## FALL 2020

# Grandona Legion Branch 124, Iona NEWSLETTER



### **Remembrance Day – Message to the Community**

The annual Poppy Campaign begins Friday, October 30. Despite the raging Pandemic, it is perhaps more important than ever to contribute to the Poppy Trust Fund. Our Veterans depend upon the help they receive from this fund. As an organization, we have pledged to never forget our Veterans. We need to help them now and remember them when they are gone.

In conducting our Service of Remembrance this year, we are obligated to follow Nova Scotia Health Guidelines re: COVID-19, and Dominion Command's Instructions. Many of our Veterans fall into the "Vulnerable" category, and so we must take special care to keep them safe, while at the same time, give them and our departed Comrades, the remembrance and respect they deserve.

To that end, our Service of Remembrance will be conducted at the Cenotaph, and include a small, intimate gathering of Veterans and Service Personnel only. Wreaths, sprays, and crosses from Dignitaries (Governor-General representative, Government of Canada representative, etc.) will be prepositioned at the Cenotaph; there will be no laying of wreaths. There will be no parade. We will have a wreath prepositioned in memory of Veteran loved ones of the Community (to replace the 100 or so wreaths individually taken up by members of the Community). The Legion hall will be closed on Remembrance Day.

You are encouraged to watch the National Remembrance Day Service on television in the safety and comfort of your home. If you do attend our Remembrance Service, you are asked to remain in your vehicle. After our Service is over and we disperse, you may then lay your wreath, etc. at the Cenotaph, following COVID restriction guidelines (distancing, etc.).

We ask for your understanding and support this year as we try to honour our Comrades with a respectful Remembrance Service, while at the same time, attempting to keep our current Veterans and everyone else, safe. News & Noteworthy

Bingo is on the back burner until the Spring.

Friday Suppers Friday Suppers remain suspended.

#### Early Bird Membership Draw

Yes... it's that time of the year again! Renew your Legion membership prior to Nov. 30th for a chance to win free membership for 2022. Two names will be drawn. You can renew your membership at the Legion Bar or online (<u>www.Legion.ca</u>) Membership fees are now \$40

## **Ongoing**

Legion Legends Practice Sessions Thursdays at 7pm. Drop by for a listen.

#### Friday Night Chase the Ace

\$5 for a strip of three tickets (choice of 4 colours) or \$20 for all 4 strips. Tickets on sale from 7:30-8pm. Draw to follow. Come early for the door prize draws. Nachos served (\$5/plate).

Open Mic: Would you like to get up and tell a story or a joke, sing a song or play a tune? We encourage you to do so!

Tickets also available during the week at the Little Dipper, Charlene's Bayside Restaurant, Beaver Cove Takeout and Darby's Current Bar Hours Thursday: 6-9pm Friday: 6-9pm

Masks must be worn to enter the Legion, and all current Covid-19 restrictions must be followed.

Sorry, Dart playing is still not permitted.

Become a Member of the Legion Anyone can become a member of the Legion. Membership forms are available at the bar. You can also apply online at www.Legion.ca

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