

Branch Line

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Inside this issue you will find what is happening this month with 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.

A new Bingo Committee has now been formed. We welcome Yolande Lush as our new Chair and Rhonda Harrison as Co-Chair. Plans are underway to begin bingo on Wednesday, September 21st. We welcome all our previous players back and welcome any new players. The hours remain the same with doors open at 6:30 and games begin at 7:30 pm. Must be 18 years of age to play.

A special thanks to Sharen Maas for her many years of service. We look forward to working with our volunteers and an information meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10th at 3:30 pm in the main hall. You are welcome to join us to find out what jobs need to be done to ensure our bingos are run smoothly each week. A reminder email will be sent out shortly.

As the new school year begins so does the Bursary program. Post-secondary students can apply for a bursary from our District C with an award for \$1,000. and a Branch bursary in the amount of \$500. Please read the message from our Bursary Chair on how to download an application form. Please contact our Bursary Chair Robert Harrison for the Branch Bursary form.

The long weekend is here! Wishing everyone a very Happy Civic long weekend! Enjoy and stay safe!

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Accessible formats are available upon request






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President's Report



I can't believe how quickly the summer has gone by.

We are still struggling with attendance at the Branch. We need your support. We have a long list of organizations that are requesting our help: Minor Hockey, Lamont Sports Park, various scholastic awards just to name a few.

We would love to help all these great causes but without your help it will not happen. Please consider coming into the Branch for a cool beverage or attending our Meat Draws and BBQ's. Volunteers are also needed to help out with Branch functions.

If you have any ideas to help the Branch raise money please let us know. And, remember the more people we have the more fun will be had by all.

Hope to see you soon,

President Robert Harrison
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Bursary Report



Do you have a child going on to post-secondary school? They could be eligible to receive a bursary of \$1000.00 this year and as long they stay in the same course of study they are eligible for up to 5 years. Total family income must be under \$150,000. And they must be related to either a member or a veteran.

For more information: www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries or feel free to call me at 519-389-4806.

Please contact me for a Branch Bursary application.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chair
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Hall Rental



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 me for more information when considering a venue for your event.

Cde Bernice Ribey
Hall Rental Chair
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Honours & Awards Report



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 Chairman
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Membership Report



Hello Comrades. I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. As we kick off into August membership numbers remain the same. I look forward to seeing everyone in September when the early bird prices kick off for 2023.

If you have not renewed your 2022 membership please consider doing that. You can make your payment:

1. On line by going to legion.ca on the computer
2. Come into the Branch when we are open (3 – 8 pm, Monday to Saturday)
3. Contact me at bellcr@bmts.com to make other arrangements.

We will remember them

Cde Craig Bell
Membership Chair
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Poppy Report



Starting to think about our 2022 Poppy Campaign and what will be required to have another successful campaign with COVID-19 still a factor since a significant concern. Again, we will need a significant number of volunteers, especially, to support the work involved in an Ad Mail campaign which was very successful again last year.

This year we have requested 3 **TIPTAPPAY** Poppy Boxes so that we make it easier for those without cash to make donations to our Poppy Fund. Last year our single **TIPTAPPAY** Poppy Box raised close to \$3,000.00 in donations less a 5% administration charge.

Our Veterans' needs are a year around endeavour and this year's Poppy Campaign success will mean that more Funds are available to be used to address their most urgent needs. We appreciate any donations made throughout the year. Each year we have Veterans and projects that need assistance.

As always, if any member is aware of any veteran, whether a Legion member or not, who may need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Trish Frizzell, our Branch Service Officer, who can contact the veteran directly to assess any support that may be required. We both can be contacted via the Branch at 519-389-9917.

As the limitations put on us due to the COVID-19 Pandemic have now been lifted, we look forward to seeing you, our members and friends, at the growing number of events we are able to participate in over the upcoming months as we continue to strive to assist and comfort our Veterans who have served us so well!

Lest We Forget!

In Comradeship,

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chair
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Veteran Services



Your Royal Canadian Legion is committed to making a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families, providing essential services in our communities, and remembering the men and women who sacrificed for our country. Please contact me and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Trish Frizzell
Veteran Service Officer
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Ways & Means



The BBQ Committee will host their next event on Friday, August 3rd. Please support these events as they are one of our Branch fundraisers.

We thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to seeing you at the Branch

A calendar of planned monthly events is printed in this bulletin. Please note that dates are subject to change.

Cde Tom Jacques
Ways & Means Chair
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Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Summer is flying by and we're having some hot, hot, hot days. Enjoy your August long weekend at the Beach.

Our meetings are on hold for the summer months but your Executive has been given permission to make decisions that come up over the summer.

The Ladies Auxiliary Convention is being held in Kingston and 3 of our members will be attending. **This Convention overlaps with our regular meeting in September so we have moved it to Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30 – please adjust your calendar. Thank you.**

We continue to provide sandwich lunches for Celebrations of Life at a cost of \$9.00 per person. We are also available to provide soup and sandwich lunches for personal or business functions at a cost of \$10 per person.

PROBUS morning meetings have started up again after a long hiatus due to COVID.

Our kitchen rentals are gaining popularity, plan your party, bring in your own already prepared food and use the kitchen to warm or keep cool until ready to serve.

We had fun at the Marine Heritage Festival in Pioneer Park on July 23rd in Southampton. We set up a putting green for the children with prizes given for a hole in one (candy bar) or two (candy bar and a kite) or three (candy bar, kite and 3 golf balls) which by the way one of our putters did win. Some of the younger ones showed off their 'hockey slap shot swing'.

Interested in becoming a member, join us at our monthly meeting. We are in desperate need of new members. Our monthly meetings are every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the upstairs hall at 7:30 pm. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30 pm.

Thank you everyone for your help and support and stay healthy.

Vicky Taylor
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Notable Dates for August 2022

The following are national commemorative and notable days of relevance to The Royal Canadian Legion that raise awareness of an issue, commemorate a group or event, or celebrate something.



- August 1 NORAD formed (1957)
- August 3-9 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships
- August 9 Canadian Peacekeepers Day
- August 12 International Youth Day
- August 15 Victory over Japan (1945)
- August 19 Dieppe Raid (1942)



About The Royal Canadian Legion

Founded in 1925, the Legion is Canada's largest Veteran support and community service organization. We are a non-profit organization with a national reach across Canada as well as branches in the U.S. and Europe. With 250,000 members, many of whom volunteer an extraordinary amount of time to their branches; our strength is in our numbers.

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Upcoming Branch Events

Please support the Legion wherever you are

Branch 340

Friday BBQ

Aug. 5th & 26th at 6:00 pm

Sausage or Burger, Fries
Salad & Dessert

Adult \$12.00 / Child 6-10 \$6.00
Under 6 is free

Everyone Welcome
Please join us

Branch 340

Meat Draw

Sat. August 13
4:00 pm

Everyone Welcome
Please join us

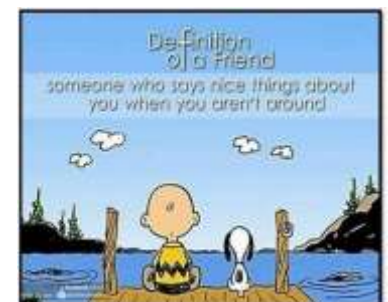




October 3, 1950 "Peanuts" first debuted in seven newspapers under the United Features Syndicate. Developed by Charles M. Schultz, who was raised Lutheran in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota,

"Peanuts" ran for nearly 50 years and was published in 2,600 newspapers, 75 countries and 21 languages.

Take the time to look at these gems of wisdom from good old Charles Schultz.....wonderful



Red Marbles! **THIS IS A MUST READ**

I was at the corner grocery store buying some early potatoes. I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas.

I paid for my potatoes but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes.

Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller (the store owner) and the ragged boy next to me.

'Hello Barry, how are you today?'

'H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas. They sure look good.'

'They are good, Barry. How's your Ma?'

'Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time.'

'Good. Anything I can help you with?'

'No, Sir.

Jus' admirin' them peas.'

'Would you like to take some home?' asked Mr. Miller.

'No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with.'

'Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?'

'All I got's my prize marble here.'

'Is that right? Let me see it' said Miller.

'Here 'tis. She's a dandy.'

'I can see that. Hmm mmm, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?' the store owner asked.

'Not zackley but almost.'

'Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble'. Mr. Miller told the boy.

'Sure will. Thanks Mr. Miller.'

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me.

With a smile she said, 'There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever.

When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, when they come on their next trip to the store.'

I left the store smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later I moved to Colorado, but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys, and their bartering for marbles.

Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his visitation that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them. Upon arrival at the mortuary we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could.



Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts...all very professional looking. They approached Mrs. Miller, standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket.

Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket. Her misty light blue eyes followed them as, one by one; each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly, wiping his eyes...

Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and reminded her of the story from those many years ago and what she had told me about her husband's bartering for marbles. With her eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket.

'Those three young men who just left were the boys I told you about.

They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim 'traded' them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size.....they came to pay their debt.'

'We've never had a great deal of the wealth of this world,' she confided, 'but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho ..'

With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles.

The Moral:

We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.

Today I wish you a day of ordinary miracles:

A fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself...

An unexpected phone call from an old friend...

Green stoplights on your way to work...

The fastest line at the grocery store...

A good sing-along song on the radio...

Your keys found right where you left them.

Share this with the people you'll never forget.

I just Did...

If you don't share it with anyone, it means you are in way too much of a hurry to even notice the ordinary miracles when they occur.

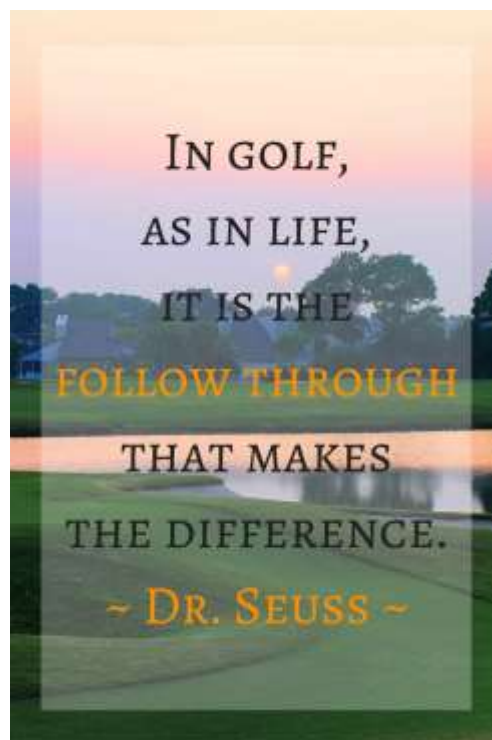
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU GATHER, BUT WHAT YOU SCATTER THAT TELLS WHAT KIND OF LIFE YOU HAVE LIVED!



**Royal Canadian Legion - Ontario Command - District C
July 23 at 2:00 PM**

UPDATE - Marvin the Moose had a great visit with the members of BR. 340 Port Elgin. Now time for a little R&R, what could be any better than time on the beautiful beach of Lake Huron. Marvin needs to watch his tan and refreshment while staying cool in the Legion!

He might spend a couple of days and will see you next week somewhere new!!





Message from the Dominion President



4 July 2022

Dear Branch President,

The Royal Canadian Legion's Member Benefits Program rewards your current members and provides incentives for others to join via money-saving offers and deals from program participants across Canada.

One of our newest partners, Pocketpills, offers exclusive benefits for Legion members, which are especially timely. Through this online pharmacy's easy-to-use app and website, members can fill prescriptions and consult pharmacists from the comfort and safety of home.

Legion members with more than one prescription will appreciate that Pocketpills provides daily dose pill packs pre-sorted by date and time, as well as an automatic refill service that alleviates any concerns about running out of medications.

Signing up is free and there's no charge for delivery anywhere in Canada. Prescriptions arrive quickly – often the same day. Pocketpills also coordinates with insurance providers to ensure members receive the lowest co-pay possible.

Please help us get the word out about this personal, accessible, and affordable service and advise Legion members to visit pocketpills.com/legion to sign up. They can also call 1-855-950-7225 and mention they are a Legion member.

Together we will ensure that our members have the information they need to take advantage of this and the many other perks that come with Legion membership.

In comradeship,

Bruce Julian
Dominion President





Dieppe: Heroism amidst the Horror

This event, guided by historian, Mat Johnson, features 5 interactive modules exploring the details of the tragic raid, while also highlighting the incredible bravery and heroism shown by Canadian soldiers. Also available in the Bruce Power theatre, and online, is an exclusive interview with award-winning Canadian military historian, Mark Zuehlke. Mark, who has written 14 books on Canada in the Second World War, discusses Dieppe with critical insight.

August 19

Presentation at 2:00 PM

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PORT ELGIN LEGION – BRANCH 340
2022 - MONTHLY EVENTS
(Event Dates subject to change)

Statutory Holidays 

Meat Draws 

BBQ/Dinners 

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