



**Port Elgin Branch 340
Royal Canadian Legion**



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

Enjoy your Labour Day long weekend with family and friends!!

Please note the Branch General Meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:30 pm. Your support at the General Meetings is greatly appreciated as business cannot be formally accepted without your vote of approval.

The Ladies Auxiliary Meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:30 pm.

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.



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	Valerie Grieve
	Linda Virgo



President's Report



The summer season has almost come to an end and the weather has been very enjoyable.

The monthly Bingos and Meat Draws were very well attended. The Friday BBQ's were also well received. A "thank you" to the BBQ volunteers and for those who donated food items, it is always better if we work together.

Thanks are extended to our Ladies Auxiliary as they were kept very busy with hall rentals, birthdays and unfortunately Celebrations of Life. We appreciate all the work you do.

September will be a busy month at the Branch. One Meat Draw is scheduled and two BBQ's. Legion Week this year is from Sunday, September 15-21 inclusive. This is a time to get reacquainted with your Branch and friends. It would be great if each member could drop into the Branch, bring some friends and enjoy the camaraderie. Remember, the Legion is not able

to fund veteran programs, our hospital, our community and our youth programs without your support at the Branch.

Pumpkinfest will be held on October 5th and 6th. Branch 340 will once again be hosting Pumpkinfest Breakfast on the Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers will be needed for various jobs on the Friday for prep work and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubroom for Saturday and Sunday jobs to be filled. Please donate a couple of hours and we always have a really fun time. This is a huge fundraiser for our Branch so please consider volunteering and we thank you for your support.

Enjoy the summer weather and hope to see you out and about.

In Comradeship

President Robert (Bob) Harrison
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Bursary



Bursary season is almost here. Students can apply for a bursary as soon as they are on campus in September. As always they will have to apply for OSAP and prove that they are attending classes. This is usually done by having the college or university stamp their Bursary application or endorse it to say they are in attendance.

Last year Ontario Command awarded almost all of the available funds so if you are considering applying please do so early to avoid disappointment.

ELIGIBILITY:

(1) *Ex-Service personnel or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve, and Merchant Navy) and their children and grandchildren. Commonwealth war veterans and their children and grandchildren.*

(2) *Ordinary and Life members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren.*

(3) *Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children only.*

(4) *Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren.*

(5) *Step children and step grandchildren may be considered where applicable.*

Total family net income of less than \$150,000.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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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 and Does, etc.

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

Our hall rates vary for each occasion and Legion Bar Staff is provided by the Branch. In certain circumstances, use of the kitchen is offered at \$50 per occasion. The Ladies Auxiliary is available to cater selected menus to your event.



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

Please contact Norma Dudgeon at the Legion phone number (519) 389-9917 or email: branch340@eastlink.ca



**A smiling face is a
beautiful face. A
smiling heart is a
happy heart.**

Dr. T.P.Chia



Honours and Awards



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 Tom Jacques
Honours & Awards Chair
thjacques@bmts.com



Back To School

Back to School is Tuesday September 3rd

Please be aware of school buses loading/unloading children and those children walking to school. They will be very excited and may not be as watchful as they should.



Back To School

Keep our children safe!

"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Leadership Development The Royal Canadian Legion



WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

By joining The Royal Canadian Legion you will have the opportunity to make new friends, become involved with your community and to develop and share your leadership skills. You will help to perpetuate the Remembrance of those who gave so much for the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today. The proud heritage of this great Canadian organization will be enriched by the enthusiasm, energy and new ideas that you bring to it.

The many opportunities and programs offered by The Royal Canadian Legion are identified throughout our web site or you may wish to contact your local Legion Branch or Post for more information.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION WELCOMES YOU!

Here are just some of the many benefits membership in The Royal Canadian Legion brings:

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Most branches have recreational facilities and may have licensed lounges. Members can enjoy a wide variety of social events such as dances, barbeques, entertainment and a host of other special events.

MEMBER SPORTS: The Legion has sporting events such as darts, curling, cribbage and golf, with competitions ranging from local, provincial to national levels.

MEMBER BENEFITS PACKAGE: The Legion has developed a relationship with a number of corporate partners to provide products and services to its members. Some of the partners include a home and auto insurance company, health care services, a credit card company, and an auto club to name a few. Only Legion members are entitled to the benefits offered.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: You can serve your community by assisting with the many Legion programs in support of youth, seniors, the disabled and others. The Legion also provides bursaries and scholarships to students from Secondary School to the University level and is the largest single supporter of Scouts and Guides in Canada. It is also a major supporter of sea, army and Air Cadets.

LEADERSHIP: You will have the opportunity to grow within this great organization. The Legion needs members who can take on the Leadership challenge. If this is where your interest lies you can become involved by serving on the branch executive. You may even wish to go to higher levels such as zone, district or provincial. You may even aspire to the national level. Every

Dominion President who has served in this capacity started out as a branch member. You, too, could one day be President of the largest community service organization in Canada.

SERVICE: As Canada's largest volunteer organization, tremendous intangible benefits are gained through the commitment of members to fulfill the mandate of remembrance, service to the community and our country. Our fallen comrades served in battle, you have "**another way to serve**" by joining The Royal Canadian Legion.

LEGION MAGAZINE: Your membership includes a subscription to the Legion Magazine which is published six times a year. It contains articles on various topics including history, current events and general interest stories, as well as keeping members up-to-date on the many and varied Legion activities. It also contains a section dedicated to the recognition of those who served their country.

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Article courtesy of The Royal Canadian Legion (Dominion Command). Please visit our Ontario Provincial Command website at www.on.legion.ca

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Membership Corner



Hey Gang:

We are into September and the kids are going back to school. September is also the start of our Early Bird Campaign. As in the past two years, if you renew your 2020 legion membership before November 30, 2019 we will take \$ 5 off the renewal price. Until November 30, 2019 you membership renewal cost will be \$ 50 the same as the past two years. After November 30, 2019 the cost will go back up to \$ 55. So why not be an early bird and save yourself some cash.

Last year in our early bird campaign, we had just over 80% of our members renew their membership. I would like to see that number go up to 85% this year. I know we can do it and it starts on September 1, 2019. Let's all pitch in and achieve the 85% renewal goal. Below is a document on our Early Bird Campaign and how you can renew early.



Renew your membership today!

The Legion's Early Bird Campaign is on until November 30th — don't miss your opportunity to maintain the many benefits of your Legion membership.

When you renew your membership by the early bird deadline, you:

- Keep your account in good standing
- Maintain years of continuous service
- Support the Branch and its programs
- Ensure delivery of LEGION Magazine

To renew your membership, visit our Branch before November 30th or mail your membership dues in the amount of \$50.00 directly to our address below.

For your convenience, you can also renew online at portal.legion.ca. Once registered online, you have the option to set your membership to auto-renew to be billed automatically each year.

Encourage a friend or family member to join, too! Every member makes a difference.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Renew today!





Last Post



Jack Ingram – Associate
Nancy Dillon – Affiliate Voting

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



Poppy



Our 2019 Poppy Campaign is fast approaching! Hopefully, we can count on your support this year by volunteering as a canvasser. Uniforms are not required to canvass. All canvassers will be provided with Volunteer Ribbons. Canvasser sign-up sheets will be set up in the Legion's Club Room starting Oct. 1st. **Our 2019 Poppy Campaign will run from Friday, October 25th to Monday, November 11th.**

Why are personal canvassers so important? First, donations doubled to quadrupled when a live canvasser was present vs. an unattended Poppy Box. In cases, where corporate policy will not allow us to put a Poppy Box(es) in a store, it increases our collections from that location from 0% to 100% when a canvasser is present.

A campaign this large could not come off without Legion Member volunteers who donated over 100 hours of in store canvassing. Air Cadet volunteers provided close to 90 hours of canvassing support organized by their leader Capt. Rob Herborth. Close to 30 Branch Member volunteers helped prepare the Poppy boxes, with canvassing and audit, in the office and counting the money. Again, Many Thanks to all our volunteers for their devotion.

Our 2018, Poppy Campaign successfully raised over \$25,700, a 9% increase over 2017. Our current Trust Fund balance as at July 24, 2019 is \$19,554.79. To August 22, 2019 we have provided funding or donated over \$17,600.00 in support of our Veterans and their families.

When you joined the Legion, one of the key commitments you made, as a member, was to actively support our Poppy Campaigns. The success of any Poppy Campaign relies heavily on

you, our Volunteers, especially canvassers. Please send me an email expressing your interest in Volunteering and your contact details. I look forward to hearing from you. I will ensure that you will be personally contacted and offered a role. Your time will be greatly appreciated to make our 2019 Campaign an even greater success!

Lest We Forget!

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman, Cell - 519-385-0816, Home -519-389-2616
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Sports
Zone C-4 Sport Event



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**

Cde Gord Kelly
Sports Chairman
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Cribbage - Sunday, September 29, 2019

Host Branch: Chatsworth Branch 464
Location: Branch 464 Chatsworth
Entry Deadline Date: September 20, 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





Saturday Euchre will commence on September 14th starting at 1:30 pm in the Club Room.

Events are open to the public. Please join us.

Mary Galliher and Kristi McKenna will be the new conveners. Many thanks Jim and Shirley for all your time in support of this program.



Bingo is one of our programs that our members and public enjoy; the monies derived support the many projects in our community and other charities such as the Cenotaph Park, Air Cadets, our local hospitals and the list goes on.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Wednesday night weekly Bingo. We really need your help and it doesn't have to be every Wednesday; could be 2 Wednesdays a month or whatever you can contribute. If you can spare a few hours it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for considering this.

Sharen Maas
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Teacher asks the student: "Why are you so late?!"

Student: "Well I was crossing the road and suddenly it says "School ahead, go slowly!"

It's Your Legion

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd
Or do you stay at home
And grumble long and loud?

Do you ever go and visit
A member who is sick
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Come to the Legion more often
And come with hand and heart
Don't just be a member
But take an active part.

Think this over members
You know the right from wrong.
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?

T. Kennedy

- Cde. Tom Kennedy
Deceased 2001, Age 83



Sometimes the best
thing that you can do
is not think. not
wonder. not imagine.
not obsess. Just
Breathe. and have faith
that everything will
work out for the best.



Veteran Services



The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command Service Bureau

**** **NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT** ****

ATTENTION: ALL VETERANS

The Provincial Service Officer will be visiting OWEN SOUND LEGION
on September 18 – 20, 2019

If your Branch requires a visit, kindly advise the Branch Service Officer
no later than August 30th

Mike Hobson
Veteran Service Officer
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Ways & Means



Our Ways & Means program continues to have great support from all of
you. We have seen a steady backing for all our events. Thank you again.

Events that continue this month: Bingo will be held each Wednesday
night starting at 7:30 PM; Thursday Euchre continues weekly starting at
7:30 PM. Saturday Euchre will start on September 14th at 1:30 pm. There
is one Meat Draw for the month of September on the 14th and will start
at 4:00 PM. Friday BBQ's are scheduled for September 6th and 20th from

6:00 – 7:00 PM. We appreciate your support for BBQ fundraisers for the Branch. All events are
open to members and the public.

Tom Jacques
Ways & Means Chair
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Saugeen Track Field Club



Saugeen Track and Field Club was well represented at the Legion Youth National Track and Field Championships In Sydney, Nova Scotia on August 9-11. STFC athletes won 11 medals in total and had 18 top 10 performances. 1 National Record, 6 Club Age Class Records and 8 Personal Best performances were also achieved.

Ryan Jacklin led the way with a triple Gold performance in the U18 Men's Hammer, Shot Put and Discus events and set a new Canadian record with his 69.59m toss of the 5k Hammer. Jeremy Elliott earned Silver in U18 Men's Hammer and Discus. Harley Martin won Silver medals in U16 Women's Javelin and Shot Put. Silver medals were also won by Lucas Jacklin – U16 Men's Javelin, Hanna Van Stuyvenberg – U18 Women's Discus, Billie Martin – U18 Women's Hammer. Michelle Van Stuyvenberg won a bronze in the U16 Women's Hammer.

This concludes an incredibly successful outdoor season for Saugeen Track and Field Club which included a Provincial team title. We could not have experienced this type of success without the support of the Legion. Many thanks.

Brian Hilbers
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Hours of Operation Change Sunday Clubroom Hours



Starting Sunday, September 8th the Clubroom will be open from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.



“Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day.”
– H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Greetings from Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary.

Another wonderful summer at the 'beach', such a pleasant August (January seems to last for 3 months and August is over in a week) and now Fall is in the air, the tourists have gone back to work and are getting ready to send their children back to school. Our little town will once again be serene and peaceful. Don't get me wrong, I love the business that the tourists bring to our area. So remember to buy local.

We continue to be busy with bookings. Weddings, Birthday parties, Family reunions and Celebrations of Life. Think of us when you want to have an event, we can accommodate up to 150 and have a menu that can be tweaked to whatever your tastes desire.

As we are a volunteer organization all monies raised from the events we cater to are given back to our local community charities including but not limited to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340, The Poppy Fund, Veterans and to the Bursary Program.

Our meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM and our first meeting for the 2019/2020 year is Tuesday, September 10th at 7:30PM. **Current members, please mark your calendars to attend** and if you are reading this newsletter and may be interested in becoming a member or to learn more about us please feel free to come out and attend this meeting.

We currently have 33 members including 2 Life Members. Ours is a busy Auxiliary and can always use help so if you know someone who would like to be a part of our group invite them out to meeting.

Wishing you a happy and safe Labor Day long weekend.

Vicky Taylor
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There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor, who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the local Church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of their large building.

Smokey put in a bid, and because his price was so low, he got the job. So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks and buying the paint and yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with water.

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down, washing the thinned paint from all over the church, and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried:

“Oh God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?”

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke...
(you're going to love this)

"Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more.



COMMEMORATIVE BANNER PROGRAM
John Kenneth McLean



At the South end of the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland is the town of Uig. In the late 1800's and early 1900's many people from the islands of Harris and Lewis immigrated to our community. Many of the names are still prominent in Saugeen Shores: Matheson, MacAuley, MacKay/McKay, MacLean/McLean and MacLeod/McLeod are among them.

John Maclean and Christina MacKay married in Uig and soon after left for a new life in Canada and arrived in Southampton. They started a family which included 3 boys. One of the boys named John Kenneth was born in Southampton on December 14th, 1914.

He became known as Kenneth and attended elementary school in Southampton and after graduation from the Southampton Continuation School in 1933; he attended High School in Port Elgin to gain his Senior Matriculation. In 1934 he attended Normal School (Teachers College) in Stratford, graduating in 1935 with a 1st Class Certificate. He went on to teach at rural schools at S.S. #2 Falconer & Loudon, S.S. #1 McCart, S.S. #7 Sullivan and S.S. #13 Amabel up to 1942. During that time, he attended summer school at the University of Western Ontario in London. While at Western he studied Astronomy, Political Science, English and History.

It was on June 30th, 1942 at the end of the school year, that he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Flying Officer. His attestation papers are an interesting read and one item, in particular, jumped out. In providing names for references as to his character and ability he names Clifford Huston, Teacher. Mr. Huston, as he was known to all, taught for many years in Southampton and the current Southampton Public School carries his name. Ken's training took him to a variety of pilot training centres in Canada from Saskatchewan to Quebec during the second half of 1942 and all of 1943.

He arrived in England in late January 1944, he was assigned to the 166th Royal Air Force Squadron. This squadron flew Lancaster Bombers in raids into Germany. On January 8th, 1945, the Lancaster Ken was flying was shot down in a bombing raid over Munich Germany and the crew was declared missing and presumed dead. The family was advised of him missing in action. His father had died in Southampton, a few months earlier in 1944. His mother died later in 1945 and the grave marker in the Southampton Cemetery for his parents includes Kenneth's name in memory of their son who was still missing in action at that time.

After the war ended in 1945 the Commonwealth War Graves Commission continued searching for bodies of those that had been declared missing in action, presumed dead. It was not until April 8th, 1949 that Canada's Ministry of Defense advised Ken's brother that the Missing Research and Enquiry Service had found 6 bodies in a single grave in a cemetery in Munsingen, Germany and had determined that they were the crew of John's Lancaster that had been shot down in January 1945. The same letter stated that "Most unfortunately, individual identification could not be secured". The 6 of them were moved to a British Military Cemetery named Durnbach War Cemetery near Bad Tols Germany and each was given their own grave though it cannot be certain that they are in the grave identified by their marker. They are buried in Section 4 Row E Graves 2 -7.

John Kenneth McLean was another young man with such a promising future who made the supreme sacrifice for us to live the life we have today.

We Shall Remember Them

Researched and written by: G. William Streeter

21. Particulars of Education:

	Name of school	Date		Courses—Subjects, etc.
		From	To	
Primary Education—Public or Separate School.....	Public School, Southamp- ton, Ont.	1919	1927	General
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.....	Continuation School "	1927	1932	Matriculation course
Technical School.....	High School, Port Elgin,	1932	1933	Sr. Matriculation
University or School other than above.....	Normal School, Stratford, Ont.	1934	1935	Teacher's Course - First Class Certificate.
Correspondence Courses, etc.....	Summer School and Extension work - Western University, London, Ont.	1939 &	1940	Astronomy, Political Sc., English, History.

22. Particulars of all Civil Occupations (in full):

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date		Reason for leaving
		From	To	
Canada Steamship Line	Deck hand	1933	1934	to go back to school
S.S. 2, Falconer & Louden	}	1935	1942	still teaching
S.S. 1 McCart				
S.S. 7, Sullivan				
S.S. 13, Amabel				

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo..... None..... Dual..... None..... Passenger..... None

24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F. History, Fiction, Reading, Baseball, Tennis, Basketball, Badminton.

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally..... Baseball, Tennis, Basketball, Badminton, Volleyball.

26. AIR FORCE DUTY you wish to enlist for ~~Ground Duties~~ Flying Duties.
 If for Ground Duties, state Air Force trade in which you wish to enlist..... N.A.
 If for Flying Duties, state preference as (a) Pilot, (b) Observer, (c) Air Gunner, (d) Wireless Operator. (Air Crew).
 (Cross out words not applicable.) AIRCREW (ITS)

27. Names of at least two persons who can give references as to character and ability.

Name	Address	Occupation
Dr. P. Scott ✓	Southampton, Ont.	Doctor
Clifford Huston	" "	Teacher
John Clark <i>Applicants Reference 3</i>	" "	Banker
Ed Roberts <i>Checked and correct</i>	" "	Merchant

28. Other information that may have any bearing on this application..... Public Speaking

29. Do you understand that vaccination, re-vaccination and inoculation are compulsory?..... Yes

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing information furnished by me is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date..... July 3, 19 41 typed June 30th, 1942. Signature Kenneth J. McLean

OTTAWA, Canada, April 5th, 1949.

Mr. Hugh McLean,
20 Norton Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McLean:

It is with regret that I refer to the loss of your brother, Flying Officer John Kenneth McLean, who lost his life on air operations against the enemy January 8th, 1945, but a report has been received from our Missing Research and Enquiry Service that on examination of the graves in the cemetery at Munsingen, Germany, it was ascertained that your brother and five members of his crew had been buried there, and they have been moved to the permanent British Military Cemetery at Bad Tols, Germany. The cemetery is known as the Bad Tols (Durnbach) British Cemetery, and is located twenty-eight miles south southeast of Munich, Germany.

Most unfortunately, individual identification could not be secured, and your brother; Flying Officer W.Y.J. Soper (Pilot); Flying Officer G.A. Humberstone (Navigator); Flight Sergeant V.D. Elliott (Wireless Operator); Flight Sergeant J.G. MacKay (Upper Gunner); -- all R.C.A.F. -- and Sergeant J.K. Walker (Flight Engineer) -- R.A.F. are resting in Collective Graves, registered in their names and numbered 2 - 7, Row E, Plot 4. Flight Sergeant A.E. Wells (Rear Gunner) -- R.C.A.F. -- was found to be buried in the cemetery at Wittlingen, which is approximately four miles north of Munsingen. He too has been moved to the Bad Tols British Cemetery, and is resting beside your brother and his crew in Grave No. 1.

Moving the graves of your brother and his crew to a British Military Cemetery is in accordance with the agreed policy of the Nations of the British Commonwealth that all British aircrew buried in Germany would be moved to British Military Cemeteries located in Germany, where the graves and cemetery will be reverently cared for and maintained in perpetuity by the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member). The cemetery will be beautified by landscaping and the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers, and the Commission will also erect a permanent headstone at your brother's resting place, and will write to you before the stone is prepared.

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I realize that this is an extremely distressing letter, and that there is no manner in which such news can be conveyed to you that will not add to your heartaches, and I am fully aware that nothing I may say will lessen your great sorrow, but it is my earnest hope that you will be comforted with the knowledge that your brother is resting with his comrades, and that his resting place will be permanently maintained, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing to you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy in the loss of your gallant brother.

Yours sincerely,



(W. R. Gunn)

Wing Commander

R.C.A.F. Casualties Officer,
for Chief of the Air Staff.

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Barbecue / Dinner September 2019



The last 2 scheduled dates are September 6th and 20th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

We rely on salad and dessert donations from you the members. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Club Room for any donations. Event dates are available in this bulletin and on our website or you can pick up a business card in the Club Room with all the dates of the various events for the year.

As the BBQ season comes to an end, would you the membership like to see Friday dinners continue in the form of Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Spaghetti, Pulled Pork, etc. to name a few. Events could be held on a Friday during the fall and winter months. Please submit your thoughts or ideas to us by email or at the next BBQ.

We hope to see you and your family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

Robert & Rhonda Harrison
BBQ Committee
bnrshow@eastlink.ca
519-389-4806



Pumpkinfest Breakfast



Volunteers will be needed for the upcoming Pumpkinfest Breakfasts which will be happening on Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th. There are plenty of jobs to be completed and your help is needed. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Club Room. Jobs include helping with the food preparation on Friday and help is needed for serving, bussing tables and clean-up on Saturday and Sunday.

Please sign your name on which activity you are interested in helping with. A couple of hours of your time make a difference. Many hands make light work. Happy Pumpkinfest!!

Robert & Rhonda Harrison
Breakfast Convenors
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630 Green Street 519-389-9917

Pumpkinfest Breakfast

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Home Fries & Toast

Scrambled Eggs, Ham & Sausage

Tea, Coffee & Juice

Saturday, Oct. 5 7 am – 12 noon
Sunday, Oct. 6 8 am – 12 noon

Adults - \$10.00
Children Under 12 - \$6.00
Children Under 3 – Free





**Royal Canadian Legion Tara Branch 383
2019 Events – September**

Friday Night BBQ 5:30 – 7:00 pm September 20	Branch Breakfast 10:00 am – 1:00 pm September 29	Meal Deal (Major Dinners) Fish & Chips 5:00 – 7:00 pm September 6
	Cribbage 1:00 pm September 21	



Thursday Night Euchre Gives Back



Thursday night card players donate another \$400 to the Legion.
L-R Louraine Axford, Dan Kelly and Denise Cassin





Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

September 15 – 21, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

I'm delighted to extend warm greetings to the Ontario Branches of The Royal Canadian Legion as they celebrate Legion Week.

Building a better province starts with our communities. This is a great opportunity to showcase the Legion's work, and to give members of the community a chance to know the Legion better.

Ontarians are grateful to Legion members for their tireless support of our province's communities and of Canada's veterans — including serving military and RCMP members and their families.

As a proud member of The Royal Canadian Legion Coronation Branch 286, I know first-hand how much Legion branches do to build better communities. In cities and towns across Ontario, local Legion halls also act as an important gathering point, bringing people of all ages together for memorable social and family-based events.

As you know, our government remains committed to ensuring that Legion halls in Ontario pay no property tax. It's the least we can do to recognize and honour the service and sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform.
















Best wishes for another successful Legion Week celebration!

Doug Ford
Premier



September 2019



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1	2 	3 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	4 BINGO 7:30 PM 	5 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	6 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM <hr/>  BBQ - 6:00 PM	7 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
8	9	10 LA GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	11 BINGO 7:30 PM 	12 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	13 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	14 EUCHRE 1:30 PM 
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☛ Please join us for our various events ☛
☛ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ☛