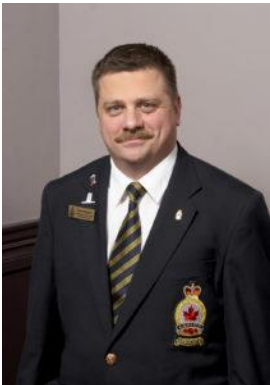




## Saskatchewan Command

Currently located at 2267 Albert St., Regina. The Command office moved approximately 1 ½ years ago, when they bought the building they are now using. Prior to that, they were located on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Regina. The Saskatchewan Command was officially formed on February 17, 1926, when the first Provincial Convention was held in Regina. This is a non-profit organization, supported by membership. It originally started out as a place of support, advocacy and comraderie for returning military personnel to help them transition from war time service to civilian life. Since then, the legion has grown into one of the most respected and loved community service organizations in Canada. The Legion continues to serve veterans, ex-service personnel, and their families as well as communities, hospitals, seniors, and youth programs. Saskatchewan Command of The Royal Canadian Legion has a provincial membership of approximately 9,000 members. This includes 163 Legion branches throughout the province.

Chad Wagner will be presenting at the Regina Forum on March 7, 2022. We will hear him discuss some of the challenges faced by the Legion through Covid and as Veterans needs have changed. The need to modernize many of the business practices and an ongoing commitment to collaborate with other agencies in the community.



Chad is our Provincial Executive Director his responsibility is to assist our Provincial Executive Council in their duties throughout the year with all the many different programs and services that our organization is involved in and manage the office and staff. He is also our liaison with our National Headquarters in Ottawa to ensure that our Province is up to date on information concerning protocol, conventions, sporting programs, and any other program and service that our organization is involved in on a national scale.

### **Chad Wagner**

Provincial Executive Director



Paul started with us as a volunteer service officer, but as the demand to provide service grew, a part time position opened up. Paul served within the Canadian Armed Forces as an Army Radio Operator and an Army Signals Operator for 20 years. He served on many overseas deployments to include the Golan Heights, Southwest Asia and two tours in Afghanistan. As well deployed to various supporting roles within Canada.

## Paul Valiquette

Assistant Provincial Service Officer



Kim has been with our Command office for a few years now. She originally was our Finance Officer. both her and her husband are Veterans. she brings a wealth of compassion and knowledge to our office. after about a year and a half Hiatus she came back to our office to fill one of our Service Officer roles.

## Kimberley Douglas

Provincial Service Officer

We are a non-profit organization, supported by membership. It originally started out as a place to support Veterans, promote remembrance and to engage with the Community. To this day, those three pillars remain strong.

The Provincial Command Office is comprised of Executive Director Chad Wagner, Provincial Service Officers Paul Valiquette and Kimberly Douglas, Finance Officer Desirae Duquette, and Administrative Assistant Tara Brown. Our commitment to finding solutions to help anyone in need, is core to the operations.

Executive Director, Chad Wagner leads the office with compassion, empathy and strategically. His background working with youth, adults and seniors provides the necessary platform. Graduating from the Faculty of Business Administration from the University of Regina in 2001, he has been able to leverage his education, experience in various business roles and creativity to help carve a path forward.

The Provincial Service Officers play a critical role within the office. They are the conduit to our clients. Both Paul and Kim are Veterans and are able to use their experiences to understand Veterans that are in need. They have access to Veterans Affairs system to be able to upload benefit claims, check on status and provide advice on how to fill out the necessary paperwork in the most effective way. Acting with compassion and empathy while delivering the various service and offering up guidance is their main objective. They must also analyze the need for a client. A need can come in many forms, but they try to stick to the motto of a hand up not a hand-out.

Veterans Service is one of the Royal Canadian Legion's most important duties. Each year the Legion facilitates the Poppy Campaign which raising the necessary funding for Veteran Programs. These funds are held in Trust on behalf of the public. To service veterans needs we have two Service Officers at Provincial Command. They are responsible for:

- **Applications for Disability Benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada**
- **Application for a Service Dog through PAWS for Veterans**
- **Homeless Veterans Assistance through Leave the Streets Behind**
- **Applications for our Wellness Program**
- **Applications for Mental Health First Aid Training**

- **Applications for a variety of Veteran's Transition Programs**
- **The Veterans Independence Program**
- **Veteran's Widows Inquiries**
- **Long Term Care Inquiries**
- **Last Post Fund Inquiries**

The Service Officers will liaise with Veterans Affairs Canada to ensure veterans receive the benefits they are entitled to. If you know of a veteran in your area that might need help in applying for benefits through Veterans Affairs or the various Legion Programs our Legion Service Officers are here to help. Our service is free of charge and available to all veterans and their family whether they are a Legion member or not.