



The Lacombe Legion



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Canada at War

CFB TRENTON, Ont. (CP)

April 20, 2002



"The wail of a single bagpiper cut through the crisp spring air Saturday as the bodies of the first Canadian soldiers killed in a combat zone since the Korean War 50 years ago returned home.

**Sgt. Marc Leger, 29,
of Lancaster, Ont.;**
**Cpl. Ainsworth Dyer, 25,
of Montreal; Pte.
Richard Green, 22,
of Mill Cove, N.S.; and
Pte. Nathan Smith, 27,
of Tatamagouche, N.S.**

The remains of the men, touched down in an Airbus CC-150 Polaris at the military base just before 11 a.m. EDT.

As the plane landed, a solemn party made up of a military guard of honour, a colour guard, family members and dignitaries walked onto the tarmac to accept the bodies.

The guard of honour for the simple ceremony was comprised of members of the Parachute Training Centre at the base.

The centre employs instructors from the same unit as the dead soldiers, the *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry*."

All Canadians share a profound sadness for the families and for this tragic change in the state this world of ours is facing in the future.

L e s t W e F o r g e t



Veterans Seminar Innisfail Branch

An invitation to Royal Canadian Legions: Red Deer, Eckville, Olds, Sylvan Lake, Caroline, Sundre, Rocky Mtn. House, Lacombe and Innisfail.

**Date
Time**

**Friday May 10th
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Three representatives from Veterans Affairs Canada will be in Innisfail for your benefit:

- ?? Duane Baldwin, Area Counselor,
- ?? Ellen James, First Applications,
- ?? Beverly Brunt, First Applications,
- ?? Plus Legion Service Officers.

Topics to include:

- ?? Attendance Allowance,
- ?? War Veterans Allowance,
- ?? Veterans Independence Program,
- ?? First Applications on any service related disability, hearing etc.,
- ?? Appealing First Applications,
- ?? Information on the Last Post Fund,
- ?? Field of Honor,
- ?? How to obtain service medical documents,
- ?? Question and Answer Period.

All Veterans and their dependants:

WW2, Korea War, Gulf War, Peacekeepers, Reserves, R.C.M.P. (past and serving members).

Meet the representatives and your Legion Service Officers.

This will be a very informative Seminar.

For more information contact:

Roy Moore	227-3965
Doug Whorrall	227-5256
Branch 104	227-3622.

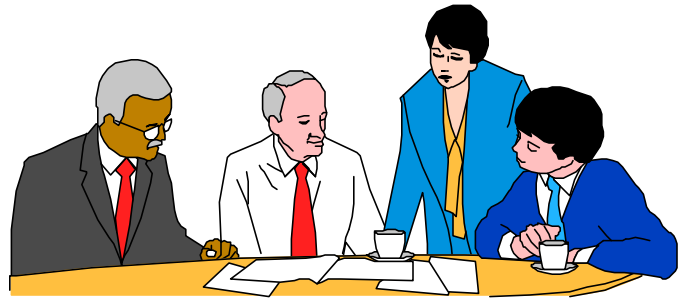
*We thank the Innisfail Branch
for inviting Lacombe Branch #79
to this timely seminar!*

The New Millennium

As the Legion moves into the 21st century, its members have rededicated themselves to ensure the care of Canada's veterans and the perpetuation of remembrance.

The implementation of the "Two Minute Wave of Silence" in 1999, and the establishment of "The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier" in 2000, are just two examples of how the Legion is preparing Canadians to never forget the lessons and sacrifices of the past.

Continued pressure on the federal government to improve benefits for those who have served the country in uniform is the Legion's other major corner stone. And, as times change, so will the needs and the Legion's work to ensure they are met.



39th Dominion Convention

The Dominion Convention will be held at the Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton
9797 Jasper Avenue

Edmonton, Alberta. T5J 1N9

during the days of June 9 - 13, 2002.

Some information is now in the Branch.

- a. the Convention Call;
- b. the Convention Program;
- c. a Credential Certificate;
- d. a list of hotels;
- e. a sketch of the downtown Edmonton core area showing hotels, the parade route and the location of the wreath laying ceremony;
- f. a list of trailer/recreational vehicle parks.

Lacombe Legion Branch #79

Branch Hours

Monday to Saturday inclusive 3 p.m.-10 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Monday	Bingo	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Darts	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Cribbage	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Meat Draws	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Action Group	
Saturday	Meat Draws	4:30 p.m.
1st Saturday	Whist	7:00 p.m.
3rd Saturday	Military Whist	7:00 p.m.
Phone	Ruth Hoppus	782-5365
	Marie Long	782-2186

Meetings

Lacombe Branch #79

General Meeting	First Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Last Wednesday	7:30 p.m.

Ladies' Auxiliary

General Meeting	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion

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Donations

to the Community

January 15	Hospital & Care	
January 15	Victim's Services	
February 4	Lions Club	
February 4	Lacombe Outreach	
February 8	Senior Activity	
February 23	Big Brothers and Sisters	
April 9	Salvation Army	
April 9	Meals on Wheels	
April 9	Home Support	
	Total	\$10,225.00

Year 2002

Remembrance Day School Awards and Dinner

was held in the Royal Canadian Legion Ponoka Branch #66, May 2, 2002.

Students receiving awards, parents and friends attended this special Legion sponsored event.

Congratulations to the students and a thank you to those who participated in the contest.



Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Elsie Suter, Reporter

March 8th

Our sympathy goes to the family and friends on the passing of a WWII veteran and Branch member, Comrade Robert "Bob" Hill.

Following the funeral service the Ladies Auxiliary served refreshments at the Legion Hall.

April 9th

Our ladies hosted the April birthdays at the Nursing Home. We served tea, coffee, juice, cup-cakes and Dixie cups of ice-cream.

Ed Nowochin was kind enough to provide musical entertainment for our guests.

A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

April 10th

On this special event for Branch members, Vimy Night was well attended.

The ladies served a special meal of ham and scalloped potatoes to approximately 72 members and guests. Gwen Duffy catered the meal. Thank you to all who assisted Gwen in the kitchen.

April 28th

Nine members of the Lacombe Branch, Ladies Auxiliary attended the District Rally at Sylvan Lake. Our congratulations to the their Branch for their exceptional hospitality.

To truly appreciate the Legion, attendance at a Rally is the place to learn of its importance to the community . . . and Canada!

May 8th

Vets' Night is an annual event when we honour all veterans in the Lacombe community with a dinner. It provides an opportunity for "Comrades-in-Arms" to visit.

The Auxiliary has phoned and invites all known local area veterans. Joan Roback will cater to the meal.

Welcome to all veterans !
We hope you enjoy the evening.

Legion Sports

Darts

April 27



The Branch hosted the *Lady Hodges Dart Tournament*. Eight teams of 3 ladies participated from Red Deer, Rocky , Innisfail, Ponoka and

Lacombe. Winners in first place for this year are Madeline Babiuk, Joyce Bradford, Faye Chomoway. Madeline was deadly with her 'doubling out'.

It was great to have the men participate in cooking the food, serving and accepting registrations, etc. Many thanks to John Reid, Herb Draney and Dave Swarbrick, Dave Chomoway, Cheryl Swarbrick and Sharon Pollard.

May 11

Bunkie Shoot

This is a "He and She" Dart Shoot. The first 20 teams start at 10:00 am..

May 25

Jim Gordineer Memorial Dart Shoot

This is also a "He and She" Dart Shoot. First 20 teams start at 10:00 am. Both are Fun shoots.

The Lacombe Branch Senior Dart Team traveled to Cold Lake for Command Senior Darts. Their comments: "We had a good time!"

District Bowling, was held in Sylvan Lake on April 6 and 7th. Three teams and a single entry participated.

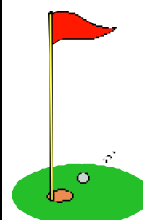
District Bowling

Darcy Whittaker won the men's Single Event and is off to Medicine Hat to bowl in Command playoffs. Good Luck, Darcy!



Branch #79 Golf

August 17



Tournament will be held at "*The Nursery*".

Sign-up sheet in the lounge.
The Branch Bulletin Board has details on other Legion Golf Tournaments!

Dave Swarbrick, Sports Chairman

A r e W e T h e r e Y e t ?

V i c t o r i a D a y W e e k e n d - M a y 1 8 - 1 9 - 2 0

We missed most of Spring! What's left of it appears to be a bit miserable. It's a great time to make plans for the warmer days ahead!

Why not take advantage of the Legion-sponsored events in our Central Alberta communities? There are many camping sites and the Legion is sponsoring special events at several communities.

Take this excellent opportunity to meet with friends - old and new. Make up a caravan and enjoy the hospitality of campsites close to home!

Take some time to enjoy the Legion Sunset Campground on beautiful Gull Lake.

Family Time . . . is . . . Quality time!

Ma-Me-O and Mulhurst

Sunday May 20

Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Golfing - Book your own course with friends and have fun

Horseshoes - tournament if the afternoon

Concession - 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M. -

GREAT FOOD

Tug of War - 1:00 P.M. until you've shaken off lunch.

Bingo - 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Cribbage - 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Evening for socializing, cards, darts, pool, or just read a great book!

Bluffton Community Hall

Saturday May 19

Evening	Dance
Daily	Pancake Breakfast
Games:	Horse Shoes,
	Slow Pitch, Golf
	Indoor Games and Cards
Weekday Fee	\$3 Adult
	\$7 Unit
Weekend Fee	\$9 Adult
	\$20 Unit
Under 10	FREE
Concession:	Hamburgers, Hot-dogs,
	Candies, Chips, etc.

Come out and enjoy a great weekend of camping and socializing.

Seniors and Families Welcome

Phone: Eric Hornsey	403-843-2567
Dallas Schmidt	780-389-3990
Al Clemmer	780-388-3954

**Sponsored by Zone 2 District 4
Royal Canadian Legion**

Alder Flats and Rimbey

Friday May 18

Registration 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Socialize around the grounds and meet your new friends

Concession 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Saturday May 19

Registration 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Pancake Breakfast 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

Golfing - Book your own area Golf Course

'Scrub' ball game with youth and ladies.

Children's activities all day

Lunch 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M.

Horseshoes Tournament in the afternoon

Floor curling 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon

Bingo 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Cribbage 3:00 P.M. - 8 games

Children's Dance 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Adult Dance 9:00 P.M. to 12:A.M."

Dance to a "Live Band"

**To the organizers
of these 'camp-outs' . . .
Thank you!**

Our Town . . . Has Braggin' Rights!

Canada is rated as one of the best countries in the world, and Lacombe is among the "top ten" communities in Canada!

Harrowsmith Country Life magazine selected **Lacombe** as one of the ten prettiest towns in Canada. **The April (2002) edition of this magazine portrays Lacombe as, "a Prairie town whose past remains alive and whose future looks bright indeed."**

Statistics

At the Hwy 2 Lacombe interchange, leave on the ramp to Hwy 12 West. Continue 2 km east to Centre Street and continue north for two blocks. The Legion Branch #79 is east on 52 Avenue.

- Population: 2001 - 9,252
- Municipal Status: Town
- County: Lacombe County #14
- School Division: Wolf Creek Regional Division
- Health Care Region: David Thompson Health Region
- Geographical Co-ordinates: Located in Central Alberta
- Latitude 52/28' and Longitude 111/54'
- Elevation: 853 Metres (2,806 feet)
- Distances from Major Centres: 118 km south of Edmonton
161 km north of Calgary
18 km north of Red Deer
- Major Transportation Arteries: East-West: Highway #12
North-South: Highway #2 and #2A
Railways: CP Rail
- Census Division: Alberta No. 8, Census of Canada
- Climatic Zone: Alberta 3A
- Geology: Very rich farmland, #1 soil to the East and West of Lacombe.
- Relatively long growing season conducive to market gardens and grain farming.
- Gravel and sand.
- There is oil in the entire county area.

In 1891, when the railroad came to Central Alberta, settlers rushed in the Lacombe area to develop homesteads.



Lacombe was incorporated as a village on July 28, 1896, and in 1902 as a town. At that time Lacombe was larger than Red Deer. In 1907, the Dominion Government chose the community as the site for an Agricultural Research Station.

Over the years the Lacombe Research Centre has made Lacombe world famous; the "Lacombe Hog" was developed here and the new meat packing plant is the most modern packing and research facility of its kind in Canada.

The provincial government, too, was a major contributor to the agricultural economy of Lacombe. The head office of the Insurance Division of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, which oversees 53 offices throughout the province is located in Lacombe.

Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development, Field Crops Development Centre is located in the community with an office building in downtown Lacombe and research facilities south of the Town.

The petro-chemical industry expansion began in about 1970. Once more Lacombe was ideally located - just minutes south-east of town are five major petro-chemical plants employing hundreds of people.

Further expansion of the Nova Chemicals Joffre Plant and Union Carbide Prentiss Plant has been recently announced to take place over the next three years. Added to this will be a new linear alpha olefins plant to be developed by Amoco Canada.

And yet Lacombe has always remained a "small" town where one could still enjoy close community spirit and neighbourly friendships.

Lacombe was part of the very successful "Alberta Main Street" program. The objective: to reaffirm Lacombe's close link with its glorious history!

In many ways the history of Lacombe is the history of small-town Alberta: from trail-blazer to railwayman, to homesteader, to farmer and finally to the intricate inter-relationship between the present agricultural and industrial Albertan.

Courtesy — Town of Lacombe

Gleanings From The Minutes:

- ?? Royal Canadian Naval 48th Annual Reunion May 17th - 19th in Winnipeg. Further information has been posted on the bulletin board.
- ?? Diana Grodaes was hired for the position of Bar Staff, and started on March 18, 2002. Welcome, Diana!
- ?? Membership Chairman Comrade Sharon Pollard moved the acceptance of four (4) new members. Passed.
- ?? Comrade Rod Oberg has prepared a cheque in the amount of \$6,500.00 from the Benevolent Account to be presented to the Lacombe Auxiliary Hospital for a *patient lift*.
- ?? Comrade Morrow volunteered to continue planning the Seniors Dances and other events for Seniors for the ensuing year. The first event will begin in October 2002.
- ?? Comrade Al Bunn reported that the campground is still frozen in.
- ?? Comrade Brian McIntosh reported that the Family Day Barbecue was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the skating, hay rides and the barbecue.

Comrade Barb Burnett from the *Stationary Stop* has generously offered her store-front window for community use by service groups to display their organization.

The month of November has been suggested for a Legion remembrance display.

Thank you, Comrade Burnett for this generous offer.

Comrade Bradford informed the membership that elections will be held in June. Comrade Jack Thompson is approaching members to stand for office.

Important Notice

The election of Branch executive will be held at the general meeting on June 6.

All members are requested to attend and vote for a member you expect will work for the Legion and continue with the 'mission' as stated in our by-laws.

The Community and the Legion needs you!

Canadian, Eh?

Questions asked by tourists at Banff National Park

- ?? How do the elk know they're supposed to cross at the "Elk Crossing" signs?
- ?? At what elevation does an elk become a moose?
- ?? Tourist: "How do you pronounce 'Elk'?"
Park Information Staff: "'Elk'."
Tourist: "Oh"
- ?? Are the bears with collars tame?
- ?? Is there anywhere I can see the bears pose?
- ?? Is it okay to keep an open bag of bacon on the picnic table, or should I store it in my tent?
- ?? Where can I find Alpine Flamingos?
- ?? I saw an animal on the way to Banff today. Could you tell me what it was?
- ?? Are there birds in Canada?
- ?? Did I miss the turnoff for Canada?
- ?? Where does Alberta end and Canada begin?
- ?? Is this the part of Canada that speaks French, or is that Saskatchewan?
- ?? If I go to B.C., do I have to go through Ontario?
- ?? Which is the way to the Columbia Rice fields?
- ?? How far is Banff from Canada?
- ?? What's the best way to see Canada in a day?
- ?? Do they search you at the B.C. border?
- ?? When we enter British Columbia do we have to convert our money to British pounds?
- ?? Where can I buy a raccoon hat?
All Canadians own one, don't they?
- ?? Are there phones in Banff?
- ?? So it's eight kilometers away, is that in miles?
We're on the decibel system, you know.
- ?? Where can I get my husband really, really lost??
- ?? Is that 2 kilometres by foot or by car?
- ?? **Don't you Canadians know anything?**



Kilroy ... was here!

If you don't understand this, ask a World War II veteran.



Track and Field Camp - 2002

Again this year The Royal Canadian Legion, with support from the Ladies' Auxiliary, is conducting a Track and Field Camp at the **University of Calgary, July 7 - 12, 2002**. This will be a co-ed camp.

The program is open to any one born between 1985 and 1989 inclusive and still attending school. The registration fee has been set at two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars per student, **payable with this application**.

If accepted, no refunds will be made except in very special cases.

The Head Coach again this year is Les Gramantik who will have a group of qualified coaches to provide instruction.

A feature of this year's clinic will be the selection of a team of males and females to attend the National Midget and Juvenile Track and Field Meet and Clinic at **Sherbrooke, Quebec, August 15th - 22nd, 2002**. Expenses involved in attending this clinic will be paid by this Command and Dominion Command.

Any parent, guardian, Legion Branch, Auxiliary, service club, recreation or sports organization, church group, lodge group or anyone else may sponsor a student to the clinic.

It is suggested that a portion of the registration fee be paid by the athlete and his parents so as to give them some responsibility in the sponsorship. If your Branch is unable to sponsor a student, please pass this material along to another group.

125 females and 125 males will be accepted at the Camp. The Camp will run **six (6) days** for the entire group. They will be housed at the University of Calgary. All meals will be provided.

THE PLACE:

The University of Calgary

THE DATE:

July 7th - 12th, 2002

THE EVENT:

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Track and Field Camp**

THE THEME:

A Week to Remember!

THE DEADLINE:

for receiving applications is June 1st, 2002

Ron Rivard, Executive Director

Welcome

New Members

Karen O'Hare	Lacombe
Robert W. Willson	Sylvan Lake
Jody Lynn Robb	Mirror
Douglas Fosnaugh	Lacombe
Lonnie Sulzle	Lacombe

Did You Know?

An Affiliate non-Voting Member can apply to be an Affiliate Voting Member after 2 years!

Membership dues for year 2002 are now 'past due'. Cards must come from Legion Command and will arrive in September, 2002.

Become an active member !



Provincial Golf Tournament Red Deer Legion Branch #35

- ☞ Tee Card Pickup
Friday July 5 - 5:00 P.M.
- ☞ Saturday, July 6th.
At Balmoral Golf Course.
- ☞ Green Fees & B.B.Q. \$65.00.
- ☞ Opening Ceremony 8:30 P.M.
- ☞ Shot Gun Start 9:30 P.M.
- ☞ BBQ 5:30 P.M.
- ☞ Guest Tickets \$12.50.
- ☞ Entertainment to Follow.

Significant Dates

in Canada's Military History (by month)

16 January	1991	Gulf War begins.
27 February	1991	Gulf War hostilities end.
March	*	
09 April	1917	Battle of Vimy Ridge.
April	2002	Afganistan War.
22 April	1915	Battle of Ypres begins (First of three battles).
29 April	1991	Gulf War. (Official cease-fire).
May	1943	Battle of the Atlantic (31 U-boats sunk).
08 May	1945	Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day).
25 May	1915	Battle of Ypres ends.
06 June	1944	Normandy Invasion (D-Day).
25 June	1950	Korean War begins.
01 July	1916	Battle of Somme begins.
01 July	1916	Battle of Beaumont Hamel (Royal Newfoundland Regiment).
10 July	1940	Battle of Britain begins.
10 July	1943	Invasion of Sicily.
27 July	1953	Korean War ends.
04 August	1914	World War I begins.
15 August	1945	Victory Over Japan Day (V-J Day).
19 August	1942	Dieppe Raid.
02 September	1945	World War II ends.
03 September	1943	Invasion of mainland Italy.
10 September	1939	Canada declares war on Germany.
October	1917	Battle of Passchendale.
31 October	1940	Battle of Britain ends.
11 November	1918	Armistice Day. World War I ends.
30 November	1916	Battle of Somme ends.
06 December	1917	Halifax Explosion.
25 December	1941	Fall of Hong Kong.

Words of Wisdom

☞ "One of the most important things we can bequeath our children is an honourable name."

☞ "Yesterday's future is here today and may become a lost opportunity tomorrow."

☞ "Past . . . is prologue!"

Numbers in Service

?? South Africa	(1899-1902)	approximately 7,000.
?? World War I	(1914-1918)	628,736 (includes 4,518 women).
?? World War II	(1939-1945)	1,081,865 (includes 49,963 women).
?? Korean War	(1950-1953)	26,791.
?? Gulf War	(1991)	4,074 (includes 237 women).

Casualties

?? South Africa	(1899-1902)	267 dead.
?? World War I	(1914-1918)	66,573 dead.
?? World War II	(1939-1945)	44,927 dead (includes 73 women).
?? Korean War	(1950-1953)	516 dead.
?? Gulf War	(1991)	no casualties.

Wounded

?? South Africa	(1899-1902)	no records.
?? World War I	(1914-1918)	138,166.
?? World War II	(1939-1945)	53,145 (includes 19 women).
?? Korean War	(1950-1953)	1,558.
?? Gulf War	(1991)	no casualties.

Prisoners of War

?? South Africa	(1899-1902)	no record.
?? World War I	(1914-1918)	2,818.
World War II	(1939-1945)	8,271.
?? Korean War	(1950-1953)	33.
?? Gulf War	(1991)	none.

Newfoundland

(A British colony prior to 1949)

?? World War I	(1914-1918)	16,922 served, 1,593 died, wounded unknown, 180 POWs.
?? World War II	(1939-1945)	19,460 served, 704 died, wounded and POWs unknown.

Merchant Navy

??	1,400 served on the original 37 Canadian ships registered at the start of World War I.
??	14,000 served on registered ships during World War II.
??	175 died by enemy action in World War I.
??	1,146 died by enemy action in World War II.
??	1,059 names on the Halifax Monument (place of burial unknown).

Peacekeepers

??	More than 125,000 have served on missions since 1948. Over 115 have died on missions.
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