



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 annual Toy Drive has begun. We would appreciate your support with placing unwrapped gifts in our toy box or under the Christmas tree. See poster inside for details.

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

On behalf of my husband Bob and our family we would like to wish you and your family the beauty and love of the Christmas season. May warmth fill your home and may blessings fill your life in the upcoming year.

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The Editor



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Hello Comrades,

I hope you are all ready for our Christmas season as it is right around the corner. Mother Nature has started to show us what we can expect.

November was another eventful month for Branch 340. Many events took place around Remembrance Day which showed how prominent our Legion is to our Community and Zone. Some of our highlights are:

1. We continue to get new members signing up. To date we have had 31 new and transferred members join our Branch this year. Very good reflection on what our Branch stands for.
2. Our Remembrance Day ceremony was another success. The crowds at the cenotaph were amazing. People were lined up 5 deep to take part in the ceremony. It makes a person feel proud to see a community come together for this. Way to go Port Elgin. Our Colour Guard led the procession and did a great job in keeping us all in step. Bob Harrison our Sergeant-at-Arms and Mike Hobson our Parade Marshall were at their best once again. Norma Dudgeon coordinated the entire day and was the Master of Ceremony. The ceremony went off on time and was well planned out. Great job Norma.
3. There was a luncheon held at the Branch after the Remembrance Day in which our Honours and Awards Chairman Blair Eby presented the anniversary pins for those who earned them. Good job Blair. After the awards, a band entertained the patrons for a few hours and the day was capped off with a great meal prepared by Elizabeth Eby. There were over 100 people staying around for the meal and they all went home with a full stomach. Congrats to Elizabeth and her supporters for putting on such a great spread. Thanks Elizabeth.
4. The Santa Claus Parade was led by our Colour Party again this year. Nice job by Bob Harrison and his Colour Party as this was not an easy task. It was a windy night and the Colour Party did a great job holding on to their flags while keeping in step.

We are looking forward to our Turkey Raffles which has been organized by Tom Jacques once again this year. The first raffle is this Friday December 1, 2017 at 8:00 pm and continues on Saturday December 9th, 16th and 23rd starting at 4:00 pm. Come out and enjoy some fellowship with your Comrades.

In closing, Cynthia and I would like to wish you all good health and happiness as we come up to the Christmas season for 2017. All the best to you and your family.

We will remember them.

Yours in Comradeship

President Dan Kelly

Dankelly@bmts.com



A song told me to Deck the Halls...so I did. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are not very happy.



RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



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



1st VICE PRESIDENT




A new year will soon be upon us so at this time I would like to thank each and every volunteer who helps to keep our Branch one of the best in our Zone. With your help we have been able to raise significant funds to help our veterans and our community.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.


In Comradeship,

Robert Harrison
1st Vice President
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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 a \$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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Where do you find elves?
Answer: Depends where you left them!

How do snowmen greet each other?
Answer: Ice to meet you!

How do sheep in Mexico greet Merry Christmas?
Answer: Fleece Navidad!



Hall Rental



Rental of our spacious, air conditioned hall with its beautiful hardwood 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

LEVEE DAY PLEA FOR SQUARES!

Ladies & Gentlemen: For the lunch on Levee Day I need about 12 pans (9x13 size) of squares.

If you can assist me, I would be most appreciative. Thank you!!

Please call or email: Elizabeth Eby
519 832 3133 Home
519 389 1772 Work
bizebys@gmail.com



Years of Service pins were presented on November 11th by Cdes Elizabeth and Blair Eby pictured with the recipients. Congratulations to our Comrades.



Cde Anne Eby receives her 20 Year Pin.



Cdes Barrie and Basil Eby receive their 55 Year Medals and Bars.



Cde Mary Galliher receives her 25 Year Pin.



Cde Mike Atkinson receives his 45 Year Pin.



Padre Chuck Beaton receives his Branch Service Medal.

Recognizing valued members for their contributions at our Legion is an important part of the Honours & Awards Chair.

When you nominate volunteer members, based on their efforts of ensuring our Branch functions continue, we build strong and continuous relationships, and we build a stronger Branch.

If you know anyone whom you feel should be shown appreciation, please contact me with this members particulars and confidentially the H&A Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Blair Eby
Honours & Awards Chair
bizebys@gmail.com
519 832 3133



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.

Cde Elizabeth Eby
Branch Visitation/Hospital Chairman
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Leadership Development



The Royal Canadian Legion is the cornerstone for many Towns in Ontario. We continue to support our veterans as well as give back to the community. Last year Branch 340 donated just under \$20,000 to many groups in our community including both of our area hospitals. If you know of people who may be interested in joining please invite them in. All new members will be welcomed. Below is a note from Dominion Command on who our members are and what we stand for.

Our Members

There is strength in numbers. With more than 275,000 members in over 1,400 Branches, The Royal Canadian Legion reaches across our vast country and abroad and connects us to our past, our present and our future. Our members care deeply about supporting the men and women who serve and have served this country, and strive to make a difference.

The Legion is Canada's largest Veteran and community service organization. Our membership includes currently serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police members, as well as the mothers and fathers, wives and husbands, sons and daughters, and grandchildren of Veterans. Each of these individuals is impacted by the care our Veterans receive and the issues affecting them.

We also welcome into our membership those without military affiliation who support Canada's Veterans. Legion members, whether they have served or not, help Veterans and their families, promote Remembrance, support Legion programs, and volunteer their time to provide essential services within their communities. Without Legion volunteers, the tremendous programs and services the Legion provides to our Veterans and their families would disappear.

We are proud and honoured by the work our members do for Veterans, and we welcome all Canadians to join and stand with us to honour and help those who serve and have served.

Dan Kelly
Leadership Development Chairman
Dankelly@bmts.com



Membership Matters



Many members keep on coming in and renewing their membership. I received a letter this week from our District Membership Chairman (Eric Ross). District C has the highest rate of early bird renewals in Ontario. That is fantastic and it is all because of you. I would like to thank all those members how renewed early to help make this happen. As of December 1st our dues will be \$55. Come on in and get your new plasticized membership cards. We have a strong membership. 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 as of December 1, 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.

I wish you all a healthy and happy Christmas Season.

Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
Dankelly@bmts.com

☞ Happiness is achieved when you stop waiting for it! ☞



Last Post

November 11, 2016 – November 11, 2017



Eric Leslie – Associate
Rod Avis – Ordinary

***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



This year's Poppy Campaign successfully raised over \$23,000. A campaign this large could not come off without the support of our Branch member volunteers, the Air Cadets and the many Port Elgin businesses who displayed over 80 Poppy boxes collecting funds for this year's Poppy Campaign. Our businesses and organizations purchased over 100 wreaths, a key to the success of this year's Poppy Campaign. Thank you to those who purchased wreaths or made donations. Our Veterans rely on us and the Poppy Funds we raise to assist them in their time of need.

I would like to thank Elizabeth, as this year's Co-Chairman for all her help and support guiding me through this, my first year, as Poppy Chairman as well as Blair for helping me with the financial reporting requirements of this role.



I would like to thank our Veterans, Alice Winter (WWII), Chris Kemp (Korea) as well as our Afghanistan Veterans, Mike Hobson, Ben Wilke and Matthew Paterson for their service to country as well as joining me in our official Poppy pinning ceremony along with President, Dan Kelly.

The call for canvassing volunteers was answered by a number of our dedicated members and because of this our goal was met. Because the majority of funds raised come from people distributing poppies in stores, all those who stepped forward are to be thanked.

Our Cadets, with the support of their leader Capt. Rob Herborth were a great help again this year providing 30 hours of canvassing on October 28th and 26 hours on November 4th. As well, a number of Cadets who could not make it on the weekends came out mid-week to support the Poppy Campaign. These young members of our community showed great initiative and support for our Branch and are greatly appreciated.

Heartfelt thanks go out to those Branch Members who volunteered their valuable time to canvass:

Paul Dennison	Mike Howe	Clay Cutting	Lyle Lawson	Fred Knibbs
Dan Kelly	Grant Virgo	Kathy Eastwood	Mike Atkinson	Peter Harrington
Anne Eby	Chris Kemp	Glenna Snider	Joyce Chapman	Jack Chapman
Shirley Jacklin	Betty Earnshaw	Bernice Ellis	Wayne Rourke	Mary Galliher
Trish Frizzell	Rhonda Harrison	Vicky Taylor		

Thanks also to Thelma Kennedy and Vicky Taylor for helping sign out canvassers and counting money with the other money counters: Randy Shultz, Jim Connan, Glenna Snider, Larry Dudgeon, Merv Brand, Dan Kelly, Anne & Barrie Eby, Blair Eby, Bob & Rhonda Harrison. Also, I would like to thank Don Dudgeon for erecting the Poppy Banner on the side of our building.

Norma is invaluable year in and year out with office support when required for the Poppy Campaign but most important for organizing the Remembrance Day ceremony again this year. We had a great turn out on November 11th including a large number of school age children even with it not being a school day and the cold temperature.

Once again thank you to everyone who helped out this year.

LEST WE FORGET!

Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
Cell - 519-385-0816
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Remembrance Day



This year, it was a bitter cold day to honour our Veterans and Fallen Comrades but what a pleasure it was to see so many of our Comrades, children and members of the community join us for our Cenotaph service.

As always, we had many compliments this year of what a beautiful Cenotaph service we presented but this could not have been done without all the help "behind the scenes". Every year, our faithful volunteers help with preparing the Cenotaph with the wreaths and then putting everything away. The church set-up / the co-ordination of the wreaths that were purchased / the crosses / crowd control, the parade, etc. is only a tip of the iceberg of things that need to be done.

So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me at the Cenotaph, the Church and behind the scenes – it is not a one person team but it's all the hands that come together to help me and it is sincerely appreciated; we wouldn't have a successful Remembrance Day without all the volunteers helping whether it is big or small. Having said that, I will list a few of our key people that help make our special day a success:

Poppy Chairman: Alex Taylor
Parade Marshall: Mike Hobson
Colour Sergeant: Bob Harrison
Cenotaph Sgt at Arms: Gord Kelly
Sound System: Terry Mills
Crosses: Jack Chapman & Mike Atkinson

Assistance also came from Dan Kelly, Gord Kelly, Anne Eby, Brad Davies, Dave Grieve, Rhonda Harrison, Blair & Elizabeth Eby, Nelson Bailey, Randy Schultz and the borrowing of the trailer to move the wreaths was generously donated by Curt Virtue.

This year we had a new sound system and it worked perfectly – thank you Terry for all the setup and I promise to have help next year to help you disassemble everything.

Our Parade Marshal, Mike Hobson did an excellent job keeping everyone in step as our Pipe Band had to decline due to the frigid cold temperature – pipes don't like cold temperatures!
Also, Diane Mills and our ladies provided us with an excellent lunch – as always. Our Colour Party did us proud and our Air Cadet's role at the Church and the Cenotaph was superb.

Thank you Rev Chuck Beaton for your compassion and thoughtfulness to our Branch and our veterans; we have the best Chaplain a Branch could ever ask for.

Until we meet again on November 11th, thank you all!

Norma Dudgeon
Remembrance Day Chairman



Sergeant-at-Arms



The Colour Party participated in the Remembrance Day Church Service, the parade to the Cenotaph on November 11th and the Santa Claus Parade. I thank the flag bearers for their continued support.

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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Ways & Means Report



Our Remembrance Day ceremony was big success in the month of November. Even with chilly temperatures many Towns' people came out to pay their respect. It was very nice to see how much the Town supports our efforts. Events back at the Branch that day were also well attended and people stayed for most of the day. The day finished with a band for entertainment in the afternoon and a dinner coordinated by Elizabeth Eby. There were so many attending the dinner that the upstairs was opened for people to dine there if they wished.

I would like to thank our team of volunteers that continue to make us successful. We have many activities for you to participate in December. Activities slated for this month are:

1. There will be 4 Turkey raffles this month. The Friday night raffle has been changed to December 1st instead of the 8th to help us accommodate our firefighters and will start at 8:00 pm. The Saturday Turkey raffles will be on December 9th, 16th and 23rd and start at 4:00 pm. Come on out and see if you can win your Christmas turkey.
2. Thursday night Euchre are well attended and begin each Thursday night at 7:30 PM
3. Saturday Afternoon euchre begins at 1:30 PM.
4. Bingo is held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 PM. For the month of December we will be having a free draw for a turkey at each bingo night. Everyone who plays bingo will receive a ticket for a chance to win a turkey. There will be no bingo held on December 27th due to the Christmas holidays.

Let's keep our Branch active.

Dan Kelly
Ways and Means Chair
dankelly@bmts.com

Some of life's most important learning can't be found in a textbook



Students at Northport Elementary School were presented with their 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place awards from the Poster & Literary Competition at their Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th.

The 1st Place winners will proceed to the Zone Competition at a later date.

On hand to do the presentations were Cdes Rhonda and Robert Harrison.

Stacey Hobson
Youth Education Chairman
Hobson@bmts.com





President Dan Kelly is presented with a \$4,000 donation from LA President Marg Esplen.



Cde Mike Atkinson, Cenotaph Perpetual Care Chairman, is presented with a \$1,000 donation from LA President Marg Esplen.

Merry Christmas to all and a very healthy and happy New Year from the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 340.

Cde Marg Esplen, President
Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary

 Ignore the people that talk behind your back, they are behind you for a reason 



Remembrance Day



Hello Comrades,

REMEMBRANCE DAY is 'our' day to take pause and reflect on the more than 117,000 Canadian men and women that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. It's also a day to celebrate our many victories and come together as one for camaraderie and fellowship.

On behalf of our Branch #340 I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all that attended our Remembrance Day & Veteran Dinner on November 11. Our thoughts and prayers are with the many Veterans that were unable to attend.

The afternoon was well attended by Veterans of different ages that served in theatre during many conflicts and peace keeping missions and also by Legion members and our community.

The band members of 'Slight Return' were very well received playing music that guests were singing and dancing to. An amazing group of professional musicians and we say THANK YOU!

Extra special thanks to our #340 Branch ladies that thoughtfully prepared homemade pies for dinner. Padre Chuck spoke to the 'blessings of Christ' a couple times that day and we are eternally grateful for your presence and enthusiasm.

Extraordinary thanks to my ever faithful friends, Kathryn, Bobby, Rhonda, Pamela, Tom, Gord and my husband Blair for your assistance and the mass tidy up! Dinner service for 125 is no small venture! Our little junior members deserve an 'attaboy and attagirl' for all the trips to the kitchen with dishes! Our well organized bar staff also did an amazing job, thank you gentlemen and Norma too! Well done to everyone that rolled up their sleeves and helped out to reorganize all the space we were occupying!!

As Legion members, we belong to Canada's largest volunteer organization serving Veterans. Through our membership commitments we fulfill our mandate of Remembrance, service to our community and our country. Our fallen comrades served in battle, we have "another way to serve", and that is by continuing and promoting ourselves as Royal Canadian Legion Members.

You've done us proud once again #340.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Eby





AIR CADETS 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



On November 11th Branch 340 donated \$5,500.00 to the Air Cadets 340 (Griffin) Squadron to offset expenditures.

"340 Air Cadets would like to express their deep appreciation to 340 Branch for their continued support of the squadron. The support of the Legion, not only financially but also in providing space for meetings, squadron dinners at Christmas, and the help of the Ladies Auxiliary at our annual, has been instrumental in the history of our squadron. Thank you 340 Branch for all your help and support."

L-R Cde Rhonda Harrison, Charity Committee, Captain Robert Herborth and Cde Alex Taylor, Poppy Chairman.

Steve Pellow, Liaison



Branch 340 Fundraiser Charity Committee



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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



Zone C-4 Elimination Draw



Tickets are being sold in the Club Room at Branch. Please support our Zone Ways & Means fundraiser.

Apr. 7, 2018, at 6:00 PM
Ticket #225 Lic#M765163

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. # 383 TARA LA
The Elimination Draw will be held on April 7, 2018. The total prizes awarded are \$3,200.00. The cost of the tickets is \$10.00 with only 500 tickets sold.
(Schedule dependent on number of tickets sold).

1st \$100.00	150th \$50.00	300th \$50.00	450th \$50.00
25th \$50.00	175th \$50.00	325th \$50.00	475th \$50.00
50th \$50.00	200th \$50.00	350th \$50.00	498th \$150.00
75th \$50.00	225th \$50.00	375th \$50.00	499th \$500.00
100th \$50.00	250th \$50.00	400th \$50.00	500th \$1500.00
125th \$50.00	275th \$50.00	425th \$50.00	

Ticket #225 Lic#M765163 



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 *****

8-BALL - January 7, 2018

Host Branch: Owen Sound Legion Branch # 06
 Location: Owen Sound Legion
 Entry Deadline Date: December 22, 2017 No Late Entries' Accepted
 Registration Time: 10:00 To 10:30 Am
 Game Time: A.S.A.P. After Registration
 Entry Fee: \$10.00 per Person
 Only Six (06) Teams per Zone

EUCHRE - January 21, 2018

Host Branch: Tara Legion Branch # 383
 Location: Tara Legion
 Entry Deadline Date: January 4, 2018 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 Ten (10) Teams per Zone



**2017 Invictus Games – Toronto 2017 Recap
Ambassador & Supporter of the Games
Jeff Virgo Pte (Ret'd)**



I had the great distinction & honor to be part of the third Invictus Games, which was held this past fall in Toronto, Ontario. I had competed in the previous two Games (UK 2014 & Orlando 2016). We couldn't have asked for better weather during the games, which saw 550 ill, injured & wounded warriors compete in 12 sports from 17 nations.

My role as one of the Ambassadors of the games was to help promote & create awareness of games and the importance of sport in recovery. Continue the talk about accessibility in our communities. As well bring to the forefront the challenges that may exist for those that have suffered injury and or illness in the Canadian Armed Forces and how we can support them and their families. I did also get a chance to rub shoulders with other governments' attaches, Mike Myers, & Michael Pinball Clemons to name a few.

Being part of the IG17 Team had already allowed me amazing experiences before the games as I had been part of "Town hall" style meets & greets, talk to the local service groups and having the chance to attend the commemorative ceremony for the 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge back in the spring. I made the drive down to Toronto a few days prior to the opening ceremonies, as I was to attend a few public engagements throughout the city. I got right to work as I went to BMO field with Canadian soccer legend Dwayne De Rosario to present the ball for a MLS Soccer game.

I also did a photo-op with the Invictus Flag at the top of the CN Tower, and made many other stops throughout the city to promote the upcoming games such as reciting the Invictus Poem at the Massed Military Band Spectacular. One stop gave me pause as we went to the Sunnybrook Veterans Centre to talk about the games as well recognize veterans from past wars & conflicts. I had the great pleasure in chatting with a few war heroes. I also was given a unique opportunity & platform to talk with our partners & sponsors of the Invictus Games on the importance of the games & my story of service and recovery from injury.

Through-out the games I did interviews with media about anything related to Invictus, interacted with games officials who volunteered their time to help run the different sports smoothly, and cheered loudly with friends and family of the wounded as well spectators whom wanted to see what the games were all about and I believe they experience something they never had before. What they saw was the true unconquerable spirit, teamwork, and giving it you're all no matter what you may have lost on the battlefield.

The closing ceremonies was awesome, having the Bruce Springsteen and Bryan Adams seeing together was unreal, as well hearing my CEO IG17 Michael Burns sharing his passion of the games and thanking all his staff & volunteers that made the games outstanding. HRH Prince Harry addressed the crowd urging not just the competitors but spectators to carry the spirit of the games home with them and to continue making a difference big or small in their communities.

I am the Master of my fate; I am the Captain of my soul.



Healing Invisible Wounds
PTSD Programs, Awareness & Advocacy

Transformational Experiences
Mission Butterfly

NON
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>
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APPLY TODAY!

WARNING FOR ICY CONDITIONS

- A government warning has said that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take:
- Shovel, Blankets or Sleeping Bag
- Extra clothing including scarf, hat and gloves
- 4 hours supply of food and drink
- De-Icer, 5Kgs of Rock Salt
- Torch or lantern with spare batteries
- Road Flares and Reflective Triangles
- Tow rope
- 5 gallon petrol can
- First Aid Kit
- Jump Leads

..... I looked a complete idiot on the bus this morning!!!!"

A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light, I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, my daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, transforming the yard to a winter delight.
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep, secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem, so slumbered perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near, but I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, and I crept to the door just to see who was near.
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night, a lone figure stood his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old, perhaps a Trooper, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled, standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear, "Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve, you should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts.
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light then he sighed and he said
"It's really all right, I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."

"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line that separates you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me, I'm proud to stand here like my father before me.

My Gramps died in Europe on a day in December," then he sighed,
"That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."
I've not seen my own son in more than a while, but my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag, the red and the white ... A Canadian flag.
I can live through the cold and the being alone, away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet; I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another, or lay down my life with my sister and brother.

Who stand at the front against any and all, to ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."
"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright, your family is waiting and I'll be all right."

"But isn't there something I can do, at the least, "Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that you've done, for being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret, "Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, to stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead, to know you remember we fought and we bled.
It's payment enough, and with that we will trust, that we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

Author Unknown



SNOW PLOW

A blonde driving a car became lost in a snowstorm. She didn't panic however, because she remembered what her dad had once told her. "If you ever get stuck in a snowstorm, just wait for a snow plow to come by and follow it." Sure enough, pretty soon a snow plow came by, and she started to follow it. She followed the plow for about forty-five minutes.

Finally the driver of the truck got out and asked her what she was doing. And she explained that her dad had told her if she ever got stuck in a snow storm, to follow a plow. The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the Wal-Mart parking lot, do you want to follow me over to Best Buy now?"



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Christmas Toy Drive



Be one of Santa's Helpers and make a child's Christmas morning a little brighter by leaving a new unwrapped gift (to age 14) in our Christmas Toy Box and under our Christmas Tree.

The Toy Drive will run to December 9.

Or, leave a donation in the Toy Drive Jar and the Iota Phi Sorority can purchase items which are needed.

We are pleased to be in partnership with the Iota Phi Sorority, Live-a-Little Foundation and the Salvation Army.

All gifts will be donated to the Iota Phi Sorority for packaging and distributed by the Salvation Army.

Thank you for your generosity.



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TURKEY DRAWS & Assorted Meat Draws

Friday	December 1	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!!!**



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Christmas Holiday Hours

Branch will be closed

Sunday, December 24

Sunday, December 31





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New Year's Day Levee

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Entertainment by "Detour"



Paul



Olivia



























Roger

Afternoon entertainment will be provided from 2:00 – 6:00 pm.

Plan to join us as we show our respect to all our veterans this

New Year's Day 2018

All are welcome

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3	4 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	5 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	6 BINGO 7:30 PM 	7 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	8 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	9 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> TURKEY & MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
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31 BRANCH CLOSED						

🎉 Please join us for our various events 🎉

🎉 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🎉