



Official Newsletter of Omemee Legion Branch 497

SERVING VETERANS  SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY  HONOURING REMEMBRANCE



“
Together,
we honour
the past while
building our
future.”

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first issue of **The Bugle** - the official newsletter of Omemee Legion Branch 497!

This monthly publication is about all of us - our stories, our events, and the many ways to make a difference together. I invite you to get involved, share your ideas, and help us continue to grow a Branch we can all be proud of.

Thank you for being part of our Legion family.

Donna Robinson

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President, Omemee Legion Branch 497



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SEPTEMBER EVENTS



ONGOING EVENTS AT BRANCH 497

TUESDAYS

LEAGUE CORNHOLE

Sign in 6:30 pm / Play Starts @ 7:00 pm

THURSDAYS

LEAGUE DARTS

Registration 7:00 pm / Play Starts 7:30 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

HALLOWEEN HAUNT YOUR HOME CONTEST SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Prizes awarded in multiple categories.

[Click here for more details.](#)



GUNSLINGERS

Sat. Oct. 3

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

JIM AND THE JAMMERS OPEN JAM SESSIONS SATURDAYS @ 1:00 PM

Oct. 17 / Nov. 14 / Dec. 12

For more info, contact Jimmy Canton 705-933-6912

LADIES' DART TOURNAMENT

Sat. Oct. 24

Check in: 9-9:30 am / Play Begins @ 10:00 am

HAUNT YOUR HOME HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Sat. Oct. 31

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Everyone Welcome! [Click here for more details.](#)



HALLOWEEN DANCE HARLEY AND THE HOWLERS

Sat. Oct. 31

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

\$15.00 Members / \$20.00 Non-members

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



BRANCH NEWS

Look at Us Grow!

- 390 Members
- 200+ NEW Members This Year
- 6,200 Volunteer Hours Annually
- 21 local Veterans Honoured/Assisted
- 12 Community Donations Made

Lots is happening at Omeme Legion these days! We've had a busy summer, and preparations are already underway for the many regular activities and events returning this fall. Weekly darts and cornhole, karaoke, monthly dances and other social events continue to make the Branch a welcoming place to gather.

We're also looking ahead with several exciting new initiatives. Plans are underway to add permanent shade structures to our patio, creating a more comfortable outdoor space for members and guests to enjoy in the warmer months.

We're excited to launch our Catch the Ace Lottery in September. This new fundraising initiative will provide another way to support the Branch and local charities, while giving participants the opportunity to win a growing jackpot. Watch for more details coming soon!

Preparations are also underway for our 2026 Poppy Campaign and Remembrance activities, along with plans for new programs and opportunities to engage our members and community.

A sincere thank-you to all our volunteers and everyone who gives their time, energy and ideas to make Branch 497 such an active part of our community. There's always something going on at the Legion — and there's always room for you!

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DID YOU KNOW...

The red poppy is one of the most enduring symbols of remembrance for veterans and those who died in military service.

In Canada, it is especially associated with Remembrance Day (November 11) and the sacrifices made by members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Why a poppy?

The poppy became a symbol after the battles of the First World War. In the devastated battlefields of Flanders in Belgium and northern France, bright red poppies were among the first flowers to bloom in the disturbed soil where countless soldiers had been buried.



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VOLUNTEER / MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Five Questions With... Karen Drew

1. **How long have you been a Legion member?** 23 years.
2. **What inspired you to join the Legion?** I joined because my father and uncle both served in WWII. My father came home but unfortunately my uncle did not.
3. **What's your favourite Legion event?** Dances and the live entertainment.
4. **Tell us something people might not know about you.** I am a person who looks towards the future instead of dwelling on the past with the exception of my favorite memories as I was growing up.
5. **Do you have any advice for new members?** Get involved - attend events and consider volunteering. Volunteering is very gratifying knowing everything the Legion does to support our veterans and the community.

Karen is 2nd Vice President - Omeme Branch 497. She is the recipient of the Legionnaire Award - 2025, volunteers in the kitchen and as Sports Officer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Legion is growing, and so is our need for volunteers! Every committee is looking for helping hands, whether you can give a few hours occasionally or become a regular volunteer.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with:

- Events Committee
- Communications Team
- Kitchen Volunteers
- Making Telephone Calls
- Poppy Campaign

Every volunteer makes a difference and helps keep our Legion thriving.

Interested in getting involved? Call or email us today, or stop by the Legion and leave your contact information at the bar. We'd love to welcome you to the team!

COMMITTEE CORNER

Youth & Education Initiative

One of the most meaningful ways the Legion supports our community is through the Youth & Education program, including the annual Poster and Literary Contests held in our local schools.

This initiative encourages students to reflect on themes such as remembrance, service, and Canadian history through creative expression.

Committee volunteers help by connecting with schools, distributing contest materials, collecting submissions, and assisting with judging and recognition events.

It's a rewarding opportunity to inspire young people, strengthen community ties and ensure remembrance continues to be passed on to the next generation.

Something Spooky is Coming to Omeme...

HAUNT YOUR HOME

Decorating Contest

This September & October

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