



# Westboro Legion e-Blast December 2017

## A Message from the Management Board

Joel VanSnick, Immediate Past Zone Commander and Tim Blanchard, Deputy Zone Commander of Zone G5 are heading up the Management Board giving leadership to the Westboro Legion Branch 480. If you have not already met them, please ask for them the next time you stop in at the Legion. Joel and Tim are working to incorporate industry best practices as they enhance the services provided to our membership and focus on what is best for our community and Veterans. Joel and Tim bring a lifetime of experience serving and supporting Veterans. Keep a close eye on our website to learn more about the good work taking place at the Westboro Legion by visiting our website at <http://www.rcl480.com>.

*Year in Review*

### Our Accomplishments in 2017

In the past year we have been able to accomplish a number of items that had been identified in the Westboro Legion's strategic plan. Often organizational change like we have experienced over the last year does not take place without getting outside of our comfort zone, and that we did. What resulted was a number of improvements that all support

the mandate of the organization. For example, revenues from our hall rentals increased with the addition of a hall rental agent, food service was introduced through Ric Watson and Elite Catering, the use of an on-line calendar for Legion events was developed and Interac began being accepted as a form of payment. In addition, we improved signage on the exterior of the building and strengthened our community partnerships. Over this past year, we had many successful events including the Invictus Flag Ceremony, Canada Day celebrations, Remembrance Day Ceremony and our Trivia Challenges for Charity, which have helped raise our profile in the local community.



### New Year's Eve Celebrations

There will be a New Year's Eve Buffet and Dance Party at the Westboro Legion with live music performed by "Unwound". Food service will be professionally prepared by Elite Catering. Tickets are on sale at the Westboro Legion at a cost of \$40.00 per person in advance of December 23, 2017. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the buffet will be served at 6:00 p.m. The live music starts at 7:30 p.m. and plays till 1:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome, you

do not need to be a member to join in the New Year's Eve fun, you just have to buy your ticket. For more information please visit our website <http://www.rcl480.com> or call Coleene at 613-294-1820.

We are also planning our traditional New Year's Day Levée this year. Please watch our website in the "You Should Know" section to learn more.



**We now have an on-line Calendar of Events – Do you know what is happening next at the Westboro Legion?**

Did you know the Westboro Legion now has its Calendar of Events on-line? You can now view our events on a daily basis for the up-coming year. You can click on an individual event and get additional information for our special events. You can also look at the calendar to determine if one of our rental halls is available before requesting to reserve a hall for your special occasion. The on-line calendar also has a print option allowing you to print a month at a time. To check-out the new calendar of events, please visit our website at <http://www.rcl480.com>. Hard-copies of the monthly Calendar of Events will also be available at the Westboro Legion as requested at our last general membership meeting.

### **Join in on some of our on-going activities**



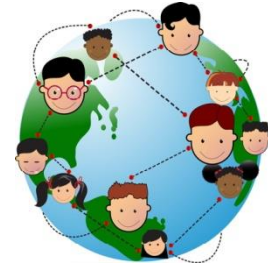
There is a Bingo every Wednesday night at the Westboro Legion. Doors Open at 4:30 p.m. for Café 480 and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Join us with your friends, or come and meet new friends. Funds raised are donated back to community organizations. We also have Bid Euchre, Darts, Pool and Sandbag Leagues on a weekly basis. For more

information visit our website at <http://www.rcl480.com> or call 613-725-2778.

## Stay informed, visit our website, follow us on Twitter, or like us on Facebook

There are several ways to stay in touch with what is happening at the Westboro Legion. You will find detailed information about our activities and about our services when you visit our website at <http://www.rcl480.com>. If you are a Facebook user, we encourage you to “like” our page on Facebook. Our Facebook page contains quick information and photos not just about our Legion but also information in general that we think you would find interesting.

Those who have a Twitter account are encouraged to follow us on Twitter and get quick information on what is happening currently. We also print out hard copies of our Calendar of Events which you can pick up at the Legion when you visit. At least once a month we try to keep you informed by e-mail and send out this e-Blast of current issues. Please stay in touch. Share our posts on Facebook with your friends and re-tweet us on Twitter. It helps us to reach out further into our community.



## What’s the latest buzz?



Have you heard about the great food being served at the Westboro Legion through our partnership with Ric Watson and his staff at Elite Catering? Ric and his staff renovated the Legion kitchen and started serving food for our hall rentals this past summer, and as a result, sales have been increasing. Building on the success of our partnership with Ric, the Westboro Legion will continue to expand food service in the new year.

## Reaching out to the Family Information Line

1-800-866-4546 or [FIL@cafconnection.ca](mailto:FIL@cafconnection.ca)

The 24/7 bilingual [Family Information Line](#) is managed by Military Family Services. The telephone and email service are available to military families, military members, Veterans, and community members. The FIL is about more than crisis intervention. Counsellors are mental health professionals trained to adjust their approach according to the needs of the person on the other end of the line.