



Official Newsletter of Omeme Legion Branch 497

SERVING VETERANS  SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY  HONOURING REMEMBRANCE



Omeme Remembers

FROM THE PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER IS A TIME TO REMEMBER

As we enter November, I am reminded of the words “Lest We Forget.” They are simple words, but they carry a profound meaning.

Remembrance Day gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the sacrifices of the men and women who served our country, and those who continue to serve today. We remember those who never returned home, those who came back carrying the scars of service, and the families who supported them through it all.

Here in Omeme, our Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph is a special tradition. Seeing Veterans, Legion members, families and young people come together reminds us that remembrance belongs to all of us.

This November, I encourage you to wear a Poppy, attend a ceremony if you are able, and share the story of someone who served with a young person. It is through these small acts that we keep their memory alive.

To our Poppy Campaign volunteers and everyone who donates, thank you. Your generosity helps us support Veterans and their families when they need it most.

We remember. We honour. We will not forget.

Donna Robinson

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President, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 497

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THE ELEVENTH HOUR: HOW REMEMBRANCE DAY BEGAN



At 5:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918, Allied and German leaders signed the Armistice in a railway car parked in a forest near Compiègne, France, ending the fighting in the First World War.

They agreed the guns would fall silent six hours later, at 11:00 a.m.: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Those final hours came at a cost. At 10:58 a.m., just two minutes before the ceasefire, Private George Lawrence Price of the 28th (Northwest) Battalion was killed near Mons, Belgium. He is remembered as the last Canadian soldier killed in the First World War.

One year later, King George V asked people across the Commonwealth to pause for two minutes of silence at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1919. That moment became the heart of the first Armistice Day, and we still observe it today.

In Canada, Armistice Day was at first combined with Thanksgiving and held on a Monday. Many Veterans felt the day deserved its own place on the calendar. In 1931, Parliament fixed the date as November 11 and gave the day a new name: Remembrance Day.

The poppy has deep Canadian roots. John McCrae, a doctor and soldier from Guelph, Ontario, wrote "In Flanders Fields" in May 1915, after the death of his friend during the Second Battle of Ypres. His poem inspired the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. In 1921, the Great War Veterans' Association, a forerunner of the Royal Canadian Legion, adopted the poppy as Canada's flower of remembrance.

More than a century later, the date, the silence and the poppy remain the same. This November 11, when the clock reaches 11:00 a.m., we will pause together, just as Canadians did in 1919.

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REMEMBRANCE EVENTS 2026

HONOUR • REMEMBER • TOGETHER



POPPY CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Saturday, October 24

Poppies will be available
at locations around town.

Donations support Veterans
and their families.



REMEMBRANCE DINNER

Friday, November 6

Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Roast Beef Dinner with all the fixings.

\$25 per person

Guest Speaker: Belinda Wilson
Ontario Delegate, RCL Biennial Pilgrimage
of Remembrance



REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Saturday, November 7

Meet at the Legion at 10:30 a.m.

Parade to the Cenotaph

Service at 11:00 a.m.

Wreath placement during the service.

Refreshments at the Legion
following the service.



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Wednesday, November 11

Meet at the Legion at 10:30 a.m.

Cenotaph Service at 11:00 a.m.

Refreshments at the Legion
following the service.



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NOVEMBER EVENTS



Omeme Legion
presents
K.C. CARTER
LIVE
FRI. NOV. 13
7 PM - 11 PM



REDNECK RICKY
KARAOKE
Night
FRI. NOV. 27 | 7 PM - 11 PM
Everyone Welcome - Family Friendly!



JIM AND THE JAMMERS
★ OPEN JAM SESSIONS ★
All Musicians Welcome!
NOV. 14 | DEC. 12
SATURDAYS / 1 PM
Play Share Enjoy!
For more information, contact Jimmy Caton
(705) 933-6912

ONGOING EVENTS AT BRANCH 497



★ TUESDAYS ★
DROP-IN CORNHOLE
Sign in 6:30 PM / Play Starts 7 PM



★ THURSDAYS ★
LEAGUE DARTS
Registration 7 PM / Play Starts 7:30 PM
Good Darts Great Company!
Aim Play Repeat!



★ LIVE MUSIC ★
featuring
The Patio Stones Band
SAT. NOV. 21 | 7 PM - 11 PM
\$15 MEMBERS / \$20 NON-MEMBERS



EUCHRE
TOURNAMENT
SUN. NOV. 22
Register 12 - 12:30 PM | Play Starts at 1 PM
\$10 PER PLAYER

There's always something
happening at Branch 497!

Come for the **events**, stay for the **camaraderie**,
and enjoy **good food** and **cold beverages**
with friends old and new.

The Legion is a true gathering place for our community,
where **neighbours connect**, **Veterans are honoured**,
and everyone is made to **feel at home**.

Our doors are always open *to everyone.*

This newsletter is interactive — just click on any event card
above to learn more, or visit us online at omemelegion.ca



Unless specified otherwise, event tickets can be purchased
in three ways:

1. In person at the Legion
2. E-transfer to rcl497@outlook.com or
3. Online at ticketscene.ca



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LOOKING AHEAD



K.C. CARTER LIVE
FRI. DEC. 11 | 7 PM - 11 PM
Everyone Welcome!



Christmas Karaoke
with **REDNECK RICKY**
FRI. DEC. 18 | 7 PM - 11 PM
Family Friendly!



Family Christmas Celebration
SAT. DEC. 19 | 1 PM - 5 PM
Photos with Santa ★ Crafts ★ Kitchen Open
Fun for the whole family!



CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
SUN. DEC. 20
Register 12 - 12:30 PM | Play Starts at 1 PM
\$10 PER PLAYER



NEW YEAR'S EVE
with **HARLEY AND THE HOWLERS**
THURS. DEC. 31 | 8 PM - 1 AM
\$40 PP | Includes party favours, door prizes and a light meal

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JIM AND THE JAMMERS: A MUSICAL TRADITION AT THE LEGION

For more than 20 years, Jim and the Jammers have been bringing music, laughter and good company to the Omeme Legion.

The monthly Saturday afternoon sessions are led by **Lifetime Member Jim Caton**, who has been part of our Legion for more than 50 years.

It's about more than the music. The Jammers bring people together, and the friendships that grow along the way are a wonderful example of the community spirit that makes our Legion such a special place.

Thank you to Jim and to everyone who has played with the Jammers over the years. Here's to keeping the music playing and the good times rolling for many years to come!

The next Jam Session is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, at 1 p.m. For a complete listing of all upcoming sessions, visit our [website](https://www.legion.ca). Join us for an afternoon of music and good company. Musicians and listeners alike are always welcome!

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100
YEARS STRONG
1926 - 2026

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
WIN A 2026
FORD F-150 STX!

LEGION 100 WIN BIG GIVEAWAY

*Honouring
Our Past
Driving Our
Future*



YOU COULD HAVE UP TO 3 CHANCES TO WIN!



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Current members who renew for 2027 are automatically entered.



SHOP ONLINE

Get an additional entry when you shop at the Legion Store.



SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

Get another entry when you make an online donation to the Poppy Fund.



DEADLINE TO ENTER:

DECEMBER 19, 2026

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