



Port Elgin Branch 340

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

Look inside for the fundraising project we have undertaken. The proceeds will be earmarked for our youth programs which we support. We need your help in selling draw tickets to make this endeavour a success.

The Branch Ladies Auxiliary celebrated their 70th anniversary on October 14th; please see inside for pictures of the event.

Lots of activities happening for Remembrance Day: Sunday Church Service, Cenotaph Ceremonies to Dinner and Entertainment. More information inside this issue, so please 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,

Thanks to all the volunteers that made October very eventful and a successful month for Branch 340. Many events happened this month that helps our Branch be successful.

1. Pumpkinfest started our month off. Branch 340 was hoping both days start at 7 AM and going right through the day. Our breakfast was well attended both days and many compliments were handed out to the organizers and volunteers. Last year's issue of restricted access to our Branch was resolved so all members and guests had easier accessibility.
2. Our General Meeting was well attended. The meeting was long due to not having a General Meeting in September. Many issues were discussed and direction was provided to the executive on all outstanding issues. Please remember all the financial business over \$500 needs the approval at a General Meeting. A quorum is needed at these meetings which is 1 more general member than there are executive present. We have 10 executive members so we need a minimum of 11 non-executive members in attendance to be able to have a meeting. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7:30 PM. Come out and support your Branch.
3. The Meat Draws were well attended this month which is nice to see people coming out and enjoying the afternoon. The Pumpkinfest Meat Draw did very well with approximately 85 draws. Thanks to Tom and his supporters for supporting this venture.
4. The District Fall Convention was held in Durham this year and well represented by Branch 340 as we had 6 voting members there. The District is in pretty good financial shape this year. No dues increase is required this year. Yea!
5. The Poppy Committee has been working hard preparing for November 11th. The Poppy Campaign starts October 27th. Sign-up sheets for poppy support are in the Club Room. Please take some time during the campaign to help support our cause as all proceeds from the poppy canvassing stay with the Poppy Fund at Branch 340 for support of our veterans. They have given so much. Let's support their future.

We are looking forward to another November 11th. Norma is in full swing preparing for the event and Alex is well prepared for the Poppy Campaign. I look forward to the service this year as it is important to remember who we are and why we have the privileges we have. Many people have sacrificed everything they had so we can live like we do. "We will remember them"

Yours in Comradeship

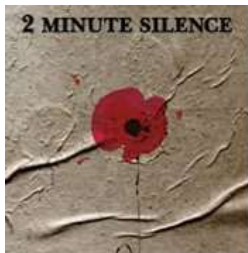
President Dan Kelly
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Have you been interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary but don't have enough information to make that decision? Well here's what we're all about.

- Having Fun! We have such fun in the kitchen, at Conventions, on parade, or hosting a yard and bake sale.
- Teamwork! Whether it's delivering Meals-on-Wheels or preparing meals for banquets, we rely on each other and trust each other.
- Dedication! Attending our General Meetings once a month, going to Zone meetings twice a year and Provincial Conventions every other year.
- Volunteering! Whether you're elected or appointed to a position on the executive of the Auxiliary, it's all time we devote to fulfill the task.
- Friendship! We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- Pride! When we wear the uniform; when we carry the flag and when we take part in Legion and public events. We always take pride in being a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Serving our Legion and supporting our veterans and our community.
- Hard working Women! You bet we are, but we know how to make it fun and share the work load. We serve the best home cooked meals to our clients.
- Fundraising! Our goal is to donate financially to local charities, organizations and schools, provincial bursaries, sports and charities, Veterans hospitals, our own Legion Branch 340 and the Cenotaph Fund.

Have we piqued your interest? Do you have any more questions? Would you like to complete an application? Then speak to one of the Ladies Auxiliary members if you already know one, or ask the bartender for an application or the Legion office or email me at divinediane11@gmail.com.

Diane Mills, Treasurer



"2-Minute Wave of Silence" Revives a Time-honoured Tradition

The Royal Canadian Legion is asking all Canadians to pause in silence for two minutes at 11:00 a.m. The "2-Minute Wave of Silence" will sweep across Canada starting in Newfoundland like a wave as the clock strikes 11:00 a.m. in each time zone. The Legion is asking people to stop whatever they are doing, wherever they are, and quietly reflect on war, and peace, and those who gave up everything for us.

A wife complains to her husband: "Just look at that couple down the road, how lovely they are. He keeps holding her hand, kissing her, holding the door for her, why can't you do the same?"

The husband: "Are you mad? I barely know that woman!"

BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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




OPEN TO STUDENTS OF:

- *Ex-Service personnel 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 only
- * 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 info@on.legion.ca

This is up to \$750.00 per year program. For more information please refer to the poster included in the newsletter or contact the undersigned at any time. If you need any help with the paperwork please feel free to contact me.

Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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If you had to decide between a diet and a piece of chocolate, would you prefer dark, white or milk 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

A nice old lady on a bus offers the driver some peanuts. He's happy to take some. He asks her after a while why she isn't having any herself.

"Oh, young man," she says, "they're too hard on my poor teeth, I couldn't."

"Why did you buy them at all then?" wonders the driver.

"You see, I just love the chocolate they're covered in!"



Honours & Awards



Once again, the years of service pins will be announced after lunch on Remembrance Day in our lounge.

The recipient list is attached and we encourage you to attend to receive the recognition you deserve. Those unable to attend please contact myself or Elizabeth and we will make sure you receive your pin. Honours and Awards will be completing some additional Branch awards also on Remembrance Day so be sure to join us.

The Royal Canadian Legion has many awards available to recognize the hard work of many volunteers within our branch and the H&A committee welcomes all nominations. If you know of a deserving member please contact me.

Lest we forget,

Blair Eby

H&A Chairman

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2017 - YEARS OF SERVICE PINS				
ORDINARY				
5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years
Gary Baker	Laurie Laur			William Waytowich
Louis Schaefer	Steve Pellow			
	Dan Rivett			
	Thomas Rivett			
30 Years	35 Years	40 Years	45 Years	50 Years
	Rod Avis	Alfred Boudreau		
	Jim Cassidy	Harold Schweyer		
ASSOCIATE				
5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	20 Years (con't)
Laurie Caloren	Shirley Alpaugh	Jonathon Carr	Jim Beange	James Gateman
Jeffrey Dennis	Eileen Gruberbauer	Marcia Davidson	Larry Beange	Mike Howe
Don Stoddart	Chris Kelly	Scott Davidson	John Chapman	Charlie Kelly
	Patty Kelly	Sytra Hestera	Edith Claeren	Cliff Leggett
	Sean Kelly	David Munshaw	Marshall Dolbeck	Vern Legge
	Lorne Lazenby	Brian Potts	Anne Eby	Jim Mahon
	Murray McDermid		Thomas Fesiuk	George McAulay
	Pam Smith		Ron Moss	George Ribey
			Kerri Shrider	Dave Smith
			Harry Thede	Scott Vallieres
25 Years	30 Years	35 Years	40 Years	45 years
Mary Galliher	Doug Bresee	James Davis	Harold Smith	Ron Carr
Fernand Gareau	Steve Goodman	Dan Kelly	Jim Straus	Gary Exell
Ernie Hatt	Maureen Higgins	Norma Dudgeon		Gerry Higgins
Joanne Hatt	Nancy Ingram	Bruce Little		Doug Jackman
Wayne Rourke	Sandra Stewart	Ken Martin		Mike Atkinson
	Elizabeth Uhrig	Don Roppel		Thomas McIntee
		Jim Shrider		Les Nuttall
		Rinka Smallwood		Larry Nuttall
				Don Thorne
AFFILIATE-VOTING				
5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	20 Years (con't)
Brenda Laliberte	Craig Bell	Nancy Barr	Nelson Bailey	Larry McIntosh
Terry Laliberte	James Brohman	Scott Barr	Ron Bruce	Eric McLeod
Terry Turcotte	Paul Dennison	Don McCulloch	Michael Callaghan	Linda Ribey
Curt Virtue	Wes Hicks	Gerald Melcher	Brenda Collins	Charlie Roonparaine
	Len Tackaberry	Nelson Robertson	Bob George	Mike Rosner
			Tom Jacques	Mark Seaman
			Murray Maas	Gary Tupling
			Murray McArthur	Paul McArthur

A guy walks into a bar and says urgently to the bartender, "Give me a beer before trouble starts!" He drinks his beer and orders another, again saying, "Give me a beer before trouble starts!"

The bartender is confused but lets it go for another two beers, when he finally asks, "Hey man, when are you gonna pay for those beers?" The guy answers, "And now the trouble starts!"



Hospital & Visitation



Cards and some visitations happen on a regular basis. Cards are left at the bar for you to sign. We are all Branch #340 Legion family and regardless of 'knowing' the person, please sign your name.

Please let me know if one of our Legion or Ladies Auxiliary members is under the weather or hospitalized. Typically the Barbershop knows these things however please send me a quick message so I can see to the needs of one of our Legion family.

In Comradeship,
Cde Elizabeth Eby
Branch Visitation/Hospital Chairman
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519 389 1772 Work



Leadership Development



The Royal Canadian Legion – Ontario Command Fact Sheet May 2017 (Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016)

The Legion at work in Ontario:

- There were 403 Branches, with a total membership of over 100,000 (97% of Ontario Command Branches responded to this survey)
- For the year 2016 Grants from Poppy funds, to Ex-Service Personnel and their Dependents, totaled \$800,814.39
- Additional funds spent on Veterans Programs for 2016 totaled over \$306,000.00
- Money spent on Medical Equipment and Research totaled over \$1.3 million
- Not including funds spent on Veterans, over \$341,000.00 was used for Seniors' Programs
- Provide funding for Provincial Service Bureaus, for Provincial Service Officers to assist, all Veterans – Currently Serving and Ex-Service Personnel, with pension applications, benefit concerns, on an ongoing basis - free of charge
- Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation approved \$499,094.00 to Ontario communities in 2016. Since its inception in 1979, donations approved amounted to over \$15,837,600.00 to various Hospitals, Health Clinics, Homes for the Aged and Charities in communities throughout Ontario.
- Through our Bursary program in the 2016-2017 academic year a total of 465 applications were awarded to students in need for post-secondary education in the total amount of \$232,500.00 in the Province of Ontario. Since the academic year of 2002-2003 to 2016-2017 our Bursary program has made a total of 11,032 awards totaling \$5,451,825.00
- Additional Bursaries from Poppy Trust funds were awarded in the amount of \$666,330.70
- Other Donations from Poppy Trust Funds in the amount of \$5,307,456.13
- Sponsors and facilitates low rental housing for senior citizens

- Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members visit Veterans in hospitals and continue to supply comforts and entertainment to enhance their quality of life
- Continued to support Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Army/Air/Sea Cadets and other Youth Programs in excess of \$1.6 million
- Other donations to local charities amount to over \$1.2 million, not from Poppy Trust Funds
- Donations to local Community Projects totaled over \$1.6 million
- Total Donations made to the Homeless Veterans Program - "Operation: Leave the Streets Behind" amount to over \$1,550,000.00. As of April 2017 over 500 Veterans have been assisted
- Ontario Command Members annually put in over 422,200 volunteer hours
- In 2016 Ontario Command Branches had over 6650 volunteer staff and employed over 1500 full time and part-time staff
- Ontario Command Branches offered their facilities free of charge to community groups for over 26,400 occasions in 2016

For further information please visit the Ontario Provincial Command Website at www.on.legion.ca

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 Leadership Development Chairman
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Membership Matters



There have been many members renewing their membership this past month. We would like to thank those members for looking ahead. Just a reminder that there is only 1 month left in the Early Bird Campaign. After November 30 the dues go to \$55 so don't delay and pay your dues in November. We have a strong Branch due to you so let's keep it strong by renewing your membership. As previously stated dues will be staying the same this year and are as follows:

1. Membership dues during the early bird campaign September 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017 are \$50.
2. Membership dues after November 30, 2017 are \$55.

The addition of automating the membership program on to the computer has allowed us to process your requests faster. All those renewing their membership can expect to see their new cards available within a week of renewal. Renew early and become an Early Bird.

I wish you all health and happiness in the future.

Dan Kelly
 Membership Chairman
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Stressed is just desserts spelled backwards.



Last Post

November 11, 2016 – November 11, 2017



Associate

Dick MacDonald
Ray Burke
John (Night Train) Lane
Christine Schenk
Eric Leslie

WW II Veterans

Yvonne Inkster
Fred Bettink
Trevor Letang
Vern Johnson
William Gould – Adopted
Veteran in Parkwood Hospital

***THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD,
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN,
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.***



Poppy



Our 2017 Poppy Campaign began October 27th and is now in full swing. Wreath orders are coming in and donations have started.

“URGENTLY NEEDED - POPPY CANVASSERS”

Please check the signup sheets downstairs in the Legion. There are still many venues and times available. Please consider giving a few canvassing hours towards this very important event.

We wish to thank all who have signed up already to distribute Poppy's this year. Again, thank you to all who are giving their time and volunteering to help make this year's Poppy Campaign a success!

The final 2016-2017 Poppy report will be given at the December General Meeting.

Lest We Forget!

Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
Cell - 519-385-0816
Home -519-389-2616

I got a really cute dog and called him Three-miles. It sounds great to say I walk Three-miles.



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.

I encourage you to consider carrying a flag for the Remembrance Day parade and the Santa Claus Parade. I welcome you to join 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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Zone C-4 Sports



Eligibility: All verified paid Members.

Membership Card is required to be shown at Registration

***** Sign-up sheets are located on the Games Board in the Club Room *****

Darts - Mixed Doubles on November 19, 2017

Host Branch: Southampton Legion Branch # 155
Location: Southampton Legion
Entry Deadline Date: November 3, 2017 No Late Entries' Accepted
Registration Time: 10:00 To 10:30 Am
Game Time: A.S.A.P. After Registration
Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Person
Only Eight (08) Teams Per Zone

Darts – Team on December 3, 2017

Host Branch: Warton Legion Branch # 208
Location: Warton Legion
Entry Deadline Date: November 17, 2017 No Late Entries' Accepted
Registration Time: 10:00 To 10:30 Am
Game Time: A.S.A.P. After Registration
Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Person
Only Eight (08) Teams Per Zone

Darts – Singles and Doubles on December 10, 2017

Host Branch: Owen Sound Legion Branch # 06
Location: Owen Sound Legion
Entry Deadline Date: November 24, 2017 No Late Entries' Accepted
Registration Time: 10:00 To 10:30 Am
Game Time: A.S.A.P. After Registration
Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Person
Only Eight (08) Teams Per Zone

Snooker on December 17, 2017

Host Branch: Owen Sound Legion Branch # 06

Location: Owen Sound Legion

Entry Deadline Date: December 1, 2017 No Late Entries' Accepted

Registration Time: 10:00 To 10:30 Am

Game Time: A.S.A.P. After Registration

Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Person

Only Two (2) Teams Per Zone



Ways & Means Report



What an October we just had the weather was some of the best we had this year. It showed with many people visiting our Branch. Pumpkinfest weekend had our breakfast crew hopping both days. Our Bar Stewarts were running all weekend as well. This was a great start to a very good month. The meat draws, bingos and card groups kept it going for the entire month. I would like to thank our team of volunteers that continue to make us successful. We have many activities for you to participate in this month. Activities slated for this month are:

1. Remembrance Day ceremonies will take place on Saturday November 11, 2017. Our service will be at 11 AM at the cenotaph followed by a luncheon back at the Branch. New this year will be a dinner and dance in the evening to those who wish to partake. Please support as you see fit.
2. Meat Draws start at 4 PM and will be held:
 - i. November 4, 2017
 - ii. November 18, 2017
3. Thursday night Euchre are well attended and begin each Thursday night at 7:30 PM
4. Saturday Afternoon euchre begins at 1:30 PM.
5. Bingo is held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 PM.

Let's keep our Branch active.

Dan Kelly

Ways and Means Chair

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Wife arrives home late at night from a business trip and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. But she notices four legs instead of two peeking from under the blanket

Seized by a fit of rage, she reaches for the baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket until the screaming stops.

Still in shock, she lurches to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine.

"Oh welcome home darling," he says, "my parents came for a visit, so I let them have our bedroom. I hope you said hello."



The Port Elgin Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 340 celebrated its 70th anniversary on Saturday, October 14th, 2017.

The following dignitaries brought greetings: Ben Lobb, MP for Huron Bruce, Mike Smith, Mayor of Saugeen Shores; John McPhee representing Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron Bruce. The Zone Commander Irene Surridge and Deputy Marg Smith also presented a plaque from Ontario Command. We would like to thank all the LA Commanders and LA members from other Auxiliaries who came to celebrate with us.

Cde Marg Esplen, President
Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary

	
<p>L-R: Deputy Zone LA Cmdr. Marg Smith, President Marg Esplen and Zone LA Cmdr. Irene Surridge.</p>	<p>L-R: John McPhee, representing Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce and President Marg Smith.</p>
	
<p>L-R: Ben Lobb, MP Huron Bruce, LA President Marg Smith and Mike Smith, Mayor of Saugeen Shores</p>	<p>LA President Marg Smith cutting the cake. Happy Anniversary!</p>

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary and Guests



Cde Marg Esplen, President
Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Message to the Ladies Auxiliary, Port Elgin Branch 340

Congratulations on the 70th Anniversary of receiving your charter and 70 years of continued support to our Branch

The years have accumulated with many hours spent in the kitchen – weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, funeral lunches and the list goes on and so we say “thank you” for all the hard work and volunteer hours that all the ladies have contributed throughout this milestone.

Many are not with us today, but their memories will always be in our hearts.

We certainly appreciate all your support and look forward to many more years of continued friendship.

The Port Elgin Legion

I got another letter from this lawyer today. It said “Final Notice”. Good, he will not be bothering me anymore!

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day Ceremony has played a major role in Remembrance since 1931. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen. Together, we observe a moment of silence to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of their country, and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve.



The Act of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.



Padre's Corner



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN,

Remembrance Day is upon us and our Branch will once again participate in events that help us to honour our war dead.

An article in the Sunday Telegraph of November 2013 was sent to me recently, in which, the British newspaper presented a ***“salute to a brave and modest nation.”*** Kevin Myers, the columnist, was moved by the deaths of Canadian as well as British soldiers in Afghanistan. He claimed that he didn't know that Canada was involved at all in that conflict and made it a point to find out what else Canada had done. This is what he discovered.

“Almost 10% of Canada's entire population of seven million served during the First World War, and nearly 60,000 died. The great allied victories in 1918 were spearheaded by Canadian troops, perhaps the most capable soldiers in the entire British order of Battle.

The Second World War provided a re-run. The Canadian Navy began the war with a half dozen ships and ended as the third largest navy in the world. The Royal Canadian Air Force became the 4th largest air force in the world, while the army sent 15,000 troops ashore on D-Day alone. The Second Division distinguished themselves by moving up the French, Belgian and Dutch coastline in some of the heaviest fighting of the whole war.

Moreover, Canada, in the past half of the century has sent its sons and daughters to be the greatest peace keepers on earth. Thirty-nine missions were on UN mandates, six on non-UN peacekeeping duties from Vietnam to East Timor, from Sinai to Bosnia, and stayed in Afghanistan when the USA left. Little recognition has been given to Canada for her supreme contributions over the years.”

It seems to be the Canadian way not to call attention to ourselves. All Canadians should be proud of the record which comes at a high cost to our small nation. We will remember those who paid the price for us at church on Sunday, November 5, and at our cenotaph on Saturday, November 11. In truth, we should be

grateful every day for what has been done. Every veteran and all veteran's families deserve to be thanked for their service.

Lest we forget.

Rev. Chuck Beaton, Chaplain

How could my father tell me?
Written by Kelvin L. Wilson 2008
(In memory of his father)

How could my father tell me? Of the things he did in the war.
Would he want me to remember? What he can't forget anymore!
Scenes engraved in his heart forever, scenes he would so like to forget,
Still we march every year in remembrance. To remember and honour and yet?

Shall I speak of the bloodshed and gore, How bodies won't work anymore?
Shall I speak of the limbs blown apart? Notwithstanding the dreams in his heart.
Must I tell of crushed bodies and fear? As explosions resound in his ear.
How his mate took the bullet and fell, And the glory seemed much more like hell.

How he had to go on, leave him there. No time to stop and repair.
Though his heart was broken and sore, No time to reflect anymore.
Pressing on through the slime and the mud, His heart madly pumping his blood,
How he had to go on, take that hill, Though his heart's with his mate back there still.

We tell it with words like "victorious", Using rhymes that sound great like, "glorious"
And forget other parts of the story. Like painful and fearful and gory.
But we leave out that part of the story.

How could my father tell me? Of the things he did in the war.
Would he want me to remember? What he can't forget anymore!
Scenes engraved in his heart forever, Scenes he would so like to forget,
Still we march every year in remembrance. To remember and honour and yet?

Submitted by Ernie Grondin



A fun weekend at Pumpkinfest!

As Convener of Pumpkinfest Breakfast this year I am very pleased to say that we had a very nice turnout.

This could not have been accomplished without a large group of great volunteers. Preparation starts on Thursday and Friday. Cooking on Saturday starts at 5:00 am and 6:00 am on Sunday. Clean-up goes well into the afternoon on both days. Yes, it is a lot, at sometimes tedious hard work, but I did not hear any complaints from any of the volunteers. Any spare time was used talking and laughing with new and old friends. At the door, all we heard were accolades on what a great job the Legion is doing.

At this time I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to each and every volunteer because this fun event could not have happened without them. We had a very wonderful and enjoyable event which will be beneficial for our community.

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We have a strange custom in our office. The food has names there. Yesterday for example I got me a sandwich out of the fridge and its name was "Michael".



Branch 340 Gives Back

Ontario Student Nutrition Program Grey-Bruce



Legion Branch 340 in Port Elgin is making an investment in the health and learning of students in Port Elgin schools. Again this year they are donating \$250.00 to each nutrition program - \$1,000.00 in total.

Ecole Port Elgin Saugeen Central, St. Joseph's, Northport Elementary and Saugeen District Secondary Schools all offer nutrition program filled with healthy food choices to nearly 900 students collectively.

Each school day volunteers spend about 1 hour at a local school preparing and serving a simple meal for any child who arrives at school hungry. You too can offer your time at a school near you.

Because of donations like this one from Legion Branch 340 we are able to purchase the food we need so no child spends the day at school hungry. THANK YOU so much for thinking of the kids!

Our Nutrition Programs operate in every school in Grey-Bruce.

For more information contact: Bev Gateman, Community Program Manager
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519-364-3770 Ext 647



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L-R Cde Blair Eby and Cde Elizabeth Eby



Our “Toonies for Troops” project has had an overwhelming response from you, our Legion members and our community. Thank you to the Shoreline Beacon for featuring this story on the front page of the newspaper leading up to the weeks of Remembrance.

This year we are collecting again to purchase Tim Hortons coffee and popcorn destined to be received by two deployed Canadian units in Iraq and Latvia. These packages represent a little piece of 'home' that our troops will be receiving from the Port Elgin Legion Branch at Christmas. The recipient MASH units are comprised of Army, Navy and Airforce personnel. We are circulating 2 Canada flags for signatures to be displayed in the Canada room on both military bases. Please be sure to drop into our Branch on Remembrance Day for camaraderie, add your signature to the flags and drop a Toonie in the collection jar.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Port Elgin Tim Hortons and Rowland's Independent Grocer for assisting us in the purchase of these prepackaged items, ready to be shipped through CFB Trenton and headed overseas.

Remembering the more than 117,000 Canadian Military Personnel that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms is eminent. Please look up the Highway of Heroes living tribute at www.hohtribute.ca for another way to become involved.

Respecting the fact that many of our deployed Canadian military will be spending this Christmas and holiday season away from their family and loved ones is paramount. REMEMBERING THEM, is our duty as Legion members, our obligation as Canadian citizens and as humanitarians, we must have the interests of our Veterans at heart.

Elizabeth and Blair Eby



Legion  Part Elgin Legion Branch 340
630 Green Street 519-389-9917 Legion 

Raffle Tickets

Christmas TV Raffle

Draw for a Samsung 58" Smart TV
Approximate value of \$1,400.

Tickets: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00
Tickets are available at Branch 340 or Legion Member

Lottery Licence # M756167

**Draw will be Saturday, December 23rd at
6:00 pm at the Legion Branch**

Television provided by Advanced Technologies

This year the Charity Committee will be selling raffle tickets for a 58" Samsung Smart TV and valued at \$1,400. The prize has been provided by Advanced Technologies. The Committee is encouraging all members to be involved with this project. Proceeds will benefit our local youth programs. Please contact the undersigned if you are able to sell tickets and your participation will make this a successful endeavour.

Robert & Rhonda Harrison
Norma Dudgeon
bnrshow@eastlink.ca
519-389-4806



In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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 before November 30th. 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.



District Level: 1st Place Bulletin Competition – Class C – Award was a personally engraved pen and case.

Provincial Level:

“A Plaque shall be awarded to the Branch or Ladies Auxiliary that publishes the best bulletin or scrapbook in each classification at Provincial level - Class “C” – Leo Cunningham Memorial Award”

L-R Cde Wes Kutasienski, Vice President-Ontario Command, Cde Rhonda Harrison and District Cmdr. Lynn McClellan.



“The Len Taylor Memorial Keeper Plaque shall be awarded to the Branch or Ladies Auxiliary publishing the best bulletin among all entries.”

L-R Cde Rae Bauman, District PRO, Cde Wes Kutasienski, Vice President-Ontario Command, Cde Rhonda Harrison and District “C” Cmdr. Lynn McClellan.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ITINERARY

11 November, 2017

On Saturday, 11 November, 2017, The Royal Canadian Legion, Port Elgin Branch 340, will be holding our Annual Remembrance Day Service at Cenotaph Park.

Itinerary:

We will form up at the Legion at 10:30 am and parade to Cenotaph Park for a brief service to honour our Comrades and the Wreath Laying. If you are unable to parade, please join us at the Cenotaph by 10:45 am.

In case of inclement weather the Cenotaph Service will be held at the Missionary Church (old Arena). Please listen to 98 the Beach for weather updates.

After the Cenotaph Program, we will parade back to the Legion for an informal lunch and refreshments – this will take place in the Members' Clubroom.

On Sunday, 5 November, 2017, we will be joining the congregation of the Tolmie Presbyterian Church for their special Remembrance Service – please join us at 11:00 am if you are able. Uniform is optional.

This is a very special day to all of us – a day to share memories, remember, and renew old friendships. I hope that you will be able to join us.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Norma Dudgeon
Remembrance Day Chairman

Legion Office: 519-832-2903
Email: branch340@eastlink.ca




 Port Elgin Legion Branch 340
 

Remembrance Day Church Service

Tolmie Presbyterian Church
 699 Goderich Street
 Port Elgin

Sunday, November 5
at 11:00 am

We look forward to you joining us


 Lest We Forget
 


 Port Elgin Legion Branch 340
 630 Green Street, Port Elgin
 519-389-3917
 branch340@eastlink.ca
 

Remembrance Day Entertainment & Dinner

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Entertainment by
Slight Return 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Fresh Rolls
Dessert

\$10.00 - Advance tickets on sale in the Club Room

Everyone is welcome

Healing Invisible Wounds
PTSD Programs, Awareness & Advocacy





PTSD PROGRAM

OPEN TO

VETERAN AND FIRST RESPONDER PARTICIPANTS

Promising new NON DRUG program for PTSD encompasses Mind, Body and Spirit. Group and individual therapies with proven success. Innovative, interactive, and comprehensive with many components including FAMILY DYNAMICS!

The regular cost of this program is being waived for selected candidates during this pilot phase which is being evaluated by the University of Guelph on our behalf.

<http://missionbutterfly.ca>
 Office: 226-979-2149 ☆ Program Director: 519-837-0507







APPLY TODAY!



Port Elgin Royal Canadian Legion provides 2 awards to recognize graduating students who have accomplished superior standing in Mathematics and Sciences.

Branch President Dan Kelly presents Umar Azmi with both the Mathematics and Sciences Award.



Branch 340 President Dan Kelly presents Shannon Ferguson, English Teacher, with the book entitled "The Padre's War Diary", Based on the Personal WW II War Diary of Rev. Major Mike Dalton. This book will be placed in the SDSS Library.

Also, a donation of \$250.00 towards the SDSS Breakfast Nutrition Program was presented.

When I greeted my boss in the morning, he told me to have a good day.
 Who am I to argue? So I thanked him and went back home.

I saw a poster today; somebody was asking "Have you seen my cat?" So I called the number and said that I didn't. - I like to help where I can.

If you have been struck by a headache, follow the instructions on the aspirin bottle:
KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN.



RCL Port Elgin Branch 340
630 Green Street, Port Elgin
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www.branch340.ca



TURKEY RAFFLES & Assorted Meat Raffles

Friday December 8 8:00 pm

Saturday December 9 4:00 pm

Saturday December 16 4:00 pm

Saturday December 23 4:00 pm

Everyone Welcome
Bring your friends for a great time
We hope you can join us!!!



SAVE THE DATE

Remembrance Day afternoon entertainment and dinner 3-7pm in our lounge. Please secure your dinner ticket well in advance at either the Barbershop or the bar in the lounge.

Camaraderie, a real live band, 50/50 draws and great food!

Please join us for putting 'FUN back into our LEGION!!

VETERANS dinner tickets available at No Charge.

Please call Elizabeth Eby to secure yours 519 832-3133



You're Invited

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100

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Please join me to celebrate
My Birthday

Mike Pepe is turning 100!

Saturday, December 2nd

12p-2:30p

(Come and Go, Best Wishes Only)

Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

630 Green Street, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0























Celebration will take place in the lower level

(Nibbles, Bar Available)

Lifetime Accomplishments

- Retired S/Sgt (RCMP 1938-1966) and Life Member of RCMP Edmonton Vets
- Retired Chief Security (Ontario Hydro/Bruce Nuclear 1969-1982)
- Municipal Councilor (Port Elgin, ON 1982-1987)
- Past President and Service Officer and Life Member of Port Elgin Legion Branch 340



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			<p>1 BINGO 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>2 EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>3 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>4 EUCHRE 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM</p> 
<p>5 REMEMBRANCE DAY CHURCH SERVICE</p> <p>Tolmie Presbyterian 11:00 am</p>	<p>6 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>7 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM</p>	<p>8 BINGO 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>9 EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>10 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>11</p>  <p>Lest We Forget</p>
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☞ Please join us for our various events ☞

☞ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ☞