.
- We carry a small supply of items in stock for either purchase or display for you to peruse. We also have catalogues that lists all items for sale. Check it out!
- Once you have chosen an item you would like to purchase, the volunteer will complete an invoice that you take to the bar and pay for the item. You bring the receipt back to the volunteer and either they will give you the item (if it is in our sales stock) or place your item(s) on an order form and have it ordered in for you . It takes about one week to receive the order back once sent in. When the order is received, you will be contacted to come pick it up! No shipping charges to you !
- Happy shopping!

#### **What's Happening in July:**

**- Take note of our new summer hours of Tuesdays to Saturdays  
1 pm to 9 pm. (Closed Sunday and Monday)**

**- NEW \*\*\*Every Friday\*\*\* - Burger and a Beer \$10 and Pint and a Beer \$12**

**- 1<sup>st</sup> July - Pancake Breakfast - (As this newsletter is late in publishing, I am able to announce that we raised \$1,140 for the food bank from our Pancake Breakfast on July 1<sup>st</sup>! (A great big thank-you to all of the volunteers that made this happen.)**

- 9<sup>th</sup> July Friday - Poker Run (\$20 per hand - no limit of number of hands played)  
- **Dance with 'Reliven' after the Poker Run - 6:30 (\$5 cover charge)**

- 16<sup>th</sup> July - dance to the country band "Vintage '46" 6:30 (\$5 Cover at the door)

**- Saturdays - Meat Draws - PLEASE TAKE NOTE THE MEAT DRAW TIMES CHANGE TO SUMMERTIME HOURS OF 3 TO 5 PM.**

- Our kitchen is open every Friday (1 pm - 7 pm) and Saturday (2 pm - 6 pm) featuring our Famous Legion Burger and a changing menu to delight our patrons!

**- New multi day sales for a \$2 ticket 50/50 raffle going on until July 9<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised going towards cost of repairs to Branch 62. Please help sell them to the public. 2500 printed and if we can sell them all means \$2500 to the winner and same amount to our Branch 62! Books of 25 are available from Harley or Ingrid in the branch.**

**- The winning ticket will be drawn at the dance on evening of July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**(You do not have to be present to win. Winners will be called by phone.)**

**- Don't forget to get your tickets for the Johnny and June concert on the 2 September. \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.**

**The Salmon Arm Legion is participating in a Poker Run on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

- Aside from giving all participants an opportunity to win one of the top 3 Poker Hands, **50% of the proceeds with go towards the rebuilding of the Lytton Legion.** The other half will be divided between the top 3 hands at the Salmon Arm branch.

- The entry fee is just \$20 per hand. Entrants can purchase as many hands as they wish and also have an opportunity to participate in a 50/50 draw and win valuable door prizes.

-The other participating Legions include Armstrong, Enderby and Sicamous.

-Entrants can entrust their entry form to someone else to complete their playing hand.

-The winning hands will be announced on the evening of the event. As part of that day we have the pleasure to enjoy the music of the band "Re-Liven". (Joe Rhodes and friends!) \$5 cover at the door.

-Information and entry forms are be available at the Salmon Arm Legion.

**Volunteers and Acknowledgments (for July):**

- Rudy Schubert - Once again Rudy leads the way for volunteering for our branch. He was instrumental in getting the new TV and helping to set it up. Rudy and Barb continue to do their empty returns for our branch as well.
- Thank-you to Joe Rhodes and Dallas Belt for helping with the new TV installation.
- The pancake breakfast - volunteers and organizers were: Bonnie Ward, Phaedra and Ivan Idzan, Ingrid Belt, Joe Rhodes, Kelly MacDonald, Candy St-Pierre, Lloyd Beattie.  
(If I missed anyone, I am sorry. Each and every one of our volunteers are valued and make our branch a great place to be!)

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

### **Branch Executive**

- President : Harley Belt
- Past President: Harry Welton
- First Vice President: Jane Birnie
- Second Vice President: Dan St-Pierre
- Treasurer: Ingrid Belt
- Service Officer: Shelley Desautels
- Recording Secretary: Ingrid Belt
- Sgt. At Arms: Shawn Desautels
- Padre: Reverend George Fleming
- Executive Directors: Lance Ewan, Rick Ward, Holly Hollihan, Brian Scott,  
Dave Cockram, Clarence Wiseman, Shelly Desautels

### **Committees:**

- Poppy: Dan St-Pierre
- Ways and Means: Ingrid Belt assisted by Janice Hamilton
- By-Laws: Clarence Wiseman, Lance Ewan
- Communications: Shelley Desautels
- Finance Committee: Clarence Wiseman, Ingrid Belt,
- Sports - Clarence Wiseman, Brian Scott
- Membership: Holly Hollihan
- Bursaries: Harry Welton
- Sick and Visiting: (We need volunteers to fill this important committee)
- Building and Grounds: Brian Scott, Dave Cockram (Includes Gardom  
Lake Cabin)
- Business Management: Rick Ward, Dan St-Pierre, Joe Rhodes
- Cadets / Scouts: Dan St Pierre
- Entertainment: - Shelley Desautels, Greg McConnell, Penny Favell (Others to be listed when  
membership has been obtained)

(Anyone wanting to volunteer for one of the committees, please contact Harley by  
Cell: 250-803-8213 / Email: legion62sa@gmail ; or in person!)