



Port Elgin Branch 340



Branch Line

November 2018

P.O. Box 359, 630 Green Street
Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C0 519-389-9917
Branch340@eastlink.ca www.Branch340.ca

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

Remembrance Day activities happening in November: Sunday Church Service on November 4th, November 11th Cenotaph Ceremonies, Entertainment in the Club Room, Dinner in the Main Hall and ringing of the Bells of Peace at dusk at the Cenotaph. More events that are happening are inside this issue. We look forward to you joining us.

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

If you no longer wish to receive the Branch Line newsletter, please leave a message at Branch340newsletter@gmail.com

Accessible formats are available upon request.



The Editor





Port Elgin Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340
 PO Box 359, 630 Green Street, Port Elgin ON N0H 2C0
 Phone: 519-389-9917 Fax: 226-453-3005
Branch340@eastlink.ca
www.Branch340@eastlink.ca



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 340 EXECUTIVE 2018-2019

President	Dan Kelly	dankelly@bmts.com	519-389-2352
Immediate Past President	Mike Atkinson	mjatkinson@bmts.com	519-832-5422
1st Vice President	Blair Eby	bizebys@gmail.com	519-832-3133
2nd Vice President	Robert Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Secretary	Norma Dudgeon	Branch340@eastlink.ca	519-389-2876
Treasurer	Norma Dudgeon	Branch340@eastlink.ca	519-389-2876
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Sports Officer	Mike Hobson	hobson@eastlink.ca	519-386-6078
Chaplain	Chuck Beaton	cjbeaton@sympatico.ca	
Executive	Greg Briggs	gmbc@bmts.com	519-386-6233
	Mike Hobson	hobson@eastlink.ca	519-386-6078
	Alex Taylor	alex.taylor@bmts.com	519-389-2616
	Elizabeth Eby	bizebys@gmail.com	519-832-3133
	Rhonda Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
	Stacey Hobson	hobson@eastlink.ca	519-386-6079
LA Liaison	Blair Eby	bizebys@gmail.com	519-832-3133
Bar Chairman	Norma Dudgeon	Branch340@eastlink.ca	519-389-2876
Bursary	Robert Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
By-laws	Norma Dudgeon	Branch340@eastlink.ca	519-389-2876
Charity	Rhonda Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Hall Rental	Norma Dudgeon	Branch340@eastlink.ca	519-389-2876
Honours & Awards	Elizabeth Eby	bizebys@gmail.com	519-832-3133
Leadership Development	Elizabeth Eby	bizebys@gmail.com	519-832-3133
Membership	Blair Eby	bizebys@gmail.com	519-832-3133
Poppy	Alex Taylor	alex.taylor@bmts.com	519-389-2616
Property	Don Dudgeon	Branch340@eastlink.ca	519-389-2876
Public Relations	Rhonda Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Seniors	Mike Hobson	hobson@eastlink.ca	519-386-6078
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Service Officer	Greg Briggs	gmbc@bmts.com	519-386-6233
Sports	Mike Hobson	hobson@eastlink.ca	519-386-6078
Veteran Services	Greg Briggs	gmbc@bmts.com	519-386-6233
Ways & Means	Dan Kelly	dankelly@bmts.com	519-389-2352
Youth Education	Stacey Hobson	hobson@eastlink.ca	519-386-6079
Air Cadets Liaison	Steve Pellow	steve.pellow@gmail.com	519-832-9158
Entertainment	Dave Kinsman	kinsman@bmts.com	519-832-2168
Hospital Visitation	Elizabeth Eby	bizebys@gmail.com	519-832-3133
Nevada	Andrew Reinhart	andyreinhart@hotmail.com	519-708-0553
Track & Field	Dan Kelly	dankelly@bmts.com	519-389-2352

	<p>Port Elgin Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340 PO Box 359, 630 Green Street, Port Elgin ON N0H 2C0 Phone: 519-389-9917 Fax: 226-453-3005 Branch340@eastlink.ca www.Branch340@eastlink.ca</p>	
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

2018-2019 LADIES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE	
President	Marg Esplen
Immediate Past President	Brenda Collins
1st Vice President	Diana Tripp
2nd Vice President	Elaine Esplen
Treasurer	Diane Mills
Secretary	Vicky Taylor
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ann Marie Kinsman
Sports Officer	Diane Mills
Executive	Meryl Cramp
	Bernice Ellis
	Betty Earnshaw
	KC Lawson
	Sharen Maas
	Carolyn Russell



President's Report



October was a very busy month for Branch 340 and I would like to first thank all the volunteers that made October very eventful and successful. Some of the activities that kept us hopping were:

1. Pumpkinfest Weekend – our breakfasts were another big success for us.
2. Our Pumpkinfest Meat Draw and Club Room activities had our Branch full for the entire day on the Saturday.
3. Our General Meeting was well attended which was nice as we had our Zone C-4 Commander Dean Weir in attendance.
The Zone Commanders annual visit and review of our finances and meeting minutes went over very well with no issues found.
4. The Meat Draws and Bingos were well attended this month which is nice to see people coming out and enjoying the activities.
5. The District C Fall Convention was held in Fergus this year and well represented by Branch 340 as we had 6 voting members attending. The Resolution from Port Elgin to increase the number of yearly visits by our veterans to Branch activities from 1 per year

to 2 per year was approved by the District and will be presented at the Provincial Convention next year in Niagara Falls.

6. The Poppy Committee has been working hard preparing for November 11th. The Poppy Campaign started October 26th. 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 stay with the Poppy Fund at Branch 340 for support of our veterans. They have given so much so let's support their future.

We are looking forward to another November 11th. Norma is very active 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 all our service people. Many people have sacrificed everything they had so we can live in a free democracy. "We will remember them".

President Dan Kelly
dankelly@bmts.com
519-389-2352



**RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary
LA President Marg Esplen**



The Legion was founded in November 1925 in Winnipeg and chartered in July 1926 by special Act of Parliament. However, veteran's welfare and assistance had been carried on since 1916. During the 1914-1918 war years as wounded veterans returned home, women were asked to help with their recovery by visiting hospitals, sending parcels to the hospitalized and to needy families. These ladies served the veterans and their dependents. Thus, our Ladies' Auxiliary unofficially became a reality! Ontario Command has 292 Auxiliaries with 13,731 members.

LADIES' AUXILIARY OBJECTIVES

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary shall be available to assist the Branch in its activities. As the individual Branches are the most important element in the structure of the Royal Canadian Legion, thus the Ladies' Auxiliary becomes a very integral part of the work of the Legion at all levels. Becoming an Auxiliary member can be a very rewarding experience. Our Auxiliary goals are important to us, but so are our members! Therefore, they ensure that activities are planned for you to enjoy as well. It is recognized that not everyone wants to or can give the same time commitment to the Auxiliary, but we are grateful for whatever time you can spare to assist with the work of this great national organization.

MEMBERS NEEDED

Port Elgin Branch 340 is looking for new members to join the Ladies Auxiliary. If you are interested, please contact L/A President Marg Esplen and she will be more than happy to provide an application form for you. Application forms are also available with the Bar Steward.



Bursary Assistance Program



**The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation
The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Ontario Command
Bursary Assistance Program**

OPEN TO:

Ex-Service or Currently serving personnel of the Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy);
Commonwealth War Veterans children & grandchildren

Ordinary/Life & Ladies' Auxiliary Members of The Legion children & grandchildren
Associate Members' children only

PROGRAM OPENS EVERY SEPTEMBER & CLOSSES THE LAST FRIDAY OF MARCH IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

Download the application form on on.Legion.ca

1-888-207-0939 bursary@on.Legion.ca

Supporting Documentation Required:

- OSAP Documentation
- Proof of Service & Relationship (Discharge Certificate or Record of Service)
- Branch / Ladies' Auxiliary Endorsement
- School Endorsement

Eligible students can apply for 5 years provided the same course of study is taken.

A new application must be submitted each year.

Applications MUST be submitted to Ontario Command No later than the last Friday in March

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
89 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora, Ontario L4G 4C4
1-888-207-0939

This is a \$750.00 per year program. If you need any help with the paperwork please feel free to contact me.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
bnrshow@eastlink.ca
519-389-4806



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



Honours & Awards



Honours & Awards wants to award merit to valued members of our Legion family. Do you know a member that works really hard to make our Legion great? Do you know a member that worked really hard in the past?

If so, we have lots of awards to give out and it makes our Committee pleased to do so. Our Port Elgin Legion is busy with volunteers and it's YOUR job as members to recognize them.

Please submit nominations to the H & A Committee. Trust me; it is anonymous to the rest of membership.

Cde Elizabeth Eby
H & A Chairman
bizebys@gmail.com
519-832-3133



Membership



We are halfway through our Early Bird Campaign and many members have renewed their memberships. Remember, you have until the end of November to save \$5.00 on your 2019 membership. As of December 1st dues will be \$55.00.

I would like to welcome new members Clive Stewart, Bev Rankin and Mike McCulloch to the Branch. All three were recently initiated as members of Branch 340.

Anyone who has renewed for next year can pick up their 2019 sticker (to be placed on the back of your card) from the Bar Steward.

Please keep in mind that the greater our numbers the stronger the Legion will be. If you know anyone who you think would be interested in the Legion bring them by our Branch and show them around and maybe fill out an application.

Hope to see you at Branch.

Cde Blair Eby
Membership Chairman
bizebys@gmail.com
519-832-3133



Last Post

November 11, 2017 – November 11, 2018



Members

Don Clemmer – Life
Gordon Farquhar – Associate
Les Nuttall – Associate
Doug Thede – Associate
Eric McLeod – Voting Affiliate

WW II Veterans

Rod Avis
Albert McKenzie

***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.***

Service Pins Will Be Handed Out On Remembrance Day If You Are Present

ORDINARY				
<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>20 Years</u>	<u>25 Years</u>
Rev Chuck Beaton	Laurie Laur		Wayne Bruce	Clay Cutting
Brian Leblanc				James Green
				Robert Herboth
<u>30 Years</u>	<u>35 Years</u>	<u>40 Years</u>	<u>45 Years</u>	<u>50 Years</u>
Scott Race		Alfred Boudreau	Tom Harrison	Mike Harford
		Michael Crossling		
		Brad Johnston		<u>70 Years</u>
		Robert Pawley		Bob Maas
ASSOCIATE				
<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>20 Years</u>	<u>20 Years Con't</u>
Linda Barfoot	Dianne Brill	Louise Coulter	Matt Carr	Alex McCulloch
Jeffrey Dennis	Jack Brill	Elizabeth Eby	Ruth Cutting	Wes Smith
Gord Gottscheu	Jerry Durand	Lynn Gorwill	Sharon Dolbeck	Glenna Snider
Anne Gottscheu	Sharen Maas	Gord Kelly	Al Ellis	
Stacey Hobson	Carolyn Russell	Terri Laehnemann	Dana Hastings	
Jim Jones		Jonathan Lawson	Wayne MacKinnon	
Adam Page			Evelyn Martin	
Nolan Pickett			George McCauley	
Carolyn Przybysz				
Paul Sedlmeir				
Alex Taylor				
Vicky Taylor				
<u>25 Years</u>	<u>30 Years</u>	<u>35 Years</u>	<u>40 Years</u>	<u>45 Years</u>
Rob Atkinson	Maureen Connan		Larry Dudgeon	James Connan
Kathryne Bell	George Foster		Janice Pepe	Tim Elliot
Jim Duplantis	James Gostick		Steve Pepe	Tom Thorne
Wayne Galliher	Donna Kain		William Pym	
Bob Harrison	Paul Mullen			
James Kain				<u>60 Years</u>
Carol McCauley				Barrie Eby
Matt Pawley				Basil Eby
Murray Thede				
AFFILIATE-VOTING				
<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>20 Years</u>	
William Campbell	Brian Henderson	Jane Hewitt	Ron LaFlamme	
Brenda Laliberte	Lindsay Karpowicz	Susan Moore		
Terry Laliberte	Brian Lang			
Terry Lane	Dave Menscher			
Nicole Zimmerman	Bernice Ribey			



Poppy



Our 2018 Poppy Campaign will run from Friday, October 26th to Sunday, November 11th. This is a very special year, the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I.

There are sign-up sheets set up in the Legion for members to volunteer to canvas at various times and business locations. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time on 2 or 3 days during the campaign for this very worthwhile cause. Your commitment can make a big difference to our 2018 Poppy Fundraising Campaign success.

When you joined the Legion, one of the key commitments you made, as a member, was to actively support our Poppy Campaign. Your time will be greatly appreciated to make our 2018 Campaign an even greater success!

Pinning of the 1st Poppy

L-R Pictured are President Dan Kelly, Cde Greg Briggs and Cde Alex Taylor, Poppy Chairman, as the 1st poppy is pinned on Cde Briggs to begin our Poppy Campaign.



Gregory Briggs: 1989-2012

Enrolled in the Primary Reserve with the Toronto Scottish Regiment (TSR) in 1989. In 1994, at the rank of Sargent, I transferred to the regular force serving with the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) stationed in Winnipeg, MB. In 1999 was posted to CFB Suffield as a member of the Fire Patrol with Base Range Control.

From January to July 1997 was stationed in Bosnia with the Canadian Peacekeeping Force.

In 2002 released to the Supplemental Reserve until 2004 when I re-enrolled with the Toronto Scottish Regiment. Finally released in 2012 with 22 ½ years of combined service to Canada.

Decorations: CD1, NATO – former Yugoslavia, and Canadian Peacekeeping Medal

Personal Information: Married to Det. Constable Susan Briggs, Saugeen Shores Police Services and have 3 children Jacob 6 ½, and twin girls Clara & Camryn 2 ½

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
alex.taylor@bmts.com



Visitation



Greetings, if you know of one of our Legion family that is under the weather or in hospital, please let either myself or Blair know. We like to circulate a card for member signatures or make a personal visit to see them. Our member's board in the lounge has a category for 'Hospital' and it's important to keep everyone aware of who is hospitalized. If anyone would like our Padre to visit, please call me and I will see that Chuck receives the message.



Today, on the first day of our National Poppy Campaign, I had the privilege of visiting Veteran Clint Morden with our Legion Padre & Veteran Chuck Beaton.

It's been a couple years since Clint and Janet (deceased) have been to our Branch for a fall dinner to enjoy camaraderie with us. Clint has an interesting story of his service which I will share in part with you.

Private Clint Morden was part of the second division of the Scottish Essex Regiment on D-Day. After landing they dug into the existing fox holes and as he says with a chuckle and a grin, "I only saw about a day and a half of the war". Curiosity made him stand up to look around. Clint took enemy fire and was shot across the chest and in the arm by a sniper. He was later found by the Germans, taken to a field hospital for dressings and then shipped to a hospital at the Eiffel Tower. The wounded were given the American Purple Heart by the Germans and Clint wore his proudly during the 3 months he was in a prisoner of war camp. Clint says the Germans treated him very well and eventually the Americans liberated the camp where they realized he was Canadian, and took back their Purple Heart Medal!

Clint returned home to Canada to marry his sweetheart Janet where a family of 4 daughters and a son blossomed, as did many grandchildren.

Clint has a tremendous sparkle in his eyes and spends his days at the Care Centre in Kincardine. Although Clint's memory is fading and he may not remember our last visit, he makes a connection with our Legion jackets and was very pleased of the company.

Telling his story and keeping the memories alive of our Veterans is important as Legionnaires for the next generation.

Elizabeth Eby
Visitation
bizebys@gmail.com
519-832-3133



Ways & Means



Pumpkinfest kicked off our month of October and our Legion Breakfast was well received by all that took part. The Club Room was packed all Saturday afternoon and the Meat Draw brought in many more people. Sunday left a little to be desired with Mother Nature turning the crowds away.

Our Meat Draws, Bingos and card groups kept it going for the rest of the month. I would like to thank our team of volunteers that continue to support us in so many ways. Thank You.

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 Sunday November 11, 2018. Our service will be at 11 AM at the Cenotaph followed by a luncheon back at the Branch. There will be a supper at night for anyone interested. You can get your dinner tickets at the bar. New this year will be recognition of the 100 Anniversary of the end of WW I. All across Canada all towns are invited to ring their church bell 100 times to commemorate the 100th anniversary. Since we do not have any church bells in Town we will be ringing the Fire Department bell at dusk to take part in the ceremony. Come and join in some of our activities as we remember all those who made a sacrifice for us.
2. Meat Draws start at 4 PM and will be held:
 - i. November 10, 2018
 - ii. November 24, 2018
3. Thursday night Euchre is well attended and begins each night at 7 PM
4. Saturday afternoon Euchre begins at 1 PM.
5. Bingo is held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30PM.

Let's keep our Branch active.

Dan Kelly
Ways & Means Chair
dankelly@bmts.com



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.



Branch 340 Annual Christmas Draw



This year the Charity Committee has decided to raffle tickets for a 55" Samsung Smart TV and valued at \$1,000. Proceeds will benefit our local youth programs.

The prize has been provided by Advanced Technologies. The Committee is encouraging all members to be involved with this project. 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

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 340
CHRISTMAS TV RAFFLE

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: () _____

LL# M813816

Royal Canadian Legion • 519-389-9917

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 340
CHRISTMAS TV RAFFLE**

Draw for a Samsung 55" Smart TV to be held at the Port Elgin Branch on Saturday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Approx Value \$1000

Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00





Padre's Corner



One of the best statements about the purpose of Remembrance Day is the preface to the "Canada at War" series. About 30 years ago the National Film Board collected footage from all areas where Canada's troops were fighting and gave our country a remarkable overview of our small nation's contribution to the war effort.

Here is a printed version for your consideration:

"Within the last century Canada has twice rallied behind a cause so great in magnitude that it altered the course of world history and our nation.

We must never forget the sacrifice of those who fought for freedom, and the selfless contribution of those who stayed behind.

Together Canada overcame a great challenge for a young nation and gave us a way of life we so often take for granted.

Today, we encourage all Canadians, young and old, to pay tribute to those who gave so much."

On Remembrance Day this year we will remember that 100 years ago the guns of the Great War went silent, on November 11, at the 11th hour, 1918. The "War to end all Wars" was over. The price paid in the carnage of human life was immense. Over 60,000 Canadians died.

Lest we Forget

Rev. Chuck Beaton, Chaplain



THIS IS HALLOWED GROUND

Between these flags that proudly fly, Let no man dare to stand,
For here our fallen Comrades lie, We call it Hallowed Ground.
A symbol, yes, but mark it well; Here let us ever humble pause,
In memory of the lad who fell, In fighting for our sacred cause.

On Sea or Land these buddies died, Some lie beneath a foreign sod,
In graves caressed by winds and tide, In spots unknown to all but God.
And so, this place is Hallowed Ground, And it shall be forever blessed,
As tho it were a grassy mound, Beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Be ever watchful, Legionnaire, Of those two flags which signify,
That we should guard this spot with care, Where our departed Comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread This spot where lie our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead As tho he walked upon their grave.

Author unknown.

Family
today's little moments
become tomorrow's precious memories

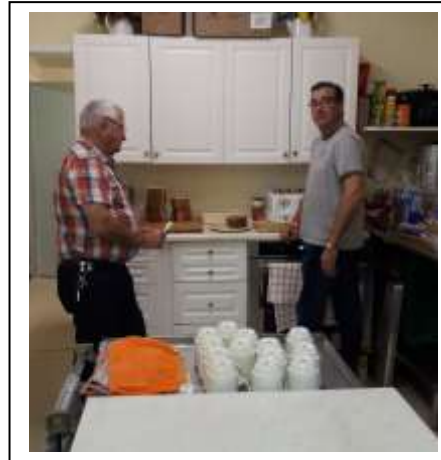


Branch 340 Pumpkinfest Breakfast



Pumpkinfest was held on September 30th and October 1st this year and once again Branch 340 held our annual breakfast meals. This has become a tradition and thanks to our many volunteers it was another success this year. Although the weather was not the best we served 500 breakfasts in the two days. The breakfast on Saturday was followed by a day in the Club Room with many visitors coming in for a rest and a visit. Our Meat Draw was held upstairs in the afternoon with good attendance.

This day would not be the success it is without our many volunteers. I would like to thank all of you who support Branch 340 Pumpkinfest weekend. You all made the Pumpkinfest events at Branch 340 a big success again this year. Attached are a few pictures of our many volunteers who supported us this year.





**Billy Bishop Home & Museum
18TH Annual
Honouring Our Local Veterans
Cde Chris Kemp**



L-R Cde Chris Kemp, son Derek and Alice

Private Christopher David Kemp completed six weeks of intensive basic training at Folkstone, Surrey, England and was subsequently transferred to Germany for infantry training with the Royal Fusiliers. In June of 1951, he was transferred to the Infantry Unit of the Royal Norfolk Regiment and sent to the frontlines of the Korean War. Their position was approximately 30 miles inside North Korean border. The unit faced the repeated attacks by thousands of North Korean and Chinese infantry forces and artillery units.

On January 31st, 1952, Private Kemp was wounded and transferred to an M.A.S.H. Unit attached to a Norwegian Hospital. A bullet had ricocheted from Christopher's hip into his small intestine and was removed by the Norwegian medical staff. He was subsequently evacuated to a British Convalescent Hospital in Kure, Japan. Private Kemp recalled that frontline living conditions were terrible and that in the winter they had to bring their boots into their sleeping bags at night, otherwise they would be frozen by morning. He was discharged in November of 1952.

Steven Spielberg was discussing his new project - an action docudrama about famous composers starring top movie stars. Sylvester Stallone, Steven Segal, Bruce Willis, and Arnold Schwarzenegger were all present. Spielberg strongly desired the box office 'oomph' of these superstars, so he was prepared to allow them to select whatever composers they wished to portray, as long as they were famous.

"Well," started Stallone, "I've always admired Mozart. I would love to play him."

"Chopin has always been my favorite, and my image would improve if people saw me playing the piano," replied Willis. "I'll play him."

"I've always been partial to Strauss and his waltzes," said Segal. "I'd like to play him."

Spielberg was very pleased with these choices. "Sounds splendid." Then, turning to Schwarzenegger, he asked, "Who do you want to be, Arnold?" Arnold in a slow deliberate voice replied, "I'll be Bach."



Commemorative Banner Program

Roy Campbell Atkinson – His WW I Story



Roy Campbell Atkinson was born on June 16, 1896, in the community of Vaughan, north of Toronto. He was a second son to Richard and Catherine Atkinson and the younger brother of Angus.

Sometime after his birth the family had moved to a farm in Saugeen Township and after leaving school Roy worked as a farmer. With the war in Europe raging on, young Roy enlisted in the 160th Bruce Battalion in Paisley, on February 20, 1916, a few months before his 20th birthday. He was 5' 6 ½" in height with a 37" waist. His complexion was "sandy" as was his hair and his eyes were brown. His religion was Baptist. He was given a very thorough physical examination and was declared "fit".

Training began in Paisley and on May 4th the men proceeded to Walkerton to join the other platoons that had been organized throughout the county. In early June it was then off to London and the barracks of the Western Ontario Regiment for further training. Roy had two incidents while in London during 1916. The first was when he contracted measles on July 6th and was hospitalized until July 12th. In June he was made Lance Corporal which lasted until October when he went A. W. L. (Away without Leave) for 2 days. With that he returned to the rank of Private which he kept for the remainder of his army life. The A. W.L. incident is a little easier to accept when you consider that it was only a week before the 160th shipped out for England. Prior to leaving for Halifax, Roy completed his last Will and Testimony. All of his "worldly possessions" were to go to his mother Catherine in the advent of his death.

The 1,100 men of the 160th boarded the S. S. Metagama in Halifax on Oct. 17, 1916. The ship was a very recent new addition to the Canada Steamship Lines passenger fleet. The soldiers were in the 3rd class cabins while the paying customers were on the classier 1st and 2nd class decks. They arrived in Liverpool on October 28th and immediately traveled to Whitley Military Camp in Hampshire in southern England.

Roy had not traveled well and after just over a week of his arrival in England, he was hospitalized for pleurisy. He stayed there for a month. With 1917, came a year that the 160th continued training at Bramshott close by the camp at Whitley. They had all expected to go to the Western Front as a battalion in the Canadian 5th Division but this never happened and the year 1917 came to an end. Then on Feb. 2, 1918 the 160th was assigned to the 4th Reserve Battalion in preparation to go to Europe and the Western Front.

But again, Roy had health problems and entered hospital on Feb. 22nd with influenza that was quickly diagnosed as diphtheria. After more than a month in the base hospital he was sent on

March 30th to the Military Hospital in Epsom where he stayed until May 17th when he was declared healthy and fit for “gradual physical training”.

On August 19th he was assigned to the 47th Battalion and left for France arriving the next day on August 20th. On September 14th he joined his unit. The 47th Battalion had originated in British Columbia with recruits from New Westminster, Vancouver and Victoria. They had arrived in England in late 1915 and had received battle honours in many of the famous battles that the Canadians had been involved in. To name a few: the Somme, Passchendaele, Ypres, Hill 70, Vimy, etc. Just prior to Roy arriving they had been involved in the start of the 100 Day Offensive battles in Arras and the Scarpe. The 100 Day Offensive had begun on August 8th and led to the end of the war on November 11th. Many of the members of the 160th Bruce Battalion had been assigned to Regiments and Battalions involved in this war ending offensive.

Roy had to wait a few days to see battle and on September 27th he got his first taste of War. The battle site was the Canal du Nord. The Germans had taken measures to incorporate the unfinished canal in their defensive system. The 60 ft. wall cuttings of the canal formed a formidable part of the Hindenburg Support Line and presented an obstacle that had to be taken in order to drive the Germans back and out of France. It was the last prepared defensive position opposite the British First Army. Two divisions went south to cross the canal at a weaker defensive point while the Canadian Engineers worked to construct the wooden bridges needed for the assault.

Very early, on the morning of September 27th all four divisions attacked under total darkness taking the two German Divisions by absolute surprise. By mid-morning the German defenders had retreated and 10,000 of them had been captured. Because of the capture of Canal du Nord the final road to the city of Cambrai was open.

Next came the battle for Cambrai. This battle involved a massive concentration of the British, French and American armies with more than 100 divisions matched against a German army just slightly smaller in size. It took until October 9th to drive the Germans out of Cambrai. They retreated to the Selle River and that battle started on October 17th and ended on the 25th.

By the end of October 1918, it was clear that Germany was losing the war. There were clear signs that her armies were disintegrating. Allied plans now focused on a “last great offensive”. The next step was essential for them to capture the city of Valenciennes to allow the formation of the allied armies close to the border with Belgium.

The city was well protected from the west by the Schelde Canal and from the south by a high hill known as Mount Hoy. The Germans had strongly fortified both of these vantage points.

Early in the morning of November 1st at 5:15 a.m. the Canadian Corps, the British XXII Corps and the American Third Army's 61st Division all assaulted the heavily German fortified positions. By 7:00 a.m. the Canadians had crossed the Schelde Canal and continued their progress against heavy German artillery until later in the day when they were lodged next to the railway line just

west of the city. The attack began early the next morning and by 7:20 a.m. the Canadians were in the city and cautiously following a rapid enemy withdrawal. The stage was now set for the “last great offensive” that ended this War of all Wars, 9 days later, on November 11th, 1918.

Sadly, Private Roy Campbell Atkinson had been shot and killed, in this most important step that was needed to bring this horrible war to an end. His body was taken to the British Auberchicourt Cemetery near the city of Nord about 30 kilometers west of Valenciennes. His grave marker can be easily found in Section 1, Row A, Grave Marker 1.

Most unfortunately, the cable to tell his family of his death, addressed to his mother Catherine, could not be delivered as she had died a few months earlier. Eventually notification of his death was cabled to his brother Angus, then living in Wingham. It took a number of months later to have his medals and personal affects delivered to his father, who had left Saugeen Township and was living in Nobleton, north of Toronto.

His remaining family, while greatly saddened, could be proud of the part he had played in ending this terrible war.

Lest we forget.

“We Will Remember Them”.

Researched and Written by: G. William Streeter



Fallen Comrades from WWI

Below is a list of our fallen Comrades who passed away in WW I. As part of the Saugeen Shores Commemorative Banner Program, the Town will be putting up the banners for Remembrance Day. In order to include the soldiers from WW I we need a picture of them. If you are aware of any one who may have a picture of any of the names identified below please, contact myself so we can include them in our commemorative program. It is important we remember all those who made the sacrifice so, we as Canadians can enjoy the freedom we have today. I would like to get a picture of all our fallen comrades. Your support is very much appreciated.

Lest we Forget,
Dan Kelly
President – Branch 340 Port Elgin

Fallen Comrades from WWI

Name as on Cenotaph

Christian Names

Port Elgin: 13

Sgt. Maj. A. Christian	Arthur Minion Christian
M. Gilbert	Charles Morris Gilbert
J. Gregg (John)	John Alex Gregg
S. Harman	Stanley Milton Harman
T. Jackson	Thomas Jackson
H. McArthur	Harvey Joseph (Jacob) McArthur
D. McIntyre	Daniel (Donald) McIntyre
M. Moulton	Morris Alexander Moulton
J. Nunn	Joseph Nunn
J. Saleman	James Henry Saleman
Capt. Smith	????????
C. Sparling	Clifford Roy Sparling
Lieut. R. Thompson	Robert Ellerton Thompson

Saugeen Township: 6

Bulger, Pte. T.	Thomas Charles Bulger
Lyness, W.	Lleyellen Wilbert Lyness
Muir, G.	George Harris Muir (not sure of name)
Schell, L.	Lawrence Robert Schell
Switzer, G.	George Edward Switzer
Switzer, W.	Milford William Switzer

"2-Minute Wave of Silence"



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.



If you are a Snow Bird..... Why not an Early Bird?

Before you fly south for a winter's relaxation, become an Early Bird by paying next year's dues between September 1st and 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.



Royal Canadian Legion Tara Br. 383

2018 Events

Friday Dinners
5:30 – 7:30 pm

November 16

Sunday Breakfast
10:00 am– 1:00 pm

November 25



Military Service Recognition Book Program



Do you know of a person that has served or is still serving, if so, we would like the names and information of those that have served our country so they can be honoured in the upcoming Military Service Recognition Book.

It is imperative that we have all those who have served or still serving included in the upcoming publication.

Please Contact Mike Atkinson 832-5542 for more information on this project or leave your name at the Legion

What did the mushroom say when he wasn't allowed in the bar?

“Why not? I’m a fun-gi!”



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 *****

	<p align="center"><u>Darts – Mixed Doubles and Mixed Team on November 18, 2018</u></p>
	<p>Host Branch: Chatsworth Branch # 464 Location: Chatsworth Legion Entry Deadline Date: November 2, 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 Eight (8) Teams Per Zone</p>

	<p align="center"><u>Darts – TEAM on December 2, 2018</u></p>
	<p>Host Branch: Hepworth Legion Branch # 586 Location: Hepworth Legion Entry Deadline Date: November 16, 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 (8) Teams Per Zone</p>

Cde Mike Hobson
Sports Chairman
hobson@eastlink.ca



District C Fall Convention Sunday, September 14, 2018 Fergus Branch 275



The District C Convention was held at Fergus Branch 275 on October 14, 2018. There was good information and discussion shared from District Council and members present.

Branch donations to various Committee Chairmen were received. It was a bright, sunny day for a parade and very nice to see all the Branch Colours that participated.

The Scrapbook and Bulletin awards were presented in the afternoon.



District Level: 1st Place Bulletin Competition – Class “C” – Award was a personally engraved pen and case presented to Rhonda Harrison.

Provincial Level: The following 2 awards were also presented to Rhonda Harrison:

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

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

Pictured L-R Cde Derek Moore, Vice President, ON Command, Cde Rhonda Harrison and District C Cmdr. Lynn McClellan

“You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth.”
— William W. Purkey



District C Convention Presentations

Donations to the District C Homeless Veterans Program and to the District C Hospital Fund.



Dale and Steve Hart started the Motorcycle Poker Run roughly 3 years ago and have earmarked their monies to the Homeless Veterans program for the last two years and their first year was given to Wounded Warriors. They have donated over the course of this project a total of \$20K+. The riders are Branch members, District members and anyone who is a motorcycle enthusiast. There is also a Doctor who rides who has been to Afghanistan to work with the wounded in that theatre of duty. This same doctor did surgery on Steve after an industrial accident and this is what got this couple coming up with this event. Without his expertise Steve likely would not have the use of his hand. This year's ride had 85 riders which are down from other years and they were in rain just about the whole ride. They begin in Hespeler to go to the Orangeville Legion followed by the Fergus Legion and back home. This year's ride produced over \$10K and their donation was \$7,650.28. This is done in conjunction with the Poppy Fund as many donations come in that need receipts.

In the picture from left to right are: Cde Lynn McClellan, District C Cmdr.; Cde Derek, Vice President, ON Command; Steve & Dale Hart, Cde Lynda Hagedorn, Zone C-2 Cmdr.; President Branch 272 Harry Boomer and Zone/Br VSO Bill Kalhbenn.





Brant Artillery Gunners' Club out of Brantford donates \$10,451.54. This Club holds Blues fest concerts and this is monies raised at their events. This is the first year we the District C Hospital have been a recipient of such a generous donation. As they said at Convention this is just a start to a yearly contribution. This was truly a gift from heaven as we are sharing in the purchase of a new bus for Sunnybrook Hospital in Scarborough. The cost of this bus is over \$100K and along with all our Comrades in District C which make their generous donations we are able to support our share from Tri-Districts of A,B,C,D,E & F to purchase this necessary mode of transportation for our Veterans'. Our current share is \$21,000. The Hospital Fund is also supporting assistance to many Veterans' and their needs both in Parkwood but also requests for Veteran's as a whole.

In the picture left to right are: Cde Lynda Hagedorn, Zone C-2 Cmdr.; District C Cmdr. Lynn McClellan; Club President Peter Sheere and Club Treasurer Rita Olmstead, Deputy District C Cmdr. Eric Ross and Cde Greg Oakes, District C Hospital.

Photos courtesy of Rae Bauman





**Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 &
Saugeen District Secondary School Commencement
October 5, 2018**



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

L-R Branch President Dan Kelly presents Arif Azmi with the Mathematics and Mike Lemke with the Sciences Award.



**56th Annual Bob Atkinson Memorial Cross Country Run
October 10, 2018
Saugeen Bluffs near Paisley**



It was a nice sunny day for the children to compete in the annual cross country run. 19 schools present representing 7 divisions and approximately 800 children participated in this event.

Thanks to Cde Mike Atkinson, Port Elgin Branch and representatives from Paisley Branch Cdes Brian & Marg Smith, Paisley Branch President Larry Baily and Cde Cliff Tanner.

Overall School Standings:

- 1) Port Elgin Saugeen Central – 44 points
- 2) Arran Tara Elementary – 24 points
- 3) Walkerton Community School & Huron Heights – 20 points



Participants in the Junior Girls competition from Northport Elementary School.



Top 6 winners in the Junior Girls category. Cdes Mike Atkinson and Brian Smith are in the background.



**Managing Employees Workshop
Sunday, October 21, 2018
Port Elgin Branch 340**



L-R Cde Pat Smith, Prov. Leadership Development Chairman and Cde John Dalley,

Section 928 of the Provincial By-laws gives the Branch Executive Committee sole authority to manage employees of their Branch. That is where the Command's responsibility ends, including Zones and Districts.

This was an information session with an Information Manual provided on the legislated requirements and responsibilities for managing employees which Cde Pat has gathered and assembled from her HR experience.

Zone C-1 and C-4 Branch Executives were invited to attend.

"Organized people are simply too lazy to search for stuff."



REMEMBRANCE DAY ITINERARY

11 November, 2018

On Sunday, 11 November, 2018, 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 10:50 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.

Dinner with advance tickets in the Main Hall at 6:00 pm / Veterans are guests.

On Sunday, 4 November, 2018, 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
 430 Green Street, Port Elgin
 519-389-9917
 branch340@eastlink.ca



**Remembrance Day
 100th Anniversary Dinner**
Sunday, November 11, 2018

**Entertainment in the Lounge
 by "Slight Return"
 2:30 - 5:30 pm**

**Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner
 Main Hall at 6:00 pm**

Veterans No Charge

*Advance tickets Only
 Cost \$15.00 person
 12 & Under \$10.00
 Limited seating*

Ticket Information: Kathryn Eastwood 519-832-5805
 socialkatee@bmts.com

Elizabeth Eby 519-389-1772



RCL Port Elgin Branch 340
 630 Green Street, Port Elgin
 519-389-9917
 www.branch340.ca



**TURKEY DRAWS
 & Assorted Meat Draws**

Friday December 7 8:00 pm
Saturday December 8 4:00 pm
Saturday December 15 4:00 pm
Saturday December 22 4:00 pm

Everyone Welcome
Bring your friends and enjoy
Lots of selection of meat to be won




RCL Port Elgin Branch 340
 630 Green Street, Port Elgin
 519-389-9917 www.branch340.ca
 

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.

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

The Toy Drive will run from November 24th to December 17th.

We are pleased to be in partnership with the Iota Phi Sorority, Liv-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.







A doctor made it his regular habit to stop off at a bar for a hazelnut daiquiri on his way home. The bartender knew of his habit, and would always have the drink waiting at precisely 5:03 p.m.






















One afternoon, as the end of the work day approached, the bartender was dismayed to find that he was out of hazelnut extract. Thinking quickly, he threw together a daiquiri made with hickory nuts and set it on the bar. The doctor came in at his regular time, took one sip of the drink and exclaimed, "This isn't a hazelnut daiquiri!"

"No, I'm sorry", replied the bartender, "It's a hickory daiquiri, Doc."



November 2018



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	2 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	3 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
4 REMEMBRANCE DAY CHURCH SERVICE Tolmie Presbyterian 11:00 am	5 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	6 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	7 BINGO 7:30 PM 	8 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	9 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	10 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
11 	12 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	13 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM LA GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	14 BINGO 7:30 PM 	15 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	16 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	17 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
18	19 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	20 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	21 BINGO 7:30 PM 	22 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	23 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	24 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM SANTA CLAUS PARADE TOY DRIVE BEGINS
25	26 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	27 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM	28 BINGO 7:30 PM 	29 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	30 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	

♣ Please join us for our various events ♣

♣ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ♣