

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.

Remembrance Day is soon upon us. Branch 340 has been invited to the Tolmie Presbyterian Church to join in their annual Remembrance Day Sunday on November 6th at 11:00 am. Plan to join us on November 11th at the Cenotaph for the service at 11:00 am and back to the Branch for social time and Honours & Awards presentations. For a welcome addition the Colour Party has been also invited to march on the colours at the Winterhawks hockey game starting at 8:00 pm also on November 11th. See you at the Plex!

See inside this bulletin for the website links to view the televised service if you are unable to join us at the Cenotaph.

Annual Christmas Raffle tickets are on sale now. Please support our fundraiser as proceeds will be earmarked for youth programs in the community. Tickets are \$2.00 or 3/\$5.00.

A reminder that our annual Christmas Toy Drive will be starting the end of November. When shopping for your family and loved ones please donate an extra toy in our Toy Box to help make Christmas a little happier for someone in our community.

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President's Report



At this point I am happy to report all is well at our Branch. We have had our annual inspection from our Zone Cmdr. Rob Butchart and his Deputy Steve Rice and we passed with flying colours. We were told our financial books were impeccable so thank you Norma. And it was noted that all safety and health protocols and licences were up to date.

Branch members attended the District C Convention held in Guelph on Sunday October 16th. Good information was received to help us move forward.

Hall Rentals are up, Pool and Dart Leagues have started and Meat Rolls are doing well. A great group of volunteers have stepped up and started up Bingo on Wednesday nights. This is a lot of work and their help is greatly appreciated. Please see the Bingo poster included in this bulletin for details.

Remembrance Day is right around the corner. Cde Alex Taylor has once again done a great job setting up for the Poppy Campaign. He will be in need of help to canvas the poppy boxes – see information in his Poppy Report.

We will be having our annual Remembrance Day Church Service at the Tolmie Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 6th at 11:00 am. Padre Chuck Beaton will preside over the service with Rev. Deborah Stanbury. All are welcome to join us.

On Remembrance Day we will be meeting at the Branch at 10:00 am. We will form up for the parade at 10:30 am to march off to the Cenotaph for 11:00 am. The service will also be live-streamed in the Club Room for those unable to gather at the Cenotaph. We will then return to the Branch for a light lunch and Honours & Awards will be announced. The Colour Party has also been invited to the Winterhawks game at The Plex to parade on the colours and to drop the puck to start the game.

Hope to see you out and about.

President Robert Harrison
bnrshow@eastlink.ca





Bursary Report



As of September 1st we are now open to accept bursary applications for the 2022-2023 season. Bursaries with an award for \$1,000 per year for:

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 \$200,000.

We have a large budget of \$400,000 this year so if you know of any student who can use a little extra money please check out the following website link: www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries for more details; or, feel free to call me on how to apply.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chair
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



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
1bernie@bmts.com





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 Chair
thjacques@bmts.com



Cde Sharen Maas was presented with the Certificate of Merit Award on Wednesday, October 12th in recognition of her many hours of dedicated service. She served Branch 340 as Bingo Co-ordinator for over 13 years. We thank her and wish her well on her future endeavours.

L-R Cde Dan Kelly and Sharen Maas



<p>Struggling to get your wife's attention?</p> <p>Just sit down and look comfortable.</p>	<p>Things that used to hurt my back:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jumping off of garages -Crashing my bike -Falling out of a tree -Diving in the shallow end -Contact sports <p>Things that hurt my back now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sneezing -Washing the dishes -Brushing my teeth -Tying my shoes -Rolling over in bed 	<p>Wife: You pick dinner.</p> <p>Me: Pizza</p> <p>Wife: No</p> <p>Me: Tacos</p> <p>Wife: No</p> <p>Me: Subs</p> <p>Wife: No</p> <p>Me: What do you want?</p> <p>Wife: It's up to you!</p>
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Membership Report



Early Bird prices are upon us, please use one of the options below and get your 2023 membership dues taken care of. Dues are \$50 from September 1st to November 30th.

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
bellcr@bmts.com



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

Before you fly south for a winter's relaxation, become an Early Bird by paying next year's dues between September 1st and November 30th. Then you can preen in the sun, knowing you've ensured there'll be no loss of Legion service or membership privileges. Remember, if you wait it may be your feathers that are ruffled later.



MEMBERSHIP



**December 1st Renewal fees will be now
\$55.00**

**Pay today to remain in good standing and
receive the many membership perks**

Craig Bell, Membership Chair

Renew today!





Last Post

November 11, 2021 – November 11, 2022



WW II Veterans

Brynmor Walters
Ralph Sturgeon
Tom Steel

Associate

Jay Gostick
Ron Carr

**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.**

“May there be
comfort in knowing
that someone so special
will never be forgotten.”

—JULIE HÉBERT



Poppy Report



Our 2022 Poppy Campaign begins Friday, October 28th through to Friday November 11th. Wreath Orders have started to come in and some generous donations have been received as promised.

Our Extra-Large Wreaths have now all been sponsored but we have the Large Wreaths, Small Wreaths and Crosses available for sponsorships.

Again, this year, “POPPY CANVASSERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO FILL TIME SLOTS AT WALMART WHO DO NOT HAVE IN-STORE POPPY BOXES”

as well as many other locations.

I am now using an email Canvasser Tracker, on display in the Clubroom that is updated regularly, showing open canvassing spots. **Send me your email address and I will add you to**



the canvasser volunteer email list. We can always use more canvassers! We need more canvasser support especially at Walmart.

Please consider giving a couple of canvassing hours towards this critical fund-raising event for our Veterans.

Again, this year, we are undertaking a Poppy Fundraising AD Mail Campaign that will be sent to 4,200 homes, apartments and businesses in Port Elgin on Friday, October 28th. If you do not allow delivery of **JUNK MAIL** you will not receive our AD MAIL Poppy and donation information.

A Poppy Fund email address "poppybranch340@eastlink.ca" is available so that Poppy Donations can be sent via the INTERAC-E-Transfers process with auto-deposit, thus no question and answer is required! This INTERAC-E-Transfer process is available year around for any Poppy Donation you may wish to give, not just during the Annual Poppy Campaign.

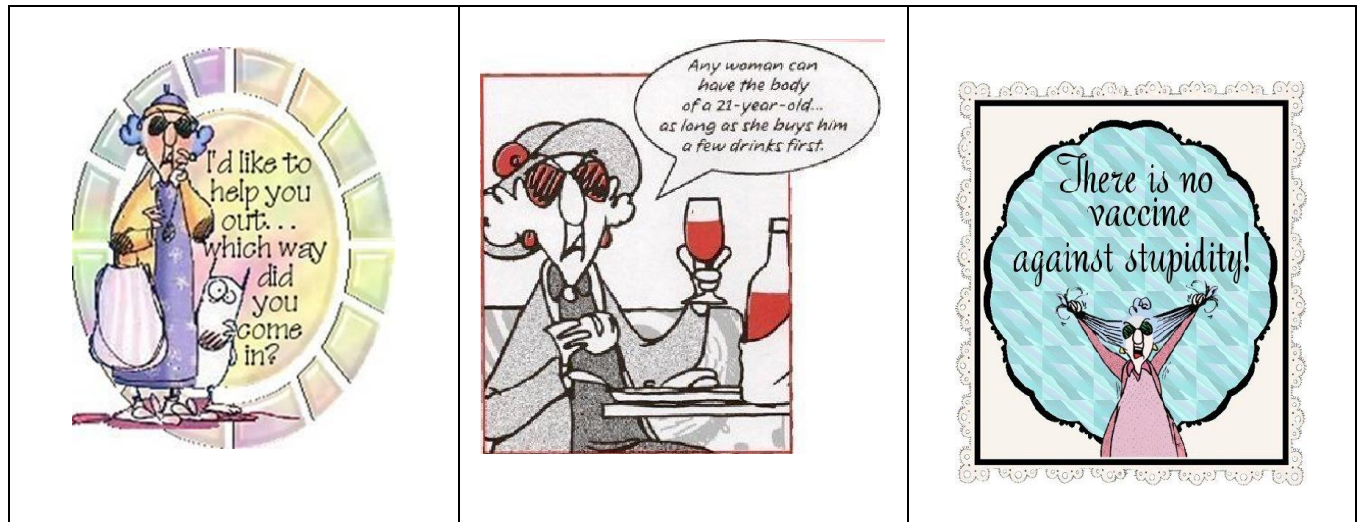


I wish to thank all of this year's AD Mail volunteers who helped to put together the AD Mail Packages again in record time and those who filled Poppy Bags for distribution with the Poppy Boxes. Again, this year, over 100 businesses and organizations allow us to display our Poppy boxes around town. As well, this year, we will have **TIPTAPPAY** boxes at **Walmart, Vanderwerf's Independent Grocer & LCBO** that allows donors to use their debit or credit cards to make Poppy Donations.

AGAIN, A BIG, THANK YOU to all who are giving their time volunteering and donating to help make this year's Poppy Campaign another **SUCCESS!**

Lest We Forget!

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chair,
Cell - 519-385-0816, Home -519-389-2616, alex.taylor@bmts.com



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.

Cde Trish Frizzell
Veteran Service Officer
Legion340@trishfrizzell.com



Ways & Means



Pumpkinfest Meat Draw was held on Saturday, October 1st and it was to a full house. We thank all those that supported the event and to the winners CONGRATULATIONS – and we hope to see you back at our other monthly events. The next events are scheduled for Saturday, November 5th and 19th at 4:00 pm.

We thank the BBQ Committee for the events that were enjoyed by so many and look forward to the dinners they hope to schedule in the coming months.

The weekly Wednesday Bingo events are underway. We encourage you to join our players and you could be the lucky one to yell “Bingo”. Doors open at 6:00 pm and games start at 7:00 pm in the upstairs hall.

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
thjacques@bmts.com



“I trust that everything happens for a reason, even if we are not wise enough to see it.” – Oprah Winfrey





Youth Education

Keeping the Remembrance Competitions Annual

What happened with the R.C.L. Remembrance Competitions during the pandemic years? You may think the simple solution would have been to push the pause button like most things did during those years.

Across Canada the R.C.L Remembrance Competitions continued and Branch 340 proudly carried this tradition forward with our schools here in Port Elgin. The contests are well known as a respected annual occurrence for students to remember and honour veterans with their creative posters and writings.

How to accomplish the tasks involved with the competition was a learning process while adhering to safety protocols and maintaining the integrity of the contests. Pick-ups and drops offs at the schools found us having to ring doorbells or to phone into the school while waiting outside. A designated school staff member would meet us outside with all masking up. Teachers advocated for their students who missed the entry deadline pick-up date. Students were off sick or self-isolating with their family. We added more pick-up days to the schedule with weekend porch drops by parents and teachers.

On a Sunday morning the volunteers arrived wearing their masks to practice social distancing while judging the entries for placement. When we wrapped up the day the volunteers wiped down the tables and chairs with disinfectant which was the new norm.

The Zone Youth Ed Officer made the plans for the passing on of the Overall First Place winners for the next level of the competition. We agreed to pick-ups and drops in garages and on porches. In March of 2020, the schools in Ontario were mandated by the government to close to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This closure complicated the return of the Zone entries to the students with their earned awards. Arrangements were by the Youth Ed Chair and the parents for safe drops at the students' homes. One would ring the doorbell to consciously step back while masking up. Students waved from a window or sometimes a door would open with child standing with their mask on and only their eyes smiling back at you. Other times families were waiting in the driveway or on the porch all wearing their masks to cheer for their student when a delivery happened. One of the highlights of the competition during the pandemic were these home deliveries of the students' entries.

Yes, the number of entries during the pandemic years was significantly low but credit goes to all who supported and encouraged the students who did participate for keeping the Remembrance Competition going. Without these students and their entries there would have been no competition. In the 2021/22 school year the students were back in their classrooms fulltime. The schools in Port Elgin enthusiastically embraced the competition with a record number of entries from the students. The volunteer judges celebrated having to review more posters and to read more short essays and poems than they had anticipated.

On reflection the R.C.L Remembrance Competitions during those years the students of Port Elgin truly demonstrated by their participation and willingness to do the extra needed that the future is indeed promising that they Will Remember Them.

Patty Kelly
Past Youth Education Chair



“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.” —
H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Youth Remembrance Contests



Poster and Literary Contests

The contests are divided into four categories:

- Senior: Grades 10, 11, 12
- Intermediate: Grades 7, 8, 9
- Junior: Grades 4, 5, 6
- Primary: Grades 1, 2, 3 (Poster contest only)

The Poster contest is divided into two categories: Colour or Black & White. The Literary Contest is divided into two categories: Essay or Poem. Entries are submitted at the Branch level and winning entries will proceed to the provincial and then national levels.

Students can enter as many contests as they wish, but can submit only one entry per category. Prizes are available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at local Legion level. There are also prizes for Provincial and National levels.

Judging

First round of judging is at the Branch level with overall First Place winners moving on to next level of competition.

Contact your school or local Legion Branch now for details on how to enter the Legion's Posters, poems, and essay contests.

IMPORTANT
Application/Entry Form with
Parent/Guardian signature is
required with each entry.

All entries are to be submitted to the school by **November 10, 2022**. A Branch representative will pick up the entries at the school.

For more information contact:
 Monica Carere
branch340@eastlink.ca



Please click the following link for contest rules and Application/Entry Form which must be attached to the back of your entry.

Download Application/Entry Form at legion.ca/contests

For Rules & Regulations (Note: No Canvas Accepted in Ontario) Download Youth Education Brochure at legion.ca/contests



Images courtesy of ON Command Poppy Committee

Remembrance Day 2022

Our service will be held at Cenotaph Park at 10:50 am

Please join us for the laying of the Official Wreaths and the service will also be live-streamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/southportchurch> and
<https://www.facebook.com/southport.church>

Current and ex-service personnel are most welcome to join us

Inclement Weather—Service at SouthPort Pentecostal Church.

Listen to 97.9 for weather updates.





Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Can you believe it's November already.

- Happy Halloween- October 31
- Lest We Forget- November 11
- Daylight Savings Time ends- November 6th

We're here to help you celebrate whatever occasion you may want to have.

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.

Please keep in mind that we also rent out our kitchen so plan your party, bring in your own already prepared food and use the kitchen to warm or keep cool until ready to serve. Kitchen rental cost is \$150.00 with a refund of \$50 if kitchen is completely cleaned after use.

We are also going to allow a trial period of renting out our kitchen to eligible caterers (licensed and insured) who will provide full dinners prepared in our kitchen, with the holiday season coming up I am sure there will be plenty of interest for this and the hall will once again be utilized. This meant that there were changes that needed to be made to our "Rules and Regulations" which we voted on at our September meeting.



Our ladies had their annual Honours and Awards Dinner, the first one in a number of years. We were fed very well by the Walker House, such a full meal that most of us had a 'doggie box' to take home. Several ladies received their years of service pins.

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 Thank you.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30 pm

Daylight Savings Time ends November 6th.

November 11th is Remembrance Day. Lest We Forget.

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

Vicky Taylor
vicky.taylor@bmts.com





Chaplain's Corner



Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 AM, at Tolmie Presbyterian Church, we continue the tradition of the Annual Legion Remembrance Service. Rev. Chuck Beaton (Chaplain) will participate in the worship and Greg Briggs will share his experiences in Afghanistan.

November 6th will be a special time for the Tolmie Church, as they will be welcoming their new minister, Rev. Deborah Stanbury.

As we begin our week of Remembrance, we hope that there will be a good turnout of members for this service.

Lest We Forget
Rev. Chuck Beaton
cjbeaton5@gmail.com



Saugeen District Senior School Commencement Friday, October 7, 2022



President Robert Harrison and Rhonda Harrison attended the SDSS Commencement ceremonies to present the Math and Science Award on behalf of Branch 340.

Ms. Caelan MacDonald was the recipient of the two Legion Awards, the Governor General's Academic Medal and the Eric Hilbig Senior Science Award.

Caelan will be attending the University of Toronto to pursue her studies in computer engineering.

We congratulate her and wish her good luck with her future studies.



A photographer goes to a haunted castle determined to get a picture of a ghost on Halloween. The ghost he encounters turns out to be friendly and poses for a snapshot. The happy photographer later downloads his photos and finds that the photos are underexposed and completely blank.

Moral to the story: The spirit is willing, but the flash is weak.



District C Fall Convention Sunday, October 16, 2022 at Guelph Br. 234

The District C Fall Convention was held at Guelph Branch 234 on Sunday, October 16, 2022. District C Cmdr. Dean Weir opened the meeting and words of welcome to our fellow delegates.

Reports from the District Officers were highlighted and various Motions were presented for approval. Donations to the many programs and organizations that the Legion supports were also a part of the days' agenda. A total of **\$69,750.00** was received and many thanks to the Branches that offered their financial support: Track & Field \$5,000; Youth Ed \$1,100; District C Hospital \$14,500; Homeless Veterans \$12,100; Service Dogs \$4,750; Parkwood Hospital \$1,000; O.S.I \$1,000; Camp Maple Leaf \$500; Charitable Foundation \$13,500; Bursary \$11,300; RECL \$1,000; and Poppy \$4,000



Cde Lynn McClellan, 1st Vice President, Ontario Command, was our guest speaker for the Convention and the following are his words to the Convention floor.

Comrade Chair, District Commander Dean, Members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Head Table, Guests, Comrades all:

Greetings from Ontario Provincial Command Officers and Staff and I bring you their best wishes for a successful Convention here in Guelph today. Thank you for the invitation to be here and thank you Cde Dean for the lovely dinner that Darlene and I enjoyed with you last night.

A few things to talk about: "Leave the Streets Behind" Program; ON Provincial Command's Service Dog Program; Ruck 2 Remember 2022; Military Service Recognition Book; Dominion Convention 2026; Provincial President Derek Moore's "Working Together" theme.

Other item of note is the Ontario Launch of Cadet Week and from now on the 1st week in October will be Cadet Week in Ontario. To kick off the Poppy Campaign on October 27th at Sunnybrook Hospital the first poppy will be presented to the Lieutenant Governor.

I wish all of our Branches the greatest success during this year's poppy campaign.

Finally, thank you once again for the invitation to be here today. I feel honoured that you chose me to be your 1st Provincial guest his term. District C will always be my home.



The tale of Marvin the Moose.....



Marvin was the canteen mascot of the Listowel Legion. Some members of the Lucknow Legion grabbed Marvin and took him to their Branch. They posted a couple of pictures of Marvin at their Branch and downtown. Listowel was getting a bus trip together to retrieve Marvin from Lucknow. I happened to be there when a bus pulled into their parking lot. I said I would grab him and tell them that Marvin was on the loose. As it turns out it was not Listowel at all. So I thought as a way to put some fun into the Legion and drive some following on the District Facebook page to visit different Branches. So all 50 Branches later and a little information about each community posted which would have been 7,800 kms to each Branch from Brussels. Marvin and Melody's wedding post attracted 6000 views, from Legion Branches in Nova Scotia to Branches in Alberta.

Marvin's travels as far as I understand will be posted at Parkwood Institute and Sunnybrook for the veterans to follow his route and provide some fun for the veteran community, which is terrific.

Members of District Council pose with Marvin

Back Row L-R Cdes Dean Weir, Brian Bielby and Lynn McClellan

Front Row L-R Cdes Dennis Schmidt, Mary Ellen Genereux, Eric Ross and Marvin the Moose

Article by Cde Eric Ross

Cde Pat Smith was presented with her Palm Leaf to her MSM Award and Plaque Award.

The Palm Leaf can only be awarded to a member who has been previously awarded the MSM or MSA. The Palm Leaf recognizes further outstanding service.

Congratulations Pat on your award and the many achievements during your Legion career. You are very deserving and we applaud you on your work on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion.



L-R Cdes Sandy Pember, Zone C-2 H 7 A Chair; Doug Dolby, Zone C-2 Cmdr.; Lynn McClelland, 1st Vice President ON Command and seated Cde Pat Smith, District C Branch Advisory Chair.



2 MINUTE SILENCE



"2-Minute Wave of Silence" Revives a Time-honoured Tradition

The Royal Canadian Legion is asking all Canadians to pause in silence for two minutes at 11:00 a.m. The "2-Minute Wave of Silence" will sweep across Canada starting in Newfoundland like a wave as the clock strikes 11:00 a.m. in each time zone. The Legion is asking people to stop whatever they are doing, wherever they are, and quietly reflect on war, and peace, and those who gave up everything for us.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ITINERARY

On Friday, 11 November, 2022, The Royal Canadian Legion, Port Elgin Branch 340, will be holding a SERVICE at Cenotaph Park.

We invite members of the Legion and community to share this meaningful occasion of honouring our Veterans.

We invite you to watch the service on one of the following live streaming websites:

**<https://www.youtube.com/southportchurch> OR
<https://www.facebook.com/southport.church>**

We will lay the official wreaths and all other wreaths sponsored by the businesses and organizations will be pre-laid.

This year we will have a parade; if you are marching, please be advised we will form up at the Legion at 10:30 am.

The Port Elgin Legion will be open at 10:15 am on 11 November to Veterans and Legion members with their spouse/caregiver and invited guests to view the televised service; lunch to follow after the Cenotaph Service.

We thank our community and all the businesses for their continued support throughout the years and we will meet again in 2023.

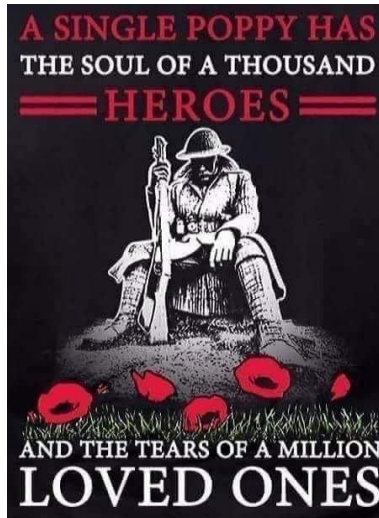
Lest We Forget

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Norma Dudgeon
Remembrance Day Chair

Legion Office: 519-832-2903
Email: branch340@eastlink.ca





Nov 6, 2022 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 6, 2022, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to Sunday, November 6, 2022, **1:00:00 am** local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 6, 2022 than the day before.

There will be [more light in the morning](#). Also called [Fall Back](#) and [Winter Time](#).



Notable Dates for November 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legion Early Bird campaign / Renewals • November 1 Announcement of National Silver Cross Mother • November 8 Aboriginal Veterans Day • November 11 Remembrance Day • November 11 First World War ends - Armistice Day (1918) • November 12 Passchendaele ends (1917) • November 18 Battle of the Somme (1916) • November 29 #GivingTuesday • November 30 150th anniversary of John McCrae's birth (Flanders Fields)
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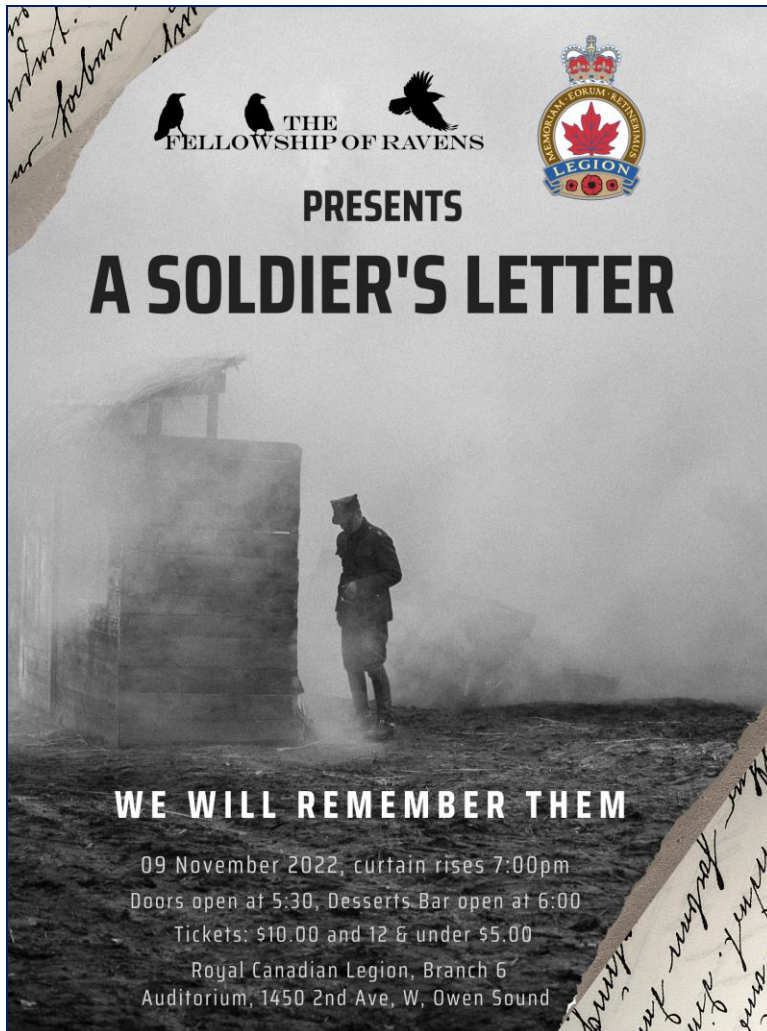




Upcoming Branch Events

Please support the Legion wherever you are

 <p>Branch 340 General Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30 pm in the Main Hall</p> <p>As members, your presence is appreciated for approval of Branch business</p> <p><i>Please support your Branch</i></p>	 <p>Meat Draw</p> <p>Saturday, November 5 & 19 4:00 pm</p>  <p>Please join us</p> <p>Everyone is Welcome</p>
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THE FELLOWSHIP OF RAVENS PRESENTS

A SOLDIER'S LETTER

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

09 November 2022, curtain rises 7:00pm
Doors open at 5:30, Desserts Bar open at 6:00
Tickets: \$10.00 and 12 & under \$5.00
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 6
Auditorium, 1450 2nd Ave, W, Owen Sound





November is Woman Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month

Women have a right to live in safety and with dignity free from intimidation and the threat of violence.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, 25 November

On this day 16 Days of Activism is launched which ends on 10th of December the International Human Rights Day

Did you know?

- *1 in 3 women and girls experience violence in their lifetime most frequently from an intimate trusting partner*
- *1 in 4 adolescent girls from the age of 15-19 have experienced physical and/or sexual violence*
- *Less than 40% of the women who experience violence report the incident*

As cited by www.un.org website

Wear some PURPLE in November especially on the 25th to show women that they are not alone.



We Will Remember Them

OPERATION MANNA – April 29, 1945 (Part 2)

Last month we told the story of Operation Manna and that “Harvey Gottfried of Saugeen Ontario had played a role”.

Now, who was Harvey Gottfried?

Harvey was born in Port Elgin on November 28, 1917. His parents were Jacob Samuel Gottfried and Margaret (Maggie) Karcher who had married in Walkerton in 1913. Jacob worked as a baker in Port Elgin where they started their family.

When Harvey arrived the couple already had a daughter Mildred and a son Norval. In 1920 the family had a tragedy. On January 29, 1920, Maggie gave birth to another son who they named Stewart. Sadly, it was a very difficult birth and she died shortly after, on February 11th. Her sister Mary Ann had married Joseph Thede and they raised baby Stewart. The 3 older children remained with their father, Jacob.

On April 27, 1921, Jacob married Marion Magdalena Gibbons in Southampton. Shortly after their marriage the family moved to the Kitchener area and six additional children joined them over the next 11 years.

After WWII started, in Europe, Harvey enlisted in the Air Force and was accepted into Air Crew to train as a Navigator. Following training he shipped out to England and was assigned to the Royal Air Force as a



Lancaster Bomber Navigator. He crewed up with a group that included 5 Canadians, 1 British and 1 Australian.

The Lancaster crew of 7 included the pilot, flight engineer, navigator, bomb aimer, wireless operator, mid-gunner and rear gunner. Together Harvey and his crew members flew 30 bombing missions over Germany which was a "full" tour of duty". In all there were 7,337 Lancaster Bombers built that participated in WWII. There is no question that this aircraft was superior to all other bombers and contributed in a significant way in bringing about the wars end.

The role that Harvey and the crew of "M for Mabel" played in the food drop in the Netherlands was an extra flight over and above the official 30 flight, full tour of duty considered the maximum expected from these men.

While he was enlisted Harvey met a young lady who had also enlisted. When he arrived home, he took up residence in the Toronto area and started his work career. He also had stayed in touch with his new lady friend and in 1949 he married Moretta Mary Brown of Port Hope.





In 1952 they immigrated to the USA and started a new life there, first in Ohio but later they lived in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. They had one son named Skip that today continues to live in the USA. Harvey passed away in 2004 and his wife Moretta had died in 2002. They both were laid to rest in Port Hope, Ontario.

Thanks to a niece of Harvey Gottfried, Marion Koepke, Owen Sound City Councillor, who is also an original Southampton lady, I got to watch a film documentary titled "Bomber Boys" with Ewan MacGregor that depicts the role that the Lancaster Bomber played in WWII. In the ending scene there is one of the two remaining Lancaster Bombers landing and the crew consists of descendants of the members of "M for Mabel". Harvey's grandson, Skip's son, was included in the staged crew. What a wonderful tribute.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

With Thanks to:
 Marion Koepke
 Skip Gottfried
 Ted Barris - Author of Days of Victory

Researched and written by: G. William Streeter

	
<p>Harvey in 1952</p>	<p>Harvey, Stewart, father Jacob and Norval</p>
	
<p>Harvey & Moretta</p>	<p>Gottfried Family on a road trip</p>



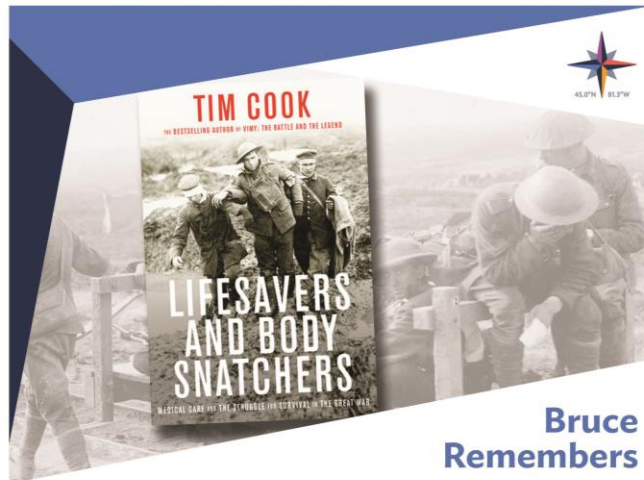
In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



Bruce Remembers

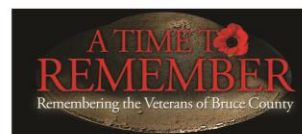


Tim Cook

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre presents an afternoon with Canada's top war historian and author **Tim Cook**, hosted by local historian Mat Johnson. This talk will be livestreamed within the Bruce Power Theatre and focus on Canada's role during World War I and Cook's latest book *Lifesavers and Body Snatchers: Medical Care and the Struggle for Survival in the Great War*. Copies of the book will be available at the BCM&CC gift shop. A question-and-answer period will follow.

November 9

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Members and Veterans FREE.
General Admission applies.
Preregistration is required.



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Port Elgin Legion Branch 340



"By Golly ... Be Jolly"

Christmas Raffle

Wine Themed Basket (\$200.)

Draw Date on
Saturday, December
17th at 6:00 pm –
Legion Clubroom



Tickets: \$2.00 each or
3 for \$5.00

Lottery Licence
MB48530

Proceeds for Community & Youth Programs

Must be over 19 years of age to purchase ticket



Tickets can be purchased in the Legion Club Room

Thank you for your continued support



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

Statutory Holidays Meat Draws

NOVEMBER 2022							DECEMBER 2022						
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