



Memorial Gardens



Qualicum Beach Legion Carries on Canadian Tradition on New Year's Day

Qualicum Beach Legion carries on a Canadian tradition of holding a Levée on New Year's Day each year with the support of Quality Foods and the Town of Qualicum Beach.

A Levée is a uniquely Canadian New Year's Day tradition of receptions held by the Governor General of Canada, the Lieutenants Governor of the Provinces, the Canadian Forces, RCMP, some municipalities and Legion Branches. The Levée marks the advent of another year; and provides an opportunity for the public to visit.

The first recorded Levée in Canada was held on January 1st, 1646 in the Château St. Louis by Charles Huault de Montmagny, Governor of New France (later Québec) from 1636 to 1648. In addition to shaking hands and wishing a Happy New Year to citizens presenting themselves at the Château, the Governor informed guests of significant events in France, as well as the state of affairs within the colony. In turn, the settlers were expected to pledge anew their allegiance to the Crown. The Levée tradition was continued by British Colonial Governors in Canada, and subsequently continues to the present day.

We look forward to welcoming members of our community again this year. Come and join this celebration of a new year from noon – 3:00 p.m. at 180 Veterans Way, Qualicum Beach