



Port Elgin Branch 340



Branch Line

December 2018

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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

Please support our Christmas Toy Drive and Christmas TV Raffle. See posters inside for details. Christmas holiday hours will be in effect, again see inside for more information.

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.

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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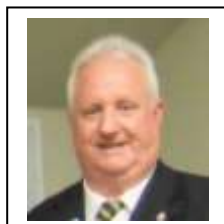
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President's Report



We are into the final month of another year and it looks like we are going to see a lot of the white stuff. The year just seemed to fly by.

I would like to thank all the people who helped make our Remembrance Day ceremony a big success. Norma Dudgeon, once again did a great job of organizing the program and being our Master of Ceremony, thanks Norma.

Mike Hobson (our Parade Marshall) and Robert Harrison (our Sergeant at Arms) had the parade well organized and in step throughout the procession. Great job again fellows. Even with the cold weather, the community supported the day in big numbers. This was very nice to see especially that this was the 100th anniversary of the ending of WW I.

On November 11, 1918 when news broke of an Armistice to end the First World War ... churches across the land responded by spontaneously ringing their bells 100 times. To commemorate this occasion the Royal Canadian Legion along with Veterans Affairs Canada emulated this ringing of the bells across Canada on the 100th anniversary. In Port Elgin we used a bell from the Saugeen Shores Fire Department to participate in this. Bella H. started the

ceremony off by reciting the Bells of Peace poem. We had 4 youths from our community to ring the bell 25 times each. The foursome was made up of:

Stella H, Great Granddaughter of Korean War Veteran
Sofia H, Great Granddaughter of Korean War Veteran
Jacob B, Son of Afghanistan Veteran
Bella H, Daughter of Afghanistan Veteran

The ceremony was finished by having anyone who wanted to ring the bell do so in memory of their loved ones who have fought for Canada. Very touching as some people participated by identifying their loved one as they rang the bell.

I am looking forward to our December Turkey Raffles. I am sure Tom Jacques has everything organized as usual. The first raffle is this Friday December 7th at 8:00 pm. and continues on Saturday December 8th, 15th and 22nd start time 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 2018. All the best to you and your family.
We will remember them

President Dan Kelly
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Sergeant-at-Arms



I would like to thank all of our Comrades who have helped this year with our Colour Party. We put on a great show at every event we are asked to participate despite Bruce County weather.

I would also like to say we are blessed with all the people who help out our community.

Cde Robert Harrison
Sergeant-at-Arms
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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 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
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RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and the ladies of the Auxiliary have had a busy last few weeks with preparing for seasonal parties and roasting lots of turkeys. Gobble, Gobble.

Be sure to keep us in mind if you are planning a celebration – wedding, birthday, anniversary – we can sit down with you and organize that special event for you.

If you are also looking at giving back some of your time and would like to know what we are all about just give us call – join us – our catered functions raise money which is then given back to our veterans, our Branch, for bursaries and local organizations and charities.

Thank you and have a happy and healthy holiday season. All the best to you and yours in 2019.



Tis the Season

Christmas is the season; it's the best time of year.

To celebrate with family and friends with love and festive cheer.

So have a Merry Christmas, best wishes are sent to you.

You're wished a world of happiness which lasts the whole year through.

Cde Vicky Taylor
vicky.taylor@bmts.com



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



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



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

**Remember, Christmas isn't about how big the tree is, or what's under it.
It's about who's around it**



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.



This year on Remembrance Day, Blair and I had a new assistant with the Branch awards, Air Cadet Brock Eby.

With the Eby families in attendance it was our honour to present the 60 years of Royal Canadian Legion Service Bar to Basil & Barrie Eby. Sixty years of faithful and continual service to one Branch is remarkable and we all thank you for your comradeship and dedication.

Cadet Eby, you did an excellent job helping your parents and members were pleased to see the next generation being involved in our Legion family.





We visited Comrade & Veteran Bob Maas to honour him with his 70 years of Royal Canadian Legion Service Bar. It was a momentous & special occasion for all of us to share with him.

L-R Standing: Cdes Kathryn Eastwood, Elizabeth Eby, Norma Dudgeon, Don Dudgeon, Padre Chuck Beaton
Seating: Cde Bob Maas



Cde Ken & Ev Martin received a Certificate of Merit for their service at Branch functions and as members of the Financial Review Committee. We thank you for your years of service.

L-R Cde Robert Harrison and Cde Ken Martin accepting on behalf of his wife Evelyn and himself.

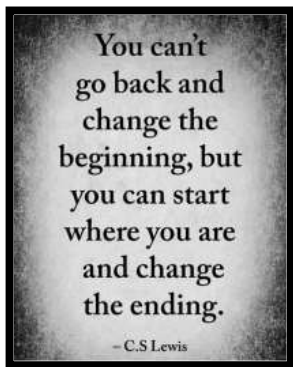
Please look for your name on the 2018 Service Pin List and if you were not in attendance on Remembrance Day to receive your new pin, please call or email me.

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

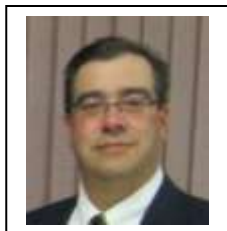
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<u>30 Years</u>	<u>35 Years</u>	<u>40 Years</u>	<u>45 Years</u>	<u>50 Years</u>
Scott Race		Alfred Boudreau	Tom Harrison	Mike Harford
		Michael Crossling		
		Brad Johnston		<u>70 Years</u>
		Robert Pawley		Bob Maas
		ASSOCIATE		
<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 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			

Cde Elizabeth Eby
H & A Chairman
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Membership



We have completed the Early Bird Campaign and many members have renewed their memberships. As of December 1st dues will be \$55.00.

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.

Cde Blair Eby
Membership Chairman
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Poppy



This year's Poppy Campaign successfully raised over \$25,000. A 7% increase over 2017. Again, a campaign this large could not come off without the support of our dedicated Branch Member volunteers as well as non-member volunteers, the large number of Air Cadet Canvassers and the many Port Elgin businesses who displayed over 100 Poppy boxes collecting funds for this year's Poppy Campaign. Our businesses and organizations again purchased over 100 wreaths, a key to the success of this year's Poppy Campaign. Thank you to all 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 22+ year Veteran Greg Briggs, for his service to country for joining President Dan Kelly and myself in this year's official Poppy pinning ceremony.

The call for canvassing volunteers was again answered by a number of our dedicated members. Because the majority of funds raised come from people distributing poppies in stores, all those who stepped forward are to be thanked. Air Cadets, a total of 30 individuals, with the support of their leader Capt. Robert Herborth were a great help again this year providing over 60 hours of canvassing on Oct. 27th, Nov. 3rd and Nov. 10th. As well, a number of Cadets came out mid-week after school 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 this year to canvass:

Carolyn Russell	Mike Howe	Clay Cutting	Lyle Lawson	Fred Knibbs
Dan Kelly	Anne Eby	Kathy Eastwood	Shelley Hewson	Connie Grieve
Anne Eby	Chris Kemp	Glenna Snider	Elizabeth Eby	Alice Kemp
Shirley Jacklin	Trisha Frizzell	Mary Galliher		

Kathy Eastwood and Gord Kelly helped me to meet the Poppy Audit requirements for our 2017-2018 financial reports by reviewing the Poppy Trust Financial Records.

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, Dan Kelly, Shelley Hewson, Bob and Rhonda Harrison. Also, I would like to thank Don Dudgeon for erecting the Poppy banner on the side of our building.

Norma's advice and support again this year to the Poppy Campaign was greatly appreciated! Most important is her dedication to the organizing of our Remembrance Day Ceremony year in and out! On the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I, we had another great turn out on November 11th. The turnout included a large number of school age children even with the rain and cold temperature and it again not being a school day.

Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped out this year!

LEST WE FORGET!

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
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**My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: Loving others.
Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?**

~ Bob Hope ~



Sports
-- Zone C-4 Sports Events --



Cde Mike Hobson
 Sports Chairman
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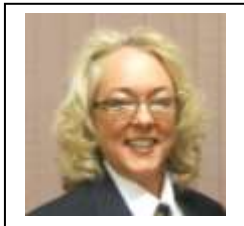
Eligibility: All verified paid Members.
Membership Card is required to be shown at Registration
***** Sign-up sheets are located on the Games Board in the Club Room *****

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>8-Ball on January 6, 2019</u></p> <p>Host Branch: Owen Sound Legion Branch # 006 Location: Owen Sound Legion Entry Deadline Date: December 21, 2018 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 (6) Teams Per Zone</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Euchre on January 20, 2019</u></p> <p>Host Branch: Chatsworth Legion Branch # 464 Location: Chatsworth Legion Entry Deadline Date: January 4, 2019 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</p>





Visitation & Hospital



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.

Cde Elizabeth Eby
Visitation
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Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.



~ Ruth Carter Stapleton ~



Ways & Means



Our Remembrance Day ceremony was a big success in November. Even with chilly and snowy temperatures many townspeople came out to pay their respect. It was very nice to see how much the town supports our efforts.

There was a delicious luncheon held back at the Branch put on by the Ladies Auxiliary. Our annual Honours & Awards were presented with many members

receiving their years of service awards. I am sure the Honours & Awards Report will identify all the awards that were issued out.

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 will be held on December 7th to help us accommodate our firefighters and will start at 8:00 pm. The Saturday Turkey Raffles will be on December 8th, 15th and 22nd and they will start at 4:00 p.m. Come on out and see if you can win your Christmas turkey.
2. Thursday Night Euchres are well attended and begin at 7:30 p.m.
3. Saturday Afternoon Euchre begins at 1:30 p.m.
4. Bingo is held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 p.m. For the month of December everyone who plays bingo will receive a ticket for a chance to win a turkey. There will be no bingo held on December 26th due to the Christmas holidays.

Let's keep our Branch active.

Dan Kelly
Ways & Means Chair
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Wednesday Night Bingo at Branch 340

Volunteers and players got into the Halloween spirit and dressed for the evening.

Photo submitted by Annemarie Kinsman

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Hannah.
Hannah who?
Hannah partridge in a pear tree!



Youth Education



Branch 340 held their Poster & Literary Competition on Saturday, November 3rd. Listed are the 1st Place winners in their respective categories.

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

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the judging.

Essay Contest

Intermediate: Michaela P – EPESCS

Poem Contest

Junior: Claire M – St. Joseph's

Intermediate: Aamina S – EPESCS

Senior: Taylor L – SDSS

Poster Black and white

Primary: Sadie A – Northport

Junior: Kevin P – EPESCS

Intermediate: Marley B – Northport

Senior: Michelle W – SDSS

Poster Colour

Primary: Abigail M – Northport

Junior: Ava C – Northport

INT: Emily L – Northport

Senior: Michelle W – SDSS

Cde Stacey Hobson

Youth Education Chairman

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RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary Quilt Draw



Congratulations to Cde Sharen Maas who won the LA Quilt Draw.
L-R LA President Marg Esplen, Cde Sharen Maas and Cde Vicky Taylor who provided the quilt for the draw.




Branch 340 Annual Christmas Draw



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.

Draw date is December 23rd at the Branch. Proceeds will benefit our local youth programs.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 340 CHRISTMAS TV RAFFLE	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 340 CHRISTMAS TV RAFFLE
Name: _____ _____ Address: _____ _____ Phone: () _____ <small>LL# M13816</small>	Royal Canadian Legion • 519-389-9917  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 <small>LL# M13816</small>

Robert & Rhonda Harrison
Norma Dudgeon
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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



Commemorative Banner Program Gordon Cummings



Gordon Cummings was born on December 13th, 1875 in Saugeen Township. His parents were Patrick and Barbara and his father Patrick in 1900 was the Reeve of Saugeen Township and was also the Warden of Bruce County that same year.

The British were at war with the Boers in South Africa in 1900 and Gordon sailed to England and joined Kitchener's Horse Guard that August and soon found himself in South Africa fighting in the war.

The Boers were comprised of the combined forces of the South African Republic and the Republic of the Orange Free State. After the British invaded Pretoria in June 1900, the Boer troops commenced guerrilla warfare throughout the region that continued until war ended in 1902. The Western Transvaal area was suited for this type of warfare and the Boers led by General Koos de la Rey

were often successful.

Nootigedacht is included in a long list of battles that the Boers had success in. It was here that the British camped at a farm that was owned by a British family. They were led by General-Major R. A. P. Clement with 1,500 men, 9 cannons and more than 100 wagons of supplies. The farm was at the base of a mountain in a gorge and the British had 150 men at the top, on watch, overlooking the camp and the surrounding area.

The Boers, under de la Rey, were joined by a group led by Christiaan Beyers which gave them a larger force totaling 2,100, which exceeded the 1,500 British under Clement. In the dark of night, Boer commandos climbed the mountain and attacked the British outlooks. This is historically analyzed as one of the most able and courageous attempts in the war.

The success of the commandos led to the British in the gorge being exposed to fire from above, and they were trapped, unable to exit the gorge due to being outnumbered by the Boers.

Gordon Cummings had died attempting to provide the outlooks on the mountain with additional ammunition from the base camp. General Major Clement, in fear of having his group annihilated, trapped in the gorge, led his troops on horseback through the Boer guerrillas, attempting to escape. The result was the largest loss of British lives in the Boer War.

Rather than pursue Clement and his troops, the Boers looted the massive supply train which gave them much needed supplies and ammunition. In this battle, the British lost 650 men, either killed, wounded or captured out of a total of 1,500. The Boers lost only 30 men.

Gordon died the day this battle was fought, December 13th, 1900; which was his 25th birthday.

Lest we forget.

“We Will Remember Them”.

Researched and Written by: G. William Streeter



Remembrance Day Sunday, November 11, 2018



This year turned out to be a wet and snowy 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.

I received many thanks and accolades of what a beautiful Cenotaph service we presented but I did not do this by myself – I might do the planning and coordinating of Remembrance Day but there is so much work “behind the scenes” that most are not aware of; I would like to thank all the volunteers that physically helped me and hopefully I don’t miss anyone.

<u>Sound System:</u>	Terry Mills, Mike Atkinson, Curt Virtue, Les Virtue
<u>Picking up the wreaths:</u>	Dan Kelly, Mike Hobson
<u>Cenotaph Setup & Dismantle:</u>	Dan Kelly, Mike Hobson, Mike Atkinson, Larry Dudgeon, Randy Schultz, Scott Thede, Rhonda Harrison, Bob Harrison
<u>Crosses:</u>	Dan Kelly, Mike Hobson, Mike Atkinson, Greg Briggs, Jack Chapman
<u>Putting the wreaths away:</u>	Dan Kelly, Larry Dudgeon, Charlie Roopnaraine

This is only the tip of the iceberg of the preparation but it all comes together for ½ hour on the 11th day of November. A few key people that help make our special day a success are:

Poppy Chairman: Alex Taylor
Parade Marshall: Mike Hobson
Colour Sergeant: Bob Harrison

Our Cenotaph – Sgt at Arms, Andrew Reinhart is my right hand at the cenotaph – he looks after the crowd control, makes sure the children are in a spot where they can see, places the Scouts and their Colours in a prominent spot by the cenotaph and assists the Air Cadets with the wreaths. Thank you Andrew for making everything go smoothly.

The trailer to haul and store the wreaths was once again donated by Curt Virtue – not sure where we would put 115 wreaths and get them to the cenotaph without the trailer – Thanks Curt

Our Parade Marshal, Mike Hobson did an excellent job keeping everyone in step as our Pipe band had to decline due to the cold temperature – apparently the reeds in the pipes freeze!

Also, Diane Mills and our ladies provided us with an excellent lunch – as always and thanks to Don Dudgeon for helping get the food to the clubroom. Our Colour Party did us proud and our Air Cadet’s role at the Church and the Cenotaph was superb.

Pam & Tammy Smith cleaned the CAF cenotaph as it was dirty from the weather – thank you very much.

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





Remembrance Day Bells of Peace



Branch 340 was involved with the Bells of Peace initiative. On November 11th at 5:00 pm a bell was rung 100 times to celebrate the end of World War 1.

Children and great-grandchildren of veterans were available to ring the bell to mark this occasion.

L-R Sofia H, Stella H, Jacob B and Bella H. Branch President Dan Kelly stands behind the group of children.

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?
One that's deep pan, crisp and even!



Remembrance Day Church Service Sunday November 4, 2018



As part of our Remembrance Day events Branch members and the Air Cadet Squadron attended the Church service at Tolmie Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 4th.



On Friday, November 9th Cdes Robert & Rhonda Harrison attended the Remembrance Day assembly at Northport Elementary School.

It was a pleasure to see and hear the school children as they participated in the program.

L-R Cde Rhonda Harrison, Principal Suzanne Kennedy, Andrea Rideout, Music teacher and Cde Robert Harrison.

*An optimist sees light at the end of a tunnel and thinks it's an exit.
A pessimist sees light at the end of a tunnel and assumes it is an onrushing train.
The train conductor sees two stupid guys staggering on train tracks.*



Also, on November 9th Branch 340 Legion members and Air Cadets attended the Remembrance Day assembly at Port Elgin Saugeen Central School.

Cde Matthew Patterson, MC, pictured with his band students.



AIR CADETS 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



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

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."

Christmas is the season of joy, of holiday greetings exchanged,
of gift-giving, and of families united.

~ Norman Vincent Peale ~



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 is again making an investment in the health and learning of students in Port Elgin schools. They are donating \$300 to each nutrition program; \$1200.00 in total.

Port Elgin Saugeen Central, St Joseph's, Northport Elementary and Saugeen District Secondary schools all offer a nutrition program filled with healthy food choices to over 1000 students collectively on a daily basis.

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! OSNP Grey Bruce challenges you to make an investment in our future by investing in our student's health and wellbeing. Our Nutrition Programs operate in every school in Grey and Bruce. www.osnp.ca

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Back Row L-R President Dan Kelly, Branch 340, Bev Gateman, OSNP Community Manager, Wendy Cumming, Northport Vice-Principal, Cde Rhonda Harrison, Charity Committee, Cde Robert Harrison, Charity Committee

Front Row L-R Sadie A. and Victoria B, Breakfast Club Student Volunteers

You can't have everything, where would you put it?





Branch 340 Annual Christmas Draw



The prize has been provided by Advanced Technologies from Southampton. 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.

Draw date is December 23rd at the Branch. Proceeds will benefit our local youth programs.

Robert & Rhonda Harrison
Norma Dudgeon
bnrshow@eastlink.ca

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 340 CHRISTMAS TV RAFFLE	Royal Canadian Legion • 519-389-9917  L.L.# MR13816	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 
Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: () _____ L.L.# MR13816			Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Royal Canadian Legion # 383 Tara

Christmas Meat Raffle

Saturday, December 8 at 1 PM

Numerous draws, Door Prize
& the Hip of Beef Spin

Your support would be truly appreciated, as all monies
raised are donated to our local Charities!



Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that people who have the most live the longest.



Branch 340 New to the Clubroom



The Executive of Branch 340 is pleased to inform the membership that the Club Room now has access to a televised monitor of upcoming events and other information for your convenience. Stay tuned for events happening in the Branch. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you!

We thank the following individuals for their involvement:

- Special thanks to Mike Hobson for all his research into the project and for the set-up of the system
- Rhonda Harrison and Norma Dudgeon for their input to the information displayed
- Don Dudgeon for the installation of the TV monitor



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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

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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.

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.



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Christmas Holiday Hours

Monday, December 24 - Open 3:00 - 6:00 pm


Tuesday, December 25 - Closed

Wednesday, December 26 - Closed

Monday, December 31 - Open 3:00 - 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, January 1 – Open 1:00 – 7:00 pm
for Levee**





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New Year's Day Levee

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Entertainment by

Joseph J Entertainment

Join us for social time as we welcome
in the New Year











with Family & Friends

You are Welcome



December 2018



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2	3 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	4 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	5 BINGO 7:30 PM 	6 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	7 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM TURKEY & MEAT DRAWS 8:00 PM	8 EUCHRE 1:30 PM TURKEY & MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
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Please join us for our various events

Event Times and Dates Subject to Change