

# 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 humour 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.

There is no General Meeting for August. The Executive will continue to take care of any financial and maintenance issues as may be required. We hope to see you at our General Meeting on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

We are midway through our summer BBQ events. Please contact Bob or Rhonda Harrison if you can help on any of the dates listed further in this edition. Any food donations will be most appreciated. There will be a Meat Draw on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm please drop in and perhaps win your barbecue supper.

The 2023 calendar of events is included in this edition. Please keep for handy reference. You will be notified if other events are planned and unfortunately the dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Wishing everyone a Happy Civic Holiday – be safe and enjoy with your family and friends.

All the events happening at the Branch are open to the public so please bring your friends and join in the comradeship.

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Accessible formats are available upon request





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## President's Report



Well, I hope everyone is enjoying the great summer weather. Temperatures have been great and we have gotten enough rain to make all the gardens and crops grow very well.

Things are very quiet at the Branch in the summer. We have very few numbers coming in which makes it very hard to stay open and cover the operation costs. Please consider coming in for a visit and supporting your Branch.

Bingo is the best fundraiser we have in the summer and is doing well with a great bunch of volunteers helping each week. Meat Draws are not doing well as we have had very poor attendance. One Draw event had to be cancelled due to lack

of participants.

Repairs to the Branch are on-going and our Branch is in good shape on all fronts. Wiring upgrade is 99% complete. New toilets are being installed in the ladies upstairs washroom. We also had to purchase new office equipment which will ensure our Office Manager can complete her work without any problems from the old machines.

That's all for now and please consider coming in and supporting your Branch.

President Robert Harrison  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto: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.

Family and group events/meetings welcome.

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

Cde Bernice Ribey, Hall Rental Chair  
[1bernie@bmts.com](mailto:1bernie@bmts.com) or call the Branch at 519-389-9917 to leave a message





## Honours & 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 Honours & Awards Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Tom Jacques  
Honours & Awards Chair  
[thjacques@bmts.com](mailto:thjacques@bmts.com)



## Membership Report



Please use one of the options below and get your 2023 membership dues taken care of:

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](mailto:bellcr@bmts.com) to make other arrangements.

Cde Craig Bell  
Membership Chair  
[bellcr@bmts.com](mailto:bellcr@bmts.com)





## Sergeant-at-Arms



Our Branch Colour Party on parade is one of the most visible things that we do. We could use a few new flag bearers. It is not difficult to learn and I would be more than glad to train new volunteers.

You would be needed for Remembrance Day, the Santa Claus parade and General Meetings if possible. We support other Branches for special events when requested. We have even been invited to the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks game for the dropping of the puck on the Friday closest to November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider joining our Flag Family Team. You can meet some new friends and have some fun doing it. If you are interested please contact me.

Mike Hobson  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
[hobson@bmts.com](mailto:hobson@bmts.com)



*A guy walks into a bar and approaches the barman, 'Can I have a pint of Less, please?'  
I'm sorry sir, 'the barman replies, looking slightly puzzled, 'I've not come across that one before. Is it a spirit?'  
'I've no idea, 'replies the guy, 'The thing is, I went to see my doctor last week and he told me that I should drink less.'*



## Zone C-4 Sports



**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  
[gordonakelly1973@gmail.com](mailto:gordonakelly1973@gmail.com)



### Cribbage on October 1, 2023

Host Branch: Tara Branch 383  
Location: Tara Branch 383  
**Entry Deadline Date: September 15, 2023 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





**Darts – SENIOR – Singles, Doubles and Teams on October 22, 2023**

Host Branch: Owen Sound Branch 006  
Location: Owen Sound Branch 006  
**Entry Deadline Date: October 6, 2023 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

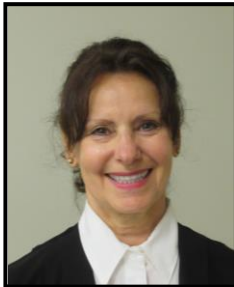


**Darts – Mixed Doubles/Mixed Team on October 29, 2023**

Host Branch: Wiarton Branch 208  
Location: Wiarton Branch 208  
**Entry Deadline Date: October 13, 2023 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 Eight (8) Teams Per Zone



**Veterans 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 during the week of September 20 – 22, 2023.

**If you requires a visit, kindly advise the Branch Service Officer no later than September 8, 2023**

Cde Janice Pepe  
Veterans Services Officer  
[Branch340@eastlink.ca](mailto:Branch340@eastlink.ca)





## Ways & Means



Bar Steward.

Join us for our weekly Wednesday Bingo. Doors open at 6:00 pm and games start at 7:00 pm in the upstairs hall.

Bingo has been a very successful venture for our Branch. We are seeking volunteers to help with the weekly events. Please contact Rhonda at [bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca) if you can spare a few hours once a month on a Wednesday evening.

We also need your help...with the shortage of “grocery bags” we ask that you bring your own “bag” to take home your Meat Draw winnings. Or, if anyone has any bags they would like to donate please leave them with the

We thank everyone for their continued support. See you at the Branch!

Cde Tom Jacques  
Ways & Means Chair  
[thjacques@bmts.com](mailto:thjacques@bmts.com)



## Upcoming Legion Events



**BINGO**  
Come Play With Us!

Port Elgin Legion Br. 340  
**Wednesdays**

Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Bingo starts at 7:00 pm  
Must be over 18 years of age to play

**\$700.00 Jackpot to be Won**



**Meat Draw**  
**Saturday, August 5 & 19**  
**4:00 pm**

Please join us  
Everyone is Welcome



Branch 340  
**Friday BBQ**  
August 11 & 25  
at 6:00 pm  
Sausage or Burger, Fries  
Salad & Dessert

Adult \$15.00 / Child 12 & Under - \$10.00  
Everyone Welcome



**Tara Br. 383 August 2023**

August 11      Friday Night BBQ - \$15.00  
5:00 – 7:00 pm

August 25      Friday Night BBQ - \$15.00  
5:00 – 7:00 pm

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





www.ruck2remember.com/campaign/road-to-recovery-2-the-big-contest/  
**August 25 to 27, 2023**  
 Veterans raising money for homeless Veterans.

**Blue Water Park**  
**Saturday, 26 August 2023**  
**11:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 p.m.**

Vendors Market, Live Music, Food,  
 Beer Tent run by Legion Branch 208,  
 Horseshoe Tournament  
 (all welcome - please register).

**Sunday, 27 August 2023**  
**Skills Events, Music, Food & Beer Tent**

The Veterans March starts in Meaford and ends in Wiarton.

Horseback riders with flags will escort them from Clavering at approximately 4:00 ~ 6:00 p.m., then the Freedom Riders will take over at the top of the south hill and will take them down Berford Street, past the Cenotaph and down Boyd Street passing the Legion to Blue Water Park where they will camp for the night.  
 Please cheer them on!

4 man team events will be held on Sunday ~ public teams welcome.

**\$50/Team**  
 Includes entrance to  
 Licensed Area & Live  
 Music

**2 Day  
 Event**

**Rain or Shine**  
**A Ruck to Remember**  
**Horseshoe Tournament**

**Saturday, August 26, 2023**  
**Bluewater Park in Wiarton**

Fully licenced playing area  
 Registration Closes at 10:30 AM  
 (on Saturday 11:00 AM)

**60/40 Prize  
 Payout**  
 60% to Players / 40% to Ruck

Hosted By Branch 208 Wiarton

For Pre-Register, contact Mike Zapparoni - (519) 863-2721  
 11111 Bluewater Ave  
 Wiarton, ON N9L 1L1  
 Camping Available, Contact Dan Luk - dan.luk@outlook.com

**WHEN AND WHERE:**  
**When:** August 25th - 27th, 2023  
**Where:** Starting at the gate to 4th CDIV Meaford we will step off at 8:30am and cover the 36.5km to Memorial Branch 6 in Owen Sound. On the 26th we will step off at 8:30am and traverse 35.4km to the Wiarton Legion. Day 3 will take place in Wiarton.

**3 Days of Physical Endurance**

- 75 km Ruck March
- Max Pushups
- Max Situps
- Sandbag Race
- Canoe PT
- Kims Games
- Boulder Lift
- Tug of War

Team Ruck 2 Remember Presents  
**ROAD 2 RECOVERY**  
 2023 - 10th Annual Ruck Event for Vets

All Proceeds go to "Operation: Leave the Streets Behind"  
 All online donations eligible for a charitable receipt  
 through the Joe Sweeney Fund

**Legion**  
 ONTARIO COMMAND

Register or Donate:  
[https://bit.ly/R2R\\_2023](https://bit.ly/R2R_2023)  
 admin@ruck2remember.com



## Notable Dates for August 2023

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.



- 1 NORAD formed (1957)
- 7-13 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships
- 9 Canadian Peacekeepers Day
- 12 International Youth Day
- 15 Victory over Japan (1945)
- 19 Dieppe Raid (1942)



### We Will Remember Them

WWII Deaths of men in uniform from Port Elgin and area.

#### Frederick Leroy Vaupel



Frederick Leroy Vaupel – Fred was born in Aylesbury, Saskatchewan on September 12, 1912, to Ernest and Nancy. He, his brother Raymond, sisters Erna and Lenore and their parents arrived in Port Elgin in 1932.

He enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1940 and had extensive training in single seat aircraft as part of the 414 Squadron. They arrived in England in August of 1941 and flew out of a variety of airfields during the war. It was not until June-July of 1942 that the Squadron became operational. They took part in the Dieppe raid on August 19<sup>th</sup> flying their Mustangs for the first time against German FW 190's. Here they claimed their first victory with the Mustang.

After Dieppe they carried out low level reconnaissance missions, ground attack missions over France and low-level interception patrols along the English coast. Flying out of Middle Wallop, North of Southampton England, on June 17, 1943, Fred Vaupel was detailed to carry out a patrol over the Bay of Biscay off the coast of Spain in his single seat Mustang Aircraft. He never returned. He was declared missing on operational duty and a short time later was declared presumed dead.

He is memorialized on the Runnymede Memorial in Englefield Surrey England. Here is also the site of the memorializing of two other Port Elgin aircrew members, Norman Hettrick and Lloyd Ernst. Fred has his name on Panel 175 in the beautiful gardens where there are 20,456 Commonwealth Air crew members memorialized as not having any other known grave.

#### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Researched and written by: G. William Streeter





## Branch Barbecue / Dinner



Summer is in the air and that means barbecue! The Friday Night events are one of our best ways of fund-raising. We will be having either a barbecue or dinner on select Fridays.

Please contact the undersigned if you would like to join our BBQ Team. No experience necessary as we would be happy to teach new cooks on the use of the equipment.

Most of all we appreciate those who donate salads and desserts at each event. Please contact us if you will be offering a food item at future events. They are always a complement to our table. We look forward to another great season!!

Robert Harrison  
BBQ Chair  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca)  
519-389-4806



**Legion**  
Branch 340  
Port Elgin

PIN PRIZES &  
LOTS OF FUN

# PORT ELGIN LEGION

— GOLF TOURNAMENT —  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023**  
1:00PM SHOT GUN START  
HAPPY HOUR TO FOLLOW AT PORT ELGIN LEGION

9 HOLES WITH A CART  
\$45/PERSON

REGISTER NOW  
519-832-5650

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Port Elgin ON, N0H 2C0





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## CREATING EVERLASTING MEMORIES

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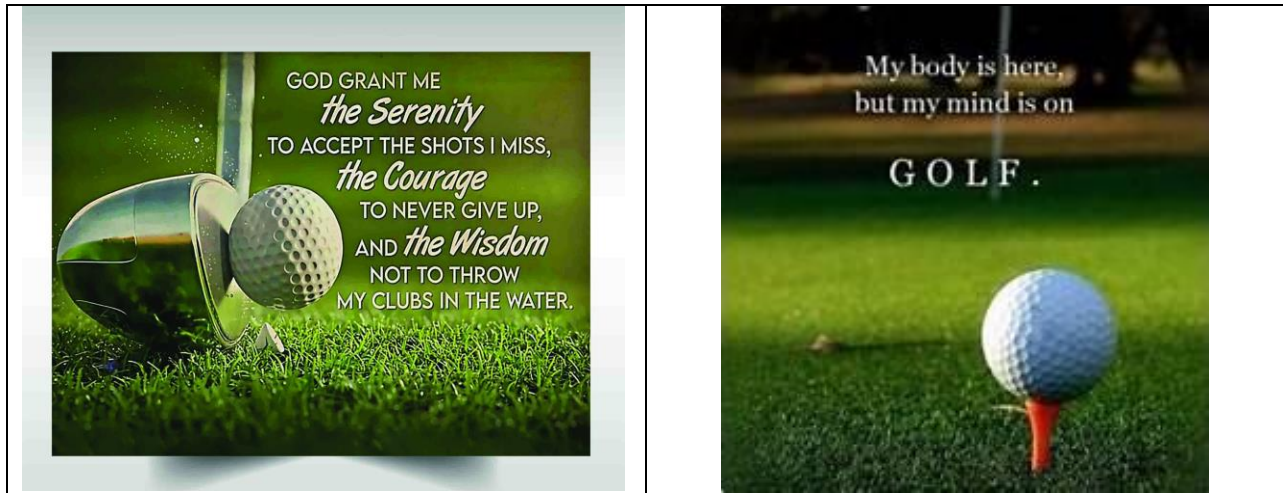
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**BRANCH 340 - 2023 - MONTHLY EVENTS**  
(Event Dates subject to change)

Statutory Holidays 

Meat Draws 

BBQ/Dinners 

Bingo 

JULY 2023							AUGUST 2023							SEPTEMBER 2023						
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