



Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340

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SEPTEMBER 2010

BRANCH LINE

Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information and a wee bit of humor too. We welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past.

Check out the Don Caloren Memorial Golf Tournament pictures – thanks again for everyone who participated. This is an annual event – so we hope to see you next year.

Legion Week is from September 19 – 25th. We have events planned and hope you mark your calendar so you can join us. Watch for posters to see what will be happening in your Branch.

The Editors



LEST WE FORGET





LEGION



WHO WE ARE

We are a veteran's community-based organization which any Canadian citizen, Commonwealth subject or citizen of an allied country can join. We were founded by veterans, for veterans more than eight decades ago. But while we have maintained our traditional values of veterans' care and the perpetuation of Remembrance, we have progressively become more involved in the community.

With almost 400,000 members in 1,590 branches we ensure Canadian veterans of all ages receive everything they so richly deserve. We are "The Guardians of Remembrance" in Canada but we also have a big role to play in community development. We are a not-for-profit organization self-funded by its members for the good of our veterans and our communities.

OUR PRIORITIES

- ❖ Veterans Care and Support
- ❖ Promotion of Remembrance
- ❖ Advocacy
- ❖ Community Service: Youth and Seniors; Citizenship Development; Canadian Unity

OUR ROLE

To serve veterans, new and old, and their dependants, to promote Remembrance and act in the service of Canada and its communities.

MEMBERSHIP

The 2011 Early Bird Campaign begins September 01st and ends November 30th. Get your Early Bird Sticker and you could win your membership free for the year. Draws will be held October, November and December.

In order for our Branch to win an Early Bird Award, next year's dues must be paid by November 30th. This cannot be done without your help. When you submit your payment it will ensure that your membership is paid up until the end of next year and that you will continue to receive the Legion Magazine without interruption.

We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership. Remember, the Early Bird gets the Reward!!

Annual dues remain at \$45.00. please see the Bar Steward to assist with your payment and receipt.

We welcome Ava McLean as a new member who has recently transferred to our Branch.

We address the loss of Cde Robert Appell and James Young. Our sympathies are extended to their families and loved ones.

Rhonda Harrison
Membership Chair
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If you are a Snow Bird Why not an Early Bird?

Before you fly south for a winter's relaxation, become an Early Bird by paying next year's dues between September 1 and November 30. Then you can preen in the sun, knowing you've ensured there'll be no loss of Legion service or membership privileges. Remember, if you wait it may be your feathers that are ruffled later.



DISABILITY TAX CREDIT SEMINAR- Sept 21 2010 at 11 a.m. hosted at Guelph Legion

**DO YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER HAVE A DISABILITY THAT AFFECTS YOUR DAILY ACTIVITIES
OR - ARE YOU A CAREGIVER OF A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY?
IF SO YOU MAY BE ABLE TO CLAIM A DISABILITY TAX CREDIT.
TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY - ATTEND OUR FREE OF CHARGE
DISABILITY TAX CREDIT SEMINAR ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 11AM TO BE HELD AT THE
GUELPH LEGION 919 YORK ROAD GUELPH. NO REGISTRATION NEEDED FOR THIS SEMINAR.**

**YOU WILL FIND OUT ALL THE INFORMATION AND HOW TO APPLY. THERE WILL BE A
QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, AND ONE ON ONE CONSULTATIONS.
SEMINAR PRESENTER: LEN BRUDER WHO HAS HELPED MANY LEGION MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS CLAIM FOR DISABILITY AWARDS AND CREDITS,
THEY DIDNT KNOW THEY COULD HAVE.**

FOLLOWING THIS SEMINAR IS OUR SENIORS DAY FUN AFTERNOON - STARTING AT 1:30PM

Annual Don Caloren Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 14th, 2010

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Golf Tournament. It was a great day, lots of fun and great company. Special thanks to the organizers, Charlie and Sheila Roopnaraine – your hard work is certainly appreciated. A great time was had by all. Hope to see you again next year.



Our Tournament Organizers are Charlie and Sheila Roopnaraine.

On behalf of everyone who joined in the fun I would like to say THANK YOU BOTH for all you did to make this event so successful.

Charlie, the prize table was excellent!



Cde Charlie welcomes the players back at Branch 340 and explains what to expect for the rest of the afternoon.

The prize table is filled with a great variety of goodies – and there is one for each of the participants.

Thanks to those who donated gifts – it is appreciated.



Steve Caloren extends thanks on behalf of his family for hosting another great tournament in Don's memory.

They appreciate that so many folks came out and look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



Meet the Caloren Family

L – R: Steve (Benny) Goodman, Steve, Laurie and Marg Caloren.



To ease our hunger pangs, our two favorite barbecue chefs were in high gear - Wayne (Scrappy) Rourke and Larry (Skin) Dudgeon.

The burgers were delicious – thanks guys!



A Meat Raffle was held in the afternoon for everyone to play. Lots of prizes were won and everyone had a great time. Congratulations to all the winners!

L – R: Tom Jacques, Dick (Barney) Coulter, Eric McLeod and Dan Kelly.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

- ❖ Temper is what gets us into trouble, Pride is what keeps us there
- ❖ Who ever gets carried away with self-importance rarely goes far
- ❖ Inflation is being broke with a lot of money in your pocket
- ❖ You can't lose weight by talking about it, you have to keep your mouth shut
- ❖ It is chance that makes brothers but hearts that make friends
- ❖ Poverty of purpose is worse than poverty of purse
- ❖ Don't regret growing old, it is a privilege denied many
- ❖ Just when you think tomorrow will never come, it's yesterday
- ❖ People who have ½ hour to spare usually spend it with someone who hasn't
- ❖ The easiest way to get ahead, isn't very

Watching you!

Ms. Noital



WHAT'S HAPPENING



ENTERTAINMENT
8:00 pm – Midnight

September 04 – Della Fromager
September 18 – Grey County Country

MEAT ROLLS at 4 PM
Variety of meat prizes to be won

Saturday – September 04 & 25

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Bingo at 7:30 p.m. \$700.00 Jackpot

One Thing...

Three guys are convicted of a very serious crime, and they're all sentenced to twenty years in solitary confinement. They're each allowed one thing to bring into the cell with them. The first guy asks for a big stack of books. The second guy asks for his wife. The third guy asks for two hundred cartons of cigarettes.

At the end of twenty years they open up the first guy's cell. He comes out and says, "I studied so hard, I'm so bright now, I could be a lawyer. It was terrific."

They open up the second guy's door. He comes out with his wife, and they've got five new kids. He says, "It was the greatest thing of my life. My wife and I have never been so close. I have a beautiful new family. I love it."

They open up the third guy's door, and he's slapping at his pockets going "Anybody got a match?"

*** * * * * VOLUNTEERS NEEDED * * * * ***

Comrades,
Volunteers will be needed for the upcoming Pumpkinfest Breakfasts that will be happening the first weekend in October. A few hours on the Saturday or Sunday would be appreciated.

A sign up sheet will be located in the Canteen. Please sign your name on which activity you are interested in helping with.

Many hands make light work.

Happy Pumpkinfest!!



LEGION WEEK September 19 – 25

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| Sun. Sept. 19 | Volunteer Appreciation | Canteen | 4 – 8 pm |  |
| Wed. Sept. 22 | Bingo | Upstairs Hall | 7:30 pm |  |
| Thurs. Sept. 23 | Euchre | Canteen | 7:30 pm |  |
| Fri. Sept. 24 | Trivia Night | Canteen | 8:00 pm |  |
| Sat. Sept. 25 | Meat Raffle | Canteen | 4:00 pm |  |

Mark your calendar and please join us for all the events



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LEGION WEEK, SEPTEMBER 19-25, 2010

Comrades, we have over the past year met the challenge of communication. From Dominion Command to Ontario Command and through to branch level, we have seen doors opened and wall's dropped. The flow of information has begun but there is still much to do. I ask again this year that you open your doors to your membership and your community.

This year we were able to celebrate a small milestone as the overall reduction of membership was far less than in previous years. All Branch Membership Chairpersons across Ontario should be recognized for their efforts. I offer my personal thanks to each of you.

But the job is far from finished. Together, all members can help to continue this trend. Take advantage of local media, newspapers and community news channels to tell your community who we are, what we do and most importantly, how they can join us.

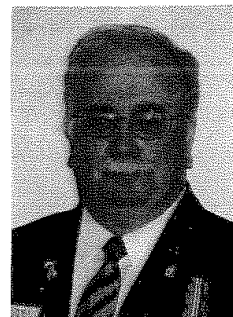
As our Mission in Afghanistan will soon end, the need to remember those who fought and in particular those who died, has never been greater. As Legionnaires we share a bond. For some that bond was wrought from battle, others through service and still others through our families and friends who served. Yet our mission is still the same, Service and Remembrance.

No matter what has brought us together in Legion, and no matter the difficulties we face in our branches, we are and always will be Canadians first. A country of caring individuals who considers others before ourselves.

One behalf of Ontario Commands Officers and Staff, I wish you much success for this Legion Week and the year ahead.

Be Strong, Be Cool, Enjoy.

W. Ed Pigeau
President, Ontario Command



"They served till death! Why not we?"



***The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command
Proclamation of Legion Week***

*Ontario Provincial Command of The Royal Canadian Legion
represents nine Districts which includes over 400 Branches;
within these Branches we have over 160,000 members .*

*We are a non-profit organization assuming the responsibility of maintaining the
tradition of Remembrance of those who paid the supreme sacrifice
by defending our great nation in past and present conflicts,
so that we as Canadians can live in the freedom that we enjoy today!*

*We continue to support and represent our Veterans of past and present with many
benefits as a result of the determination of our thousands of
dedicated members at all levels of the organization.*

*Legion Branches across the province work together with their affiliated organization,
the Ladies Auxiliary, to raise funds in support of the many programs within
Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.*

*With millions of dollars being raised from Branch and Ladies Auxiliary projects the
Legion supports numerous programs benefiting our
Veterans, seniors and youth within our communities.*

*Therefore, let it be known throughout the Province of Ontario
that September 19-25, 2010 be proclaimed Legion Week
within Ontario Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.*

W.D. Pigeon

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION



LA LÉGIION ROYALE CANADIENNE

THE PRESIDENT

LE PRÉSIDENT

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**A MESSAGE FROM
COMRADE PATRICIA VARGA
DOMINION PRESIDENT
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
LEGION WEEK IN ONTARIO
2010**

As your newly elected Dominion President I am most pleased to have this opportunity to address you as you mark Legion Week in Ontario.

As you well know, Legion Week presents you with the opportunity to open your doors to the public and special guests. I know you will use this opportunity to recruit some of them into the Legion family. I wish you good luck in all your endeavours in this matter, and want to offer you my congratulations on a job well done! Since the Legion first formed in 1926, Legion members like you have been dedicated to our purposes and objectives.

It is with this in mind that I ask you to show the people of your city, town or village that we care. We care about our veterans, our seniors and the youth of our communities, and we are ready, willing and able to help where and when we can. It is this type of support that has brought us to where we are today and it is this type of support that keeps us strong.

The Legion has something for everyone and now is a perfect time to show your communities in Ontario what it is. It is that spirit of community, combined with our care for Veterans and our promotion of Remembrance, that makes us what we are – a caring organization, one that has a bit of fun but also works hard to maintain our commitment to all that we hold dear.

Thank you for holding this week that highlights The Royal Canadian Legion and puts it where it belongs – in the spotlight, leading the way.

Patricia (Pat) Varga
Dominion President





Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

September 19 – 25, 2010

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to the members of the Ontario branches of The Royal Canadian Legion as you celebrate Legion Week.

As an Ontarian and Canadian, I am proud of the work of The Royal Canadian Legion — not only in recognizing and celebrating the service and sacrifice of our veterans, but also in reaching out to and supporting youth and seniors in our communities.

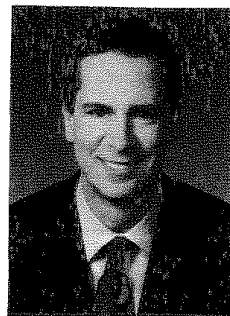
I commend the members of the more than 400 branches across the province for your generosity and for your dedication to the well-being of Ontarians. Take pride in knowing that your efforts do much to honour the many brave citizens who have served our country and to enhance the quality of life in our communities.

My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you — for your vital role in fostering civic spirit throughout this great province.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and memorable Legion Week celebration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Dalton McGuinty'.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier





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**PUMPKINFEST BREAKFAST
Upstairs Hall**

**Saturday, October 2nd
7 a.m. – Noon**

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**Sunday, October 3rd
7 a.m. – Noon**

Adults \$ 8.00 / Children \$5.00

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

**MEAT ROLL
4:00 p.m.
Upstairs Hall**

**ENTERTAINMENT
Late Nite Radio
8:00 p.m.
Canteen**

PUMPKINFEST 2010





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| 5 | 6 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY | 7 GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM | 8 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM | 9 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM | 10 <i>BALLROOM DANCING</i> 8:30 PM | 11 |
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| LEGION WEEK See Poster for Events | | | | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 EXEC. MTG. 7:30 PM | 29 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM | 30 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM | | |

~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE



Have you been naughty or nice....How about treating yourself or someone you care about to an early Christmas present???

We have listed 2 exquisite coats for sale....if you are interested, please see the Bar Steward for sizing.

There are only 2 on hand...ask early to not be disappointed.



LEATHER JACKET WITH LEGION LOGO

Style, quality, comfort, durability. That's what we were looking for in a leather jacket when we found this one. Here's the best of both worlds—the glove-soft feel of fine leather combined with the easy care of 21st century outer material. A traditional satin lining adds a finishing touch, plus a zip-out fleece liner for extra warmth. The timeless “bomber” cut of this jacket is enhanced with an inside pocket that opens in the facing, so that it is reachable with or without the zippered extra lining in. A large bold appliqué of the Legion Logo is proudly displayed on the back of the jacket.

Men's Size – L
Member's Price - \$90.00

DENIM JACKET

The men's jacket is a classic, no-nonsense straight cut, with many of the same traditional features metal buttons and keyhole buttonholes (no zipper) top flap pockets and slash pockets on the front, and real, blue jean denim colour. The men's jacket, however is enhanced with a comfortable, light fleece lining with an inside pocket, and durable corduroy collar and cuff liner.

This jacket is machine washable and dryable, no special care required. They are the essence of durability, ready for whatever life brings your way.

Men's Size – XL
Members Price - \$60.00