



# August 2017



# Branch Line

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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. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit your articles to [Branch340newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Branch340newsletter@gmail.com)

There is no General Meeting for the Branch for the month of August. The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:30 pm. There is no General Meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary for the month of August. Their next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Reminder that the Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Card Group and the Saturday Afternoon Cards will resume play in September.

Branch 340 is planning a Dedication Ceremony of our new Cenotaph to commemorate the Canadian Armed Forces who have served and are still serving since the Great Wars. Please see inside this issue for more details and plan to join us.

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

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The Editor





## President's Report



Hello Comrades,

Hope you are enjoying the summer and you all get to take time to relax and rejuvenate yourselves. Our Branch remains to be strong with your support. Please come in and say hello to many old and new friends.

Some activities coming up in August, you may want to be involved with:

Our August events:

1. Bingo is being held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 6. Come and enjoy a night out with many of our supporters.
2. We have two meat draws arranged for August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Please come in and enjoy the fun.
3. There will be a Fish Fry held on August 4<sup>th</sup> being led by Garry Winnitoy. Hope everyone gets an opportunity to come out and enjoy the evening.
4. Our BBQ's are doing very well at our Branch. Dates in August are August 4<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry and regular BBQ on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Dinner starts at 6 PM. Hope to see you all there.
5. Our Thursday night euchre will continue through the summer. Many people attend this event regularly.

Hope all is well with you and I hope to see you all at the Branch this month.

We will remember them.

Yours in Comradeship  
President Dan Kelly  
[Dankelly@bmts.com](mailto:Dankelly@bmts.com)

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## Hospital & Visitation



Dear Legion Family,

Please reach out to myself if you know of a member that is ill or been hospitalized. I will leave any outgoing cards at the Bar for your signature. Mail is always a treat to receive when you're feeling poorly and I will look after special hospital visitations.

In Comradeship,  
Elizabeth Eby  
Hospital Chair  
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When I look at chocolate, I hear two voices in my head.  
The first one says: "You need to eat that chocolate."  
The other voice goes: "You heard. Eat the chocolate."



## Hall Rental



Rental of our spacious, air conditioned hall with its beautiful oak floor, ideal for dancing is available for both public and private use. We can cater for a wide variety of uses including meetings, anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, Stag & Does, etc.

Our facility includes a wheelchair accessible washroom and a baby change station and is conveniently located in the building for access by both males and females.

Our hall rates vary for each occasion and Legion Bar Staff is provided by the Branch.

In certain circumstances, use of the kitchen is offered at \$50 per occasion. The Ladies Auxiliary is available to cater selected menus to your event.

Special consideration is given to the fee schedule when renting to non-profit organizations.

Please contact **Norma Dudgeon** at the Legion phone number (519) 389-9917 or email: [Branch340@eastlink.ca](mailto:Branch340@eastlink.ca)



## Membership Matters



Branch 340 members are reminded to ensure their current information is up to date for the email address, mailing address and phone number. If you have recently had a change of address or other changes please leave the particulars with the Bar Steward and the Membership Register can be updated; or contact the undersigned.

It is no longer necessary to have any type of military background to become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. We are always looking for new members and would like to see more people join our Branch. Please see the Bar Steward for applications.

As members please attend the General Meetings which are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (July and August are exempt). This is your Branch and the meetings are for your benefit so you will know what is happening in your Branch.

In Comradeship,

Dan Kelly  
Membership Chairman  
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I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.



## Sergeant-at-Arms



Our Branch Colour Party on parade is one of the most visible things that we do. We could use a few new flag bearers. It is not difficult to learn and I would be more than glad to train new volunteers.

Please consider joining our Flag Family Team. You can meet some new friends and have some fun doing it. If you are interested please contact me.

Robert Harrison  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
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## Training & Organizational Development



Below are some general duties of the Vice President and Executive for a Legion Branch. They have many specific duties to allow growth and development of self and future executive members.

### **Vice Presidents General Duties to Branch**

There are several Branches who continue to elect Vice-Presidents to office who have no intention what-so-ever of ever running for the office of President. Such cases serve to only block willing and interested members from receiving the training necessary to be a successful Branch.

#### **Vice-President:**

Your primary goal at this time should be to learn as much as possible as you prepare to one day serve as Branch President. You may be called upon to chair a meeting of the Branch, to host visiting officers and guests. Be prepared, the duties of a Vice-President are varied.

#### **Your duties to your Zone:**

You can be sure that as a Vice-President you will be called upon to attend Zone Conventions as a delegate from your Branch. It is not unusual for a Vice-President, usually the 1<sup>st</sup> VP, to represent the President in their absence, at a Zone Council or Convention. In such cases you may need to prepare a Branch report to present to the Convention. If you are unsure ask the President or Zone Commander if one will be needed.

Many Zones now conduct a Presidents Meeting as a regular event at a Council or Convention. If you are to act on the Presidents behalf, prepare by asking the President well in advance what issue(s) of concern he wishes you to take forward. If you are attending with the President take time to discuss with them any issue(s) you may wish to bring forward. The President may also allocate to you several issues he/she may want brought forward. Remember, while attending any Zone function you are representing your Branch and that your behavior will be a reflection upon your Branch

## Executive General Duties to Branch

There are many specific duties that Executive is responsible for. Below are some general duties they assume as part of their role.

In assuming a standing chair at your Branch you will also assume responsibility for ensuring that the chair you hold is successful. Remember for many, particularly new members, the fact that you are a Branch Executive member will mean that you are a senior member of your Branch.

Your committee can help with the work load and provide an excellent learning opportunity for members of your committee. New ideas and unique ways should not be overlooked. Be sure to include them in meetings and support their ideas when appropriate. You have a unique opportunity and responsibility to teach future leaders who will be able to assume Executive Committee positions thereby ensuring the future of your Branch

Who knows you may be instructing a future Zone, District, Provincial or Dominion Officer.

President Dan Kelly  
TOD Chairman  
[Dankelly@bmts.com](mailto:Dankelly@bmts.com)



## Branch Barbecue Committee



Friday Night Barbecues are one of our best ways of fund-raising.

We thank all our dedicated supporters and it would be wonderful to see you at our barbecue and supporting the Legion. The cost is maximum \$12.00 per person – no tax – no tip – and we have a great array of food which includes hamburgers, sausage, chicken and french fries. We enjoy many side dishes and desserts which are donated.

If you would like to be a part of the BBQ team please contact me.

Robert Harrison  
BBQ Chairman  
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Branch 340 Colour Party poses as they prepare to march in the Canada Day parade.

More residents sign the big Canadian flag which will be flown from the big flag pole in Southampton.



### Ontario Legion Homeless Veterans Program Surpasses 500

AURORA, ONTARIO - The Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command has recently announced their Homeless Veterans program “Operation Leave the Streets Behind”, has surpassed the 500 mark. Since the beginning of the program, over 500 Homeless Veterans have been identified in 114 communities in Ontario and the numbers are growing.

“No one knew at the beginning of this program how many Veterans are Homeless in Ontario and for that matter across Canada” says Dave Gordon, Chairman of the Homeless Veterans Program. “The Veterans are coming forward on their own and we are assisting as they identify and this includes both male and female.”

The program has been in existence since late 2009, and with the generosity of the Legion Branches, Ladies Auxiliary and generous donations of outside organizations and companies the needs of these Veterans are being met.

For further information on our Homeless Veterans Program, please contact Dave Gordon, the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command Homeless Veterans Program Chairman (613) 354-3806 or Juanita Kemp, Assistant Executive Director at the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Office (905) 841-7999.



## District C Golf Tournament Saturday, July 15, 2017



Port Elgin Branch 340 hosted the annual District C Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Golf was played at the Saugeen Golf Course and the weather totally cooperated. The players were invited back to Branch 340 for a light lunch and prizes.

Congratulations to our own Larry Dudgeon and Charlie Roopnaraine for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senior division and will be going to the Provincial championship in September.

Special thanks to Cde Anne McCallum, District Sports Officer and Cde Dan Kelly, Assistant District Sports Officer for coordinating this event.





## Blue Jays Game Bus trip Saturday, July 8, 2017



It was a spectacular day to attend the game between the Jays and Astros! Our seats in the 236 level were shady and perfectly close to all the amenities.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket to attend this 3rd annual event. Every time this trip goes, the Blue Jays win!! Once again it was great to see a mixture of generations on the tour with us.

Next year's group tickets are being purchased late fall, so be sure to contact us early for yours.....like after Christmas! There are only 54 tickets going to be available and likely a Saturday 1:00pm game.

Anyone with mobility issues need not worry. Jays Ambassadors are right there with wheeled chairs to escort you and many of us will see to your needs.

Our trip raised an additional \$200.00 as a donation to our Branch #340.

Thanks again.

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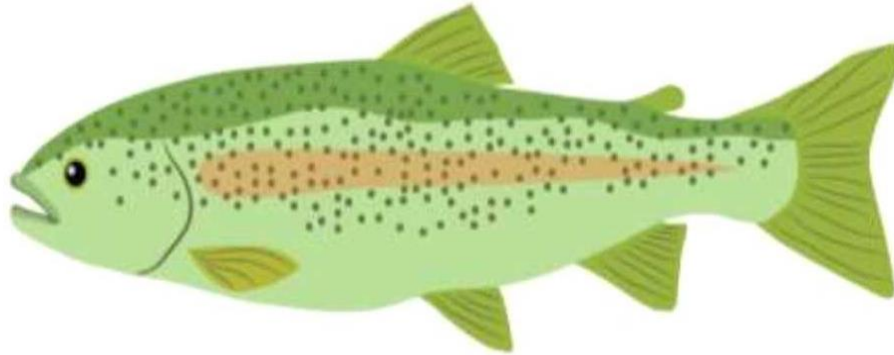
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A boy breaks an old vase at a rich uncle's house. The uncle gets extremely angry and yells: "Do you even know how old the vase was? It was from the 17th century!"  
The boy sagged in relief: "Oh, good, then it wasn't new."

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# **FISH DINNER FRIDAY AUGUST 4TH**



PORT ELGIN LEGION BRANCH 340  
DINNER: 6PM - 7PM  
COST: \$15:00

**LORD ELGIN FISH**  
**SALADS AND DESSERTS**

**LIMITED DINNERS (85) – ADVANCED TICKETS AT BAR**

Wife sends a text message to her husband on a really cold winter morning: Windows are totally frozen, will not open.

Husband replies: “Carefully pour some warm water over it and tap the edges first with your hand, if that doesn’t work, then gently with a hammer.

15 minutes later, the wife texts back: “Oh no, I think the laptop is now totally gone.”

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## Cenotaph Dedication

To commemorate the Canadian Armed Forces who  
have served and are still serving  
since the Great Wars

The Cenotaph Park Perpetual Care Committee

invite you to join us

Sunday, August 20, 2017

At Cenotaph Park

Mill Street (beside Post Office), Port Elgin

Ceremony at 1:00 pm

Refreshments at the Legion after the Ceremony

A Tribute to our Veterans



RCL Branch 340 Port Elgin

# Golf Tournament

Saturday August 19, 2017

Holiday Golf Course (Tri-Par)

Golf begins at 9:00 am

\$30.00 Entry Fee per person includes  
Golf / Light Lunch and Prizes

\$12.00 for Non-Golfers for Light Lunch

Please register early for meals and prize arrangements

**FUN DAY and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
No experience Necessary

*\* Entry Fee and Deadline to register is August 9, 2017 \**



Contact: Dan Kelly 519-389-2352  
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## Golf Tournament Fun Day



**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

**South Port Golf Course**

(County Rd 3 between Southampton & Port Elgin - 519-832-5650)

Arrival to Course 10:30 a.m.

Tee-Off at 11:00 a.m.

**2 Person Team - Best Ball**  
Mulligan's on Sale \$2.00 each

\$40.00 Entry Fee per person includes Golf and Lunch  
\*Cart NOT Included\*

"Hole-in-One" sponsored by PIB Insurance

Return to the Port Elgin Legion for food and prizes

*\* Deadline to register is August 17, 2017 \**


*\*Please register non-golfers\**

**Everyone is Welcome**



RSVP by the deadline for meal planning to:  
Bob and Rhonda Harrison  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca)  
519-389-4806



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6	7 AUGUST CIVIC HOLIDAY 	8	9 BINGO 7:30 PM 	10 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	11 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	12
13	14	15	16 BINGO 7:30 PM 	17 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	18 You're invited to a  DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	19 BRANCH GOLF TOURNAMENT  MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
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27 ZONE GOLF TOURNAMENT 	28	29	30 BINGO 7:30 PM 	31 EUCHRE 7:30 PM  EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM		

🌸 Please join us for our various events 🌸

🌸 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🌸