



**Royal Canadian Legion**  **Port Elgin Branch 340**

# Branch Line

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Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information and a wee bit of humor too. We welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit your articles to [branch340newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:branch340newsletter@gmail.com)

Thanksgiving and Halloween will be two extra reasons to get together this month. Enjoy with your family, loved ones and friends.

With the COVID-19 virus pandemic, please adhere to the safety protocols being issued and stay safe and be well. Remember to practice social distancing.

**Please see inside for the upcoming Meat Draw. All other events and meetings happening at the Branch have been cancelled until further notice.**

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**President's Report**



Well folks, Fall is definitely in the air. Days are getting cooler and shorter. Lots of birds are down from the north... geese, ducks and if you are lucky you may even see a few Sandhill cranes. Insects are gone and the trees are turning to their beautiful fall colours. So get out and enjoy these last warm days of the year.

Business at the Branch is slowly picking up with Friday night being our best night. We had 40 plus people on the last 2 Fridays; 50 is our limit. The other days are still slow but we are hoping they will pick up as the weather closes in. On Fridays, the Club Room will now be open till 8:00 pm.

We are going to have a Meat Draw on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 4:00 pm. There will be only 50 people allowed in and this will be strictly enforced.

The Legion is still having training seminars in order to keep our members up to date. Most have been held at the Hepworth Legion hall as it is the best place to social distance. We also had our

Fall Council Meeting on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> with pre-registered delegates and guests only. The meeting was well run and all essential business was completed.

Branch 340 was the first Branch to have its annual Branch Inspection with the Zone C-4 Cmdr. Kathryn Eastwood and Zone C-4 Deputy Cmdr. Kim White in attendance. We once again received top remarks on how our Branch business is being handled. Excellent comments with the monthly Minutes, financials, building maintenance, etc. Special thanks to Norma Dudgeon who is an integral part of how the Legion runs so smoothly and effectively.

The Treasurer's Workshop Series 2020 Branch Officer's Training Program was done electronically this summer. Cde Norma Dudgeon received a certificate on achieving Top Performer status and Rhonda and I received certificates for Performance Achiever status.

I am not sure how Remembrance Day will play out. The Committee will be meeting next week to make some decisions. Please read the Poppy Report in this bulletin for details on how we will be proceeding with the Poppy Campaign.

Consider dropping by the Branch to catch up with friends and enjoy the comradeship.

President Robert (Bob) Harrison  
bnrshow@eastlink.ca

L-R Zone C-4 Commander Kathryn Eastwood, Cdes Norma Dudgeon, Rhonda Harrison and Bob Harrison receiving their Treasurer's Workshop Certificates



Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the Snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time every time...





## Bursary



Students are back to school albeit in person or on-line. Once on campus they can apply for a bursary. The bursary award for this year is \$750.00. Please remember that you have to prove that you are in school and in your second semester before applying.

Application forms from Ontario Command can be downloaded at [www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs](http://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs). If you have any questions or need assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cde Robert Harrison  
Bursary Chairman  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca)



## Hall Rental



**NOTE: Hall rentals have been suspended until further notice.**

Once this COVID-19 pandemic is over we look forward to you booking our facility for your future social events.

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](mailto:Branch340@eastlink.ca)



*They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:*

- ♥ *Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*
- ♥ *Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.*
- ♥ *At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.*
- ♥ *The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.*
- ♥ *This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.*



## 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  
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## Leadership Development ON Command – Charitable Foundation



The Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation, a registered charity, is a partnership of the Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and their Auxiliaries in Ontario.

Branches and Auxiliaries, through poppy tagging and activities such as bingo, break-open tickets, raffles and clubhouse operations, fund the foundation. Through the collective strength, we are able to fund projects, which are normally beyond the means of individual branches.

The foundation funds are used for the following:

- Operation of the Ontario Command Service Bureau
- Veterans welfare
- Programs for aging Veterans
- Medical Research
- Medical Equipment
- Bursaries

Other purposes of a charitable or benevolent nature, as approved from time to time by the Board of Directors. Hospitals, clinic, long term facilities, fire departments, and other not-for-profit organizations involved in health care make applications for funding to the foundation.

Cde Robert Harrison  
Leadership Development  
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## Membership



Comrades, I have mailed out a membership letter to all our members not in good standing. The letter identifies that the Branch is now open again and all are welcome to come in and enjoy our hospitality. I also identified that they have still not paid their 2020 membership and identified that they can pay it at the Bar or they can pay it on-line at legion.ca. All members that have paid their membership dues have been processed to date.

Cde Dan Kelly  
Membership Chairman  
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### Little Johnny and the Bills

**Father:** Look at all these bills! Taxes, rent, telephone, clothes, food. The cost of living is going up everywhere. I'd be happy if just one thing went down.

**Little Johnny:** Dad, here's my report card.



## Poppy



Preparations for our **2020 Poppy Campaign is underway and will run from Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

With COVID-19 being a challenge, we expect that we will have to do things a little differently. Air Cadets will not be authorized to canvass although individual Cadets can volunteer. Personal canvassing will have to be at a distance with masks/gloves worn and a separate table (i.e. a folding table) will have to be set up to hold the Poppy Box so social distancing can be maintained and the money insert holes will have to be made a little larger so that donations can easily be deposited by those making the donations.

**Currently we are having Ad Mail envelopes and return Donations envelopes pre-printed along with a small information insert which I expect will be ready by the end of September. This mass mailing campaign for our Legion will require very strong Branch member volunteer support and to date I really appreciate the number of new members who have offered to help as well as many of you who have helped in the past. It is a big job and any new**

**volunteers will be gladly accepted to put together the 4,600 Poppy Campaign mailing packages needed to be sent to Port Elgin households. We expect to have afternoon and some evening sessions to assemble the mailing packages as well as Poppy bags for our counter Poppy boxes (100+ will be needed). An email schedule with further details will be sent out to all those who volunteer as soon as we receive the printed materials. The actual Ad mail packages will be delivered to the Post Office on the afternoon of Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> so that they are in the mail for the start of the Poppy Campaign, Friday, October 30th.**

Hopefully, we can count on your support this year by volunteering to put mailing packages together and/or as a canvasser where needed.

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. 1<sup>st</sup>. Guidelines to meet COVID-19 requirements will be provided such as the wearing of masks, gloves (where required) and social distancing (2 metres).

Why are personal canvassers so important? First, donations doubled to quadrupled when a live canvass volunteer 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.

Our 2019, Poppy Campaign successfully raised over \$28,000, an 8% increase over 2018. To date, we have provided funding or donated over \$21,000.00 in support of our Veterans and their families. A very determined effort by our Branch will be required to replace these funds for 2020-2021!

**The success of our COVID-19 Poppy Campaign in 2020 more than ever will rely on you, our Poppy Campaign mass mailing and canvasser Volunteers.**

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 2020 Campaign a success!

**Lest We Forget!**

Cde Alex Taylor  
Poppy Chairman  
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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](http://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!**



### Homework help...

Dad, will you help me with my homework?"

"I'm sorry," replied the father. "It wouldn't be right."

"Well, " said the boy, "at least you could try."



## Veteran Services



**Port Elgin Legion Branch 340**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

During this time of crisis any veteran that requires assistance including financial aid may contact the Port Elgin Legion Veterans Service Officer for assistance and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Contact: Port Elgin Legion Branch 340  
 Veteran Service Officer  
 branch340@eastlink.ca  
 519-832-2903



## Ways & Means



Branch 340 will be hosting a Meat Draw on Saturday, October 3rd starting at 4:00 pm in the Club Room. This is the first event since the onset of the COVID-19. Safety protocols will be observed. Maximum 50 persons in the venue.

Branch 340 appreciates your continued support.

Please stay safe.

Cde Tom Jacques  
 Ways & Means Chair  
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**THANK YOU**



## Youth Education



So once again this year we will be offering to the students the opportunity to participate in the Annual Remembrance Poster & Literary Competition. Entries for the Branch 340's local competition will be accepted following the recommended safety protocols from the Public Health Unit.

While reading this you may be asking why do this during a pandemic? I will admit that I asked that question myself. The answer is simple we must make every effort to continue to foster Remembrance. Teachers will be provided with a choice to use the Remembrance Competitions as an educational tool for learning about the importance of Remembrance. We all appreciate that students, teachers and school staff are facing extraordinary challenges. I am anticipating less participation this year. For now it is a wait and see situation as to whether the schools will choose to participate.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to read the article "Artists shows hidden wounds of war" by Stephen J Thorpe in the Legion Magazine September/October 2020 edition starting on page fifty four. The article cites that upwards of 100,000 children and youth have entered this annual competition in the past 40 years.

Pandemic or not the Annual Remembrance Poster & Literary Competition tradition continues.

We will Remember

Cde Patty Kelly  
Youth Education Chairperson  
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## Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Greetings from Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary.

We want to send out congratulations to Aline Bellan, who is being awarded her 40 year pin.

Our Membership fees are due, letters or emails were sent to all members recently. Thank you to those who have submitted their payment.

I do hope that you all have your social circles and you are enjoying some time with them and of course, with your families. It's important to stay in touch with those you love.

We still have not heard any instructions from Command about resuming our scheduled meetings.

Once our meetings resume, they are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM.

Cde Vicky Taylor  
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Two drunks are walking along. One drunk says to the other, "What a beautiful night. Look at that moon!"

The other drunk stops and looks at his drunk friend. "You are wrong. That's not the moon; that's the sun!"

Both continued arguing for a while when they came upon another drunk walking along. So they stopped him and said, "Sir, could you please help settle our argument? Tell us what that thing is up in the sky that's shining. Is it the moon or the sun?"

The third drunk looked at the sky and then looked at them and said, "Sorry, I don't live around here."



## Saturday Card Group Gives Back



Treasurer, Norma Dudgeon received a donation of \$905 from Mary Galliher from the Saturday afternoon card group. Mary Galliher and Kristi McKenna look after the Saturday cards and hopefully we will get back to playing cards and enjoying the comradeship of everyone "soon".

We receive this in much appreciation.

L-R Cde Norma Dudgeon, Treasurer and Cde Mary Galliher, Convener



### Branch 340 New Hours

*Monday to Thursday 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm*  
*Friday 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm*  
*Sunday- 4:00 – 7:00 pm*

*Until further Notice*





Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.”

*Note: Since the time changes at 2:00 A.M., we generally change our clocks before bed on Saturday.*



### **We Remember Them**

Pte. J. J. Campbell AKA John McLeod



The Story of Pte. J. J. Campbell AKA John McLeod

In late 2016 we started the process that led to the hanging of Commemorative Banners on High Street in recognition of those that gave their lives in past wars, for our freedom. Again, this coming October the Banners will hang on both sides of High Street from Victoria Street to Huron Street.

The first step in doing the project then was to authenticate the 37 names on our cenotaph and then to start the search for pictures. This year we will have banners for 24 of the 37 local men that died in WWI and WWII.

Of the total of 37 named we now have 36 authenticated. This is the story of how we discovered the 36<sup>th</sup>. The name on the cenotaph is PTE. J. J. Campbell.

There were 661,000 people that enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in WWI and I can ensure you that not one was J. J. Campbell from Southampton or anywhere in our area. There were more than 100 named Campbell/Campell/Cambell etc. that were analyzed with no success.

As they say: “Then one day”.

This August, I went to Tobermory with my sister and her husband. They wanted to go into a gallery, and I said that I would sit on a bench outside. Across from me was the Tobermory cenotaph. I walked over and saw that they had 6 men that had died, 8 wounded and 23 others that had served in WWI. I am working on another project and decided to take pictures of those listed to see if any would be of value for the new project.

A few days after I was checking them all to see if they may have met the criteria, I needed for this new project. And when going through the 37 there was one named John McLeod. When I put "John McLeod" into the WWI search site up came about 12 with that name. I got to the 3<sup>rd</sup> one and found the man from Tobermory but just below him was a John McLeod AKA John Jacob Campbell.

Shocked, I immediately opened up his WWI Military History file and yes, he was born in Southampton. Oddly he showed his next of kin as Miss Margaret Campbell (friend). The Commonwealth War Graves Commission had him as being the son of Donald and Mary Jane Campbell.

But why did he use the name John McLeod in his attestation document and give Margaret Campbell (friend) as his next of kin. The answer to that lies in the ancestry.ca website. Here we find that Donald and Mary Jane (nee Richardson) Campbell had 7 children including John Jacob and a daughter Margaret who was 3 years younger than son John.

John McLeod was 17 when he enlisted at Camp Hughes in Manitoba on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1916. So here is my hypothesis of "Why the AKA and why he showed his 14-year-old sister in Southampton as his friend and as his next of kin".

Like many young men of that era, they "road the rails" to the west for the grain harvest. While there he decided to enlist, probably with others like him. Knowing that his parents would not approve of him enlisting at his young age he picked a common surname from Southampton, McLeod. Being close to his young sister, he gave her name as his next of kin so if anything did happen to him his family would get the word.

John Jacob Campbell was killed in the Battle of Canal du Nord in France on September 29, 1918. This was a pivotal battle in the 100 Days Offensive that led to the end of WWI. He is buried in the Haynecourt British cemetery in France close to where he died. His gravestone reads "Private John Jacob Campbell Canadian Infantry, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 19 yrs. old".

After his death, it was found that he had enlisted in Galt, Ontario in late 1915 using his John Jacob Campbell name and had been discharged.

There is a grave marker in the Southampton Cemetery that includes John's 11-year-old brother William and gives remembrance to John including words recognizing John being killed in France. It would be great if we can find a picture of John Jacob Campbell to produce a banner to hang along with the others on High Street.

This only leaves Pte. S. Jamieson to authenticate and the search goes on.

Researched and Written by G. William Streeter

In Memory Of  
Private  
**JOHN JOSEPH CAMPBELL**  
8th Bn., Canadian Infantry who died on 29 September 1918 Age 19  
(Served as J. McLEOD). Son of Donald and Mary Jane Campbell of Southampton,  
Ontario.

Remembered with Honour  
**HAYNECOURT BRITISH CEMETERY**

**COMMEMORATED**



COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH  
WAR GRAVES COMMISSION



AN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? ..... McLeod (M<sup>c</sup>Leod)
- 1a. What are your Christian names? ..... John
- 1b. What is your present address? ..... Southampton, Ontario, Canada.
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? ..... Southampton, Ontario, Canada.
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? ..... Miss Margaret Campbell
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? ..... Southampton, Ontario, Canada.
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? ..... Wife. friend
5. What is the date of your birth? ..... September 4th, 1898
6. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... Sailer
7. Are you married? ..... No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? ..... Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? ..... No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? ..... No  
If so, state particulars of former Service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? ..... Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the } Yes  
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? }



DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, John McLeod, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date August 29th, 1916.  
John McLeod (Signature of Recruit)  
Edith Comack (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, John McLeod, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date August 29th, 1916.  
John McLeod (Signature of Recruit)  
Edith Comack (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.  
 The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Camp Hughes, Man. this 29th, day of August, 1916.

J. M. Bodin (Signature of Justice)



## Zone C-4 Fall Council Meeting September 27, 2020



Our Zone Fall Convention had to be cancelled because of gathering restrictions, however we successfully held the Zone Fall Council Meeting on September 27th at Hepworth, albeit under strict health and safety protocols including limited pre-registration, wearing of masks, posting of precautions for limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus, delineating traffic pathways, signs to limit washroom access, sanitizing provisions, having social distancing and much more.

There was a great deal of business to take care of as the Spring Convention was also cancelled. Motions were passed to accept previous minutes, the financial reports and reinvesting of GIC's and these will all be brought forward at the next Convention for ratifying by your delegates. A report was given by the Branch Presidents outlining the activities since the last Convention and I was very pleased to hear the inclusion of the Ladies Auxiliaries. They are a most integral part of our Branches and deserve a mention as well as being party to any communication strategy.

There were many items discussed under New Business including the Annual Branch Inspection which is being held this year at the Executive Committee Meetings since General Meetings are unfortunately in temporary abeyance. Also delayed are elections meaning that Branch, Zone, District, Provincial and Dominion Officers are expected to remain in office for longer. Those continuing in their office are to be commended for their dedication to their responsibilities.

While the Zone Officers' Reports were not officially part of the agenda, those Officers present were granted the courtesy of bringing forward any information for the benefit of the Branches.

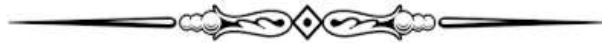
Highlights of several were given including Leadership and Development where awards were presented to the Branches who had the most stars under the S.T.A.R. Training Program. This is a Zone training program to put the fun in Fundamental where Branches are awarded different coloured stars for things such as attendance at seminars/conventions, financial management, training of executive members, getting reports in on time, communication, avoiding an Article III, keeping members informed and supporting Zone functions. Branches in our Zone have done a terrific job and most were within one star of each other. In 3rd place was Br383 Tara with 24 stars, tied in 2nd place was Br340 Port Elgin and Br586 Hepworth/Shallow Lake with 26 stars and in 1st place with 27 stars was Br464 Chatsworth. Well done to our S.T.A.R. participants!

Hopefully, we shall be able to hold our Spring Convention next year and I look forward to the camaraderie we all enjoy. Stay safe and well and good luck with your Poppy Campaign.

Respectfully,  
Kathryn Eastwood  
Zone C-4 Commander

STAR Program 2019-2020 Winners

L-R 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Cde Brenda Funston, Tara 383; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Steve Nickels, Chatsworth 464; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tie Cdes Bob Harrison, Port Elgin 340 and Len Thibeault, Hepworth Shallow Lake 586.



Three vampires walk into a bar and sit down at a table. The waitress comes over and asks the first vampire what he would like. The first vampire responds, "I would like some blood."

The waitress turns to the second vampire and asks what he would like. The vampire responds, "I would like some blood."

The waitress turns to the third vampire and asks what he would like. The vampire responds, "I would like some plasma."

The waitress looks up and says, "Let me see if I have this order correct. You want two bloods and a blood light?"





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# **Pumpkinfest Meat Draws**

## **FUNDRAISER**



**Saturday, October 3 ... 4:00 pm**

**Legion Club Room**

*Safety and health guidelines will be observed  
Limit 50 maximum person capacity*

