### WE SERVE

The Royal Canadian Legion and its Ladies Auxiliaries are making a significant contribution to the quality of life in Canada. By joining the Legion, you will have the opportunity to become involved with your community and the Legion will be enriched by the enthusiasm, energy and new ideas that you would bring to the Branch. Such qualities are always required to maintain a dynamic progressive organization.

The Aims and Objects of the Ladies Auxiliary are to assist the Branch in seeing to the maintenance and comfort of disabled, sick and needy ex-service personnel and their dependents and to cooperate with the Branch in the promotion and carrying out of all the aims and objects of The Royal Canadian Legion.

"When communities come together to Remember the Fallen, to Remember why Canada is a benevolent Nation and to Remember why Canadians are respected for service to humanity, it is the Legion who is there to lead the way."

For more information, please contact the Ladies Auxiliary in your community or area. You can also write to:

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# Ladies Auxiliary to BC/Yukon Command

# THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

- **A** Are you familiar with this great organization?
- U Unite to help our Veterans who have served.
- **X** Exchange ideas and work together.
- ${\rm I\hspace{-0.5mm}I}$  Involve yourself in the work to be done.
- $\boldsymbol{L}$  Learn to help out and be there where needed.
- I Interact with everyone so you can have some fun.
- **A** Always think of the future of this organization.
- ${f R}$  Realize what is needed to be done to help others.
- **Y** You **can** make a difference, get more ladies to join.

# Our Mission...

Is to serve veterans, which includes currently serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.



# THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY

In the Ladies Auxiliary to BC/Yukon Command we have 80 Ladies Auxiliaries. Each Auxiliary holds monthly meetings with the exception of July and August.

Our funding is raised through catering events, bake sales and the operation of licensed gaming events such as bingo and/or raffles.

We look after veterans in hospitals such as George Derby Centre, St. Vincent's Brock Fahrni Pavilion and the Lodge at Broadmead (Victoria) and provide Christmas gifts for the veterans in these facilities.

We visit the sick and shut-ins throughout BC/Yukon Command.

We work with our Branches on various projects such as the Annual Poppy Campaign and BC Senior Games. We also help with funding the Chair of Family Practice and the Legion Foundation. We purchase tracksuits and backpacks for BC athletes attending the national Track and Field Championships and clinics.

We are always looking for new members.

#### HOW IS AN AUXILIARY RUN?

On an annual basis, each Ladies Auxiliary elects officers to conduct its affairs. The officers elected are determined by the current L.A. By-laws and most commonly elects a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These elected officers, along with an Immediate Past President form the Executive Committee which meets on a monthly basis to hold an Executive Meeting.

General Meetings are held for the Executive Committee and all Auxiliary members. It is at these General Meetings where decisions are made concerning the operation and expenditures of the Auxiliary.

Also, according to L.A. By-laws, the Auxiliaries have several Committees, such as Catering, Membership, and Ways & Means, to name a few.

#### WHAT IS A LADIES AUXILIARY?

It is a group of women/men who work together to further the aims and objects of The Royal Canadian Legion; which is first and foremost the welfare of ex-service personnel and their dependents.

#### WHO MAY JOIN AN AUXILIARY?

Women/men who are interested in the work of an Auxiliary and to promote comradeship may join. The sole purpose of joining a Ladies Auxiliary is strictly to assist a Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion in carrying out its work in behalf of all exservice personnel, their dependents and the community. It is not necessary for an applicant to be related to past or present military personnel.

#### WHAT DO THE LADIES AUXILIARIES DO?

Ladies Auxiliaries spend their time raising funds for their Legion Branches, Legion projects and their community.

Donations are proved to hospitals, bursaries and organizations such as the Legion Foundation for programs such as Spinoza Bear, Veterans Transition/Honour House, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon, Meals on Wheels, Canadian Cancer Society, the Arthritis Society, community and youth organizations.

#### REMEMBRANCE



The Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliaries conduct annual services of Remembrance throughout BC and the Yukon to honour those who made the supreme sacrifice. The annual Poppy Campaign is a project that every member of the Legion supports.

Every year, a Poster and Literary Contest is held with the Senior winners, at the National level, going to Ottawa for the November 11th service.

The Silver Cross Mother represents all mothers across Canada who lost sons and daughter's during conflicts in which Canada was involved, is also sponsored by The Royal Canadian Legion.