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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.

I would like to take this time to announce that Cde Sheila James, Meaford Branch 32, has been elected as Deputy Zone Commander for the remainder of this term, Congratulations, Sheila.

Our annual visitation from the Zone and Deputy Zone Commander is the General Meeting on November 4th. Please plan to attend.

Please read the article for the Early Bird Campaign, which starts September 01 and runs to the end of November. Your Branch needs your support to receive the highest Early Bird Award for 2015. Early Bird Renewals will only pay \$45.00, on December 1st dues will increase to \$50.00.

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope you are able to spend time with family and loved ones. We all have so much to be thankful for.

Halloween is also just around the corner. Be careful of the Trick or Treaters on Halloween night. The young ones will be excited and may not always be paying attention to the traffic around them. Help keep them safe.

All the events happening at the Branch are open to the public so please bring your friends and join in the camaraderie.

The Editor



LEST WE FORGET



PRESIDENTS REPORT

While other Legions are struggling to stay alive, Branch 340 is strong with a good number of Comrades attending to the events of the Legion. One thing has come up that needs to be improved. Attendance at the monthly General Meeting have been declining lately to the point we are struggling to have enough people to have the Meeting. Our requirement for a quorum is to have 1 more member than what we have Executive members. With 11 Executive members we need at least 12 paid members to have a meeting.

We need these meetings to provide direction for the running of our Branch. Please plan on attending our General Meeting and have a say in what is going on at our Branch. The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30. Please plan on attending and help support leading our Branch 340 forward.

Yours in Comradeship
Dan Kelly
President
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BURSARY REPORT



BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
Charitable Foundation
&
Royal Canadian Legion
Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command



OPEN TO STUDENTS OF:

- *Ex-Servicemen or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy) & their children & grandchildren; Commonwealth war veterans & their children & grandchildren
- *Ordinary & Life Members of The Royal Canadian Legion - children & grandchildren
- * Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion & their children
- * LA members & their children & grandchildren

Apply early to avoid being disappointed!

Required Documentation

- *OSAP Documentation* *School Endorsement*
- *Bursary Assistance Application*
- *Membership verification from the Branch*
- *Proof of Service - discharge certificate/record of service*
(proof of relationship required)

Download the application from on.legion.ca



Contact your local Royal Canadian Legion Branch,
Ladies' Auxiliary, Financial Aid Office,
Ontario Command or Service Bureau Office for
an application



Applications must be sent to Ontario Command

Program opens September and closes the last Friday of March each year.

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
89 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora Ont. L4G 4C4
1-888-207-0939 or 905-841-7999 info@on.legion.ca

For more information please contact the undersigned and I will be more than glad to assist you in completing the application form.

Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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HONOURS & AWARDS



This years Legion Service pins will be handed as part of our Remembrance Day activities. If you are eligible for your pin, I hope you can attend. This year we will also be honouring our WWII Veterans at the service.

Hope to see you there as this is one occasion we should take the time to honour all of those who served.

Blair Eby
Honours & Awards Chairman
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



A reminder that the Early Bird Campaign for the 2015 Membership will be over November 30th. When you renew your 2015 membership during the Campaign the dues remain at \$45.00, but if you pay on or after December 01st the dues will be increased to \$50.00 up to August 31st the following year. We are counting on you – please don't leave paying your membership too late. We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership in our great organization.

We welcome Rev. Chuck Beaton and Jonathon Slater as new Comrades to our Branch. Rev Chuck is the new Padre for our Branch. Please extend a welcome when you see them in the Branch. Welcome to Branch 340!

We are always looking for people to join this great organization and application forms are available at the Bar. Bring a friend and sign up today.

If you or anyone you know would like a copy the newsletter sent to them, please leave the email addresses with the Bar Steward and I will ensure that your name is added to the mailing list for future Branch Line editions.

Remember to keep your contact information current and inform me if there are any changes as soon as possible.

Sharen Maas
Membership Chairman
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POPPY REPORT



The Poppy Campaign for 2014 has begun. Letters have been sent to businesses and organizations asking for their continuing support this year. We at Branch 340 are fortunate to have great people in our community who are willing to make our campaign successful year after year. I have begun approaching businesses to allow us to place poppy boxes in their premises and have poppy canvassers on site.

With this said volunteers will be needed again this year. Without people to distribute poppies, count donations, roll coins etc., our campaign cannot succeed. The sign up sheet will be in the Canteen soon so I hope as members of 340; you will take a couple of hours to help out. Remember your pledge you took to help with the Poppy Campaign.

With continued support from our members and community, I have no doubt we can surpass last years totals so we can be allowed to support our veterans and local hospitals.

On Friday, September 26th we had a BBQ to celebrate our 70th Anniversary of Branch 340. Thank you to all our Veterans who were able to attend, it was great to see you there.

Thank you to all who help,

Blair Eby
Poppy Chairman
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Dating in 1957

You need to be able to remember the era to really enjoy this...But even if you're not old enough, this is funny, anyway!

It was a hot Saturday evening in the summer of 1957 and Fred had a date with Peggy Sue. He arrived at her house and rang the bell.

"Oh, come on in!" Peggy Sue's mother said as she welcomed Fred in. "Have a seat in the living room. Would you like something to drink? Lemonade? Iced Tea?"

"Iced Tea, please," Fred said. Mom brought the iced tea. "So, what are you and Peggy planning to do tonight?" she asked.

"Oh, probably catch a movie and then maybe grab a bite to eat at the Malt Shop, maybe take a walk on the beach..."

"Peggy likes to screw, you know." Mom informed him. "Uh...really?" Fred replied, with raised eyebrows.

"Oh, yes!" the mother continued. "When she goes out with her friends, that's all they do!" "Is that so?" asked Fred, incredulous.

"Yes," said the mother. "As a matter of fact, she'd screw all night if we let her!"

"Well, thanks for the tip," Fred said as he began thinking about alternate plans for the evening. A moment later, Peggy Sue came down the stairs looking pretty as a picture, wearing a pink blouse and full circle skirt and with her hair tied back in a bouncy ponytail. She greeted Fred.

"Have fun, kids," the mother said as they left. Half an hour later, a completely disheveled Peggy Sue burst into the house and slammed the front door behind her.

"The Twist, Mom!" she angrily yelled at her mother. The d****d dance is called the Twist!"



TRAINING & ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (T.O.D.)



Do you know the Legion? Learn the facts about Canada's largest Veteran and community support organization.

The Royal Canadian Legion is Canada's largest Veteran and community support organization formed in 1926 following the unity of various World War I Veterans' organizations. The Legion was founded with the clear purpose of service to the Nation through three distinct channels:

1. Care of Veterans, their dependents and the needy;
2. Keeping constantly alive public memory of the sacrifices of Canadians in the cause of world peace and thus providing a deterrent to future conflicts;
3. Promotion of unity, of thought and of effort among all Canadians leading to the development of a greater Nation.

For the past 87 years the Legion has been the leading organization delivering programs to our Veterans and our communities in support of these aims.

The Legion is a registered not for profit organization funded solely by membership dues. It is not a government agency. The Legion as a service organization does contract services to the government such as the provision of wreaths to Members of Parliament and the Veterans' outreach and visitation program which ensures all Veterans receive the care and benefits they deserve. In contracting these services the Legion is filling a gap the government is

not able to deliver on for Canada's Veterans. Thanks to its more than 300,000 members and its footprint of 1441 branches across Canada, the Legion is able to step up and ensure Veterans and their families receive the highest quality of service and care from the government throughout their lives. There is no profit derived from these contacted services to the Legion. They are solely provided on a cost recovery basis.

Legion branches across Canada do apply for infrastructure improvement grants that are sometimes made available by governments. Many community groups and not-for-profits qualify for these building improvement grants. Governments recognize that these infrastructure improvements help ensure valuable community resources are maintained and able to support the communities where they are located. These funds are often provided on a matching basis (the group receiving funds must match the funds received) and all monies are carefully accounted for. None of these funds can be used for Legion operations, programs or services.

With 1441 branches, the Legion has a national reach across this vast country and with branches in the United States, Europe and Mexico. With more than 300,000 members, the Legion has an established and identifiable membership who shapes our policies and direction in a democratic manner. Legion membership is open to all Canadians. At the end of 2012, almost 30% of our members are persons who have served. All other members are either the family of those who have served or are persons who support the Canadian Forces, RCMP and traditions of Remembrance. All Legion members recognize and uphold the value of service to country. Legion volunteers whether they have served or not raise funds and assist Veterans and their families. Without Legion volunteers the tremendous programs and services provided to our Veterans and their families in communities across this country would disappear. If there was no Legion in Canada, countless cities, towns and villages would lose the most iconic cornerstone of their community; a place where people come to support their community, support their families, and support the military – that place is a Legion branch.

The Legion's mission statement represents the very foundation of everything the Legion strives to accomplish:

Our mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families; to promote Remembrance; and to serve our communities and our country.

The Legion's definition of Veteran is inclusive: we support all Veterans of all ages including serving Canadian Armed Forces members, Regular and Reserve, and RCMP members. There is only one Veteran in our eyes; a concept long recognized by the Legion.

Article courtesy of The Royal Canadian Legion (Dominion Command). Please visit our Ontario Provincial Command website at www.on.legion.ca

Rhonda Harrison
TOD Chairman
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The 18 Bottles

I had eighteen bottles of whiskey in my cellar and was told by my wife to empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink, or else... I said I would and proceeded with the unpleasant task. I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the second bottle and did likewise with it, with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the third bottle and poured the whiskey down the sink which I drank. I pulled the cork from the fourth bottle down the sink and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank. I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it, and threw the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

When I had everything emptied, I steadied the house with one hand, counted the glasses, corks, bottles, and sinks with the other, which were twenty-nine, and as the houses came by I counted them again, and finally I had all the houses in one bottle, which I drank.

I'm not under the affluence of incohol as some thinkle peep I am. I'm not half as thunk as you might drink. I fool so feelish I don't know who is me, and the drunker I stand here, the longer I get.

I am pleased to report the Youth Education fall agenda is on track. Each of the classrooms at our schools has received an information package pertaining to this year's posters and literary contest.

We will commence judging on Sunday November 2 and intend to have our 2nd and 3rd place entries on display for our Remembrance Day ceremony in the Branch on November 11th. Our 1st place entries will be progressing on to Zone for that level of judging.

Many thanks to my Comrades for offering their assistance to this.

Elizabeth Eby
 Youth Education Chairman
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 Happy Thanksgiving	WHAT'S HAPPENING In October	 Happy Thanksgiving
LADIES CARD CLUB Tuesday Afternoons Upstairs Hall Start 1:30 pm	IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE 2 nd Tuesday Canteen – 7:30 pm	BINGO every Wednesday Doors open at 6:30 pm Bingo at 7:30 pm – \$700. Jackpot
EUCHRE Thursday at 7:30 pm Canteen	DANCE CLUB Friday at 8:00 pm Upstairs Hall	EUCHRE Saturday at 1:30 pm Canteen
MEAT RAFFLE Saturday, October 4, 11, 25 4:00 pm - Canteen		
All Legion events are open to the public. Bring your friends for an enjoyable time out.		



BRANCH 340 BARBECUE



The accolades 'Team BBQ' has received this season are endless. We have kept our BBQ consistent, well organized and most delicious! Special thanks to Larry Dudgeon for the juicy burgers and Blair Eby for cooking up all those fries. Mrs. Eby (Sr.) certainly has a lovely potato salad recipe and we thank you very much for always offering to help. In August, Comrades Mike Atkinson and Don Dudgeon donated all the corn and with the assistance of Les Virtue, Arun Mistry and Andrew Reinhart husked and cooked it to perfection. Special thanks to Charlie Roopnaraine for keeping our BBQ in excellent working order and repair. And to Dan Kelly for seeing to a full tank of propane too.

Thank you Rhonda and Bob for arranging our colourful advertising posters around the Branch and for always having the tomatoes and onions done up. Thank you also for being there on set up and tidy up. A party is always lots of fun until it's 'washin up' time !!!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all our Comrades for their culinary donations, and for consistently coming to support our past BBQ's.

We are looking forward to our next BBQ on the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend. We are going to try a sausage on a bun along with burgers and see how everyone likes the change.

We don't have any BBQ's scheduled over the late fall/winter however once we get through Poppy season likely that will give us reason to celebrate with a fun Friday evening venue.

Once again, many thanks and well done #340!!

Elizabeth Eby



CHRISTMAS WHEELBARROW DRAW



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 is once again having a Christmas Wheelbarrow Draw.

The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The Draw will be held on December 23rd at 5:00 pm on December 23rd at the Legion. The wheelbarrow will be full of everything you need for a happy Christmas dinner.



Proceeds to Port Elgin Minor Hockey and Port Elgin Minor Soft Ball Associations.

We need all of you to support this great cause. Tickets may be picked up at the downstairs Bar.

Your help is also needed to sell tickets; so please call Mary Alexander at 519-832-9053 for the quantity of books you can sell for this great cause

Thanks again for supporting this worth while endeavour.

Mary Alexander
Sports Chairman
sunsetcottages@eastlink.ca



Track and Field comes to a close for the 2014 season.

Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships

From August 15 to 17 in Langley, British Columbia, five Saugeen athletes competed in the Nationals Legion Championships.

- Tony Elliott (Boys U16) - Team Ontario
 - Hammer Throw 4kg - 2nd Place (51.38m)
 - Discus 1kg - 3rd Place (51.68m)
 - Shot Put 4kg - 5th Place (14.10m)
- Emily Branderhorst (Girls U16)
 - High Jump - 5th Place (1.55m)

- Adam Tait (Men U18)
 - 1500m - 13th Place (4:05.20)
 - 3000m - 7th Place (8:40.87)
- Sarah Van Wyk (Girls U18)
 - 1500m - 19th Place (4:55.23)
- Cameron Hoggarth (Men U18)
 - 400m - 17th Place in Preliminaries (52.39)

This past weekend in Toronto, Athletics Ontario recognized the top age class athletes in their respective events and two Saugeen athletes were recognized:

Tony Elliott ... Midget Boys Throws athlete for 2014.
 Joshua Zelec Bantam Boys Distance athlete for 2014.

On to cross country....

Earl Farrell
 Track & Field Chairman
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A Colonel's Order

A COLONEL ISSUED THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVE TO HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

"Tomorrow evening at approximately 2000 hours Halley's Comet will be visible in this area; an event which occurs only every 75 years. Have the men fall out in the battalion area in fatigues, and I will explain this rare phenomenon to them. In case of rain, we will not be able to see anything, so assemble the men in the theater and I will show them films of it."

EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO COMPANY COMMANDER:

"By order of the Colonel, tomorrow at 2000 hours, Halley's Comet will appear above the battalion area. If it rains, fall the men out in fatigues, then march to the theater where this rare phenomenon will take place, something which occurs only once every 75 years."

COMPANY COMMANDER TO LIEUTENANT:

"By order of the Colonel be in fatigues at 2000 hours tomorrow evening. The phenomenal Halley's Comet will appear in the theater. In case of rain in the battalion area, the Colonel will give another order, something which occurs once every 75 years."

LIEUTENANT TO SERGEANT:

"Tomorrow at 2000 hours, the Colonel will appear in the theater with Halley's comet, something which happens every 75 years. If it rains, the Colonel will order the comet into the battalion area."

SERGEANT TO SQUAD:

"When it rains tomorrow at 2000 hours, the phenomenal 75-year-old General Halley, accompanied by the Colonel, will drive his comet through the battalion area theater in fatigues."



AIR CADETS 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



Port Elgin Air Cadet Squadron 340 is ready for another year!

The Port Elgin 340 Air Cadet Squadron is set and ready for another exciting year. This summer saw 17 cadets attend various 2, 3 and 6 week courses at CFB Trenton, Borden and Blackdown. They all came back having learned a little something and having a new appreciation for the comforts of home. FCPL Mitch McCallum attended a 3 week Advanced Aviation Course at CFB Trenton and FCPL Adrian Schwandt attended a 3 week Survival Course at CFB Borden.



LAC Rahul Pandya enjoyed the 2 week General Training Camp at CFB Trenton and came home with the Top Cadet in his squadron trophy.

This fall is shaping up to be a busy one for the cadets. They held a successful bottle drive on September 7th at the Beer Store in Port Elgin and hope to make this an annual event. Next up for them is a Survival Weekend held at the Runge Farm near Hanover on September 26-28, 2014. They will assist the Lion's Club at their BBQ and at Branch 340, Royal Canadian Legion during Pumpkinfest where they will be selling Air Cadet Lottery Tickets at the Legion breakfasts. Weather permitting; they will have a gliding day in Wingham on October 11th. The fall Squadron Tag Day will be on October 18th, so please, when you see them around Town, stop by and say "hi". There is a lot more to come in November and December, so stay tuned.

Air Cadets is available to youth ages 12-18. Drop by the office at SDSS (portables) Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 9pm or contact the Commanding Officer at 519-832-2771, or the Sponsoring Committee Chairperson, Steve Pellow at 519 832 9158 or email at steve.pellow@gmail.com.

Cde Steve Pellow
RCL 340 Liaison

Merchant Navy Veterans Day of Remembrance 75TH Anniversary



Second World War Navy veteran Bob Maas holds the wreath at Port Elgin's Cenotaph on Sept. 7, surrounded by members of Port Elgin Branch 340 of the Royal Canadian Legion. Fellow Legionnaires include, from left: Elizabeth Eby, Norma Dudgeon, Robert Harrison, Bob Maas, President Dan Kelly, and Blair Eby.

In recognition of the 75th anniversary of the declaration of the Second World War, the Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 honoured Canada's fallen by placing a wreath at the Port Elgin Cenotaph at 11 a.m., Sept. 7.

Navy Veteran Bob Maas placed the wreath as five members of the local Branch proudly stood by.

A Merchant Navy Veterans Day of Remembrance ceremony was held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa at the same time. Legion Branches had been asked to place a wreath on behalf of their Branch at their local Cenotaph or monument.

This comes after Sept. 3 marked the anniversary of the war declaration.

During that conflict, 25,343 merchant ships, with over 164 million tons of cargo on board, sailed across the Atlantic from North America to Britain.

Christine Bennett
Port Elgin Shoreline Beacon

PORT ELGIN BRANCH CELEBRATES THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY



Front row: Clint Morden, Brynmor Walters, Vern Johnson, Dean Bousquet, Eric Eastwood
Back row: President Dan Kelly, Charles Ellis, Clay Cutting, Chris Kemp

Branch 340 is 70 years old

What an exciting time. Although Branch 340's birthday is not until December, we celebrated it as part of Legion Week and what a celebration. The BBQ was delicious and there was plenty of cake to go around. We are all proud of being part of a great organization. My thanks to the organizers of this event.

Special thanks go to the three groups that make our Branch strong:

1. Strong Membership involvement. Without the support we receive from all of you we would not survive. We are a strong Legion and it is you our members that make it so.
2. Ladies Auxiliary support. Many people do not see all the work our LA puts into the Legion. They quietly go by their way supporting the Branch in many avenues (Luncheons, Dinners, Legion events). I can tell you from experience that we have one of the best LA support in our Zone. Thanks Joyce and your crew.
3. Veterans. I left the best for last. Our veterans are the reason for our establishment and we have a great group. There are still many that come to the Branch for comradeship and we very much appreciate this. The sacrifice these people made so long ago allows us to have the life we have today and I for one wish to once again thank all of them for that.

Congratulations Branch 340 for turning 70 and I wish us all many more. Clint, Brynmor, Vern, Dean, Eric, Charles, Clay and Chris it was my privilege to have a piece of our 70th birthday cake with you. Thanks to you all.

President Dan Kelly



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Entertainment

Music provided by

“Silver River Band”

**Saturday, November 1st
8:00 pm – Midnight**



Please join us!!





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26	27	28 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	29 BINGO 7:30 PM	30 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	31 Happy Halloween 	NOV 1 "SILVER RIVER BAND" 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT

🎃 Please join us for our various events 🎃

🎃 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🎃