



Branch 340 Newsletter - August 2025

### **A Message from the President**

Hello Comrades;

We are halfway through the summer, and it has been a hot one. I am hoping everyone is staying well hydrated and has a cool place to get out of the heat. The Legion is air-conditioned and is a great place to stay cool and meet up with your friends.

Our legion is doing well, and the executive is working hard on your behalf. Please let any of us know if you have ideas to improve your Legion experience or want to volunteer your time for an event, project or outreach.

Meat draws are well-attended and a great place to share camaraderie. Our next meat draw is Saturday, August 30, 2025. We hope to see you there.

Wednesday night bingos are playing to a full crowd every night. Great to see.

Monday night, fun darts have a nice gathering and a good time for all. Why not join them at 7 PM every Monday night?

Take care of yourselves, and I hope to see you soon at the branch.

Yours in comradeship, Dan

Dan Kelly, President, Branch 340 Royal Canadian Legion

## Upcoming Events at a Glance:

- **Meat draws:** August 2 & 30 - club room 4pm start
  - **Dance Club:** August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - main hall 7:30pm start
    - Regular Dance Programs 7:30-9:30, only \$5 per couple. Remember to wear dance shoes to keep the Legion floor unscathed.
  - **Bingo:** Every Wednesday night - main hall
  - **Beth's BBQ:** August 8, 22, Sept 5, 19 - club room 6pm start
    - Featuring Big Bay 6oz Burgers from Forsyth Farm Walkerton Meat Market's famous mild garlic sausage, bakery buns, Fries and Gravy, and Salad selections.
    - Cost \$16/person, Children 12&under \$12/person.
  - **Trivia Night with kwizknowtrivia:** Saturday November 15, 2025
    - 7:00pm-9:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm.
    - Cost: \$60/team of 4. Cash prizes available.
    - Pre-registration is required by emailing [hello@kwizknowtrivia.com](mailto:hello@kwizknowtrivia.com).
  - **Military Service Record Book:** Saturday August 30, 2025, 3:00pm-4:00pm
    - Join Janice Pepe and Sherryl Petricevic in the downstairs lounge to learn about the MSRB and how to submit an entry for your Veteran.
    - Link: <https://on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book/>
  - **District C Cornhole Tournament:** August 9, 2025. Registration is now closed.
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## Historical Notes

### Operation Husky - WWII Invasion of Sicily July 10, 1943

On July 10th, 1943, 20,000 Canadian soldiers joined two great Allied armies on the beaches of Sicily for Operation Husky. In searing heat, these untried troops clashed in an ever-intensifying battle to wrest towering mountains and ancient hill towns away from the elite veterans of Germany's Hermann Goring and the 1st Parachute Division. That day set the stage for the Battle of Sicily, which raged until August 17th, when the Allies freed Sicily from the rule of Italian Fascist leader Benito Mussolini... for the complete story, please click [here](#) to link to the Saugeen Times online article.

There are 492 Canadians buried in the Agira Canadian War Cemetery, including five young men from Bruce County who were killed during the action.

### ***WE WILL REMEMBER THEM***

Author: G. William Streeter

## V-J Day August 15, 1945

V-J Day, or Victory over Japan Day, is celebrated on August 15th annually in Canada, commemorating the end of World War II in the Pacific. This day marks the surrender of Japan to the Allied forces in 1945, following the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. While the day is a time for celebration, it is also a time to remember the sacrifices made by Canadians and all those who fought in the war.

A video about the historical event of V-J day highlights Canada marking the 70th anniversary of V-J Day, outlining Canada's contribution in the Pacific and the Far East during World War II, a contribution that is considered by many as a "forgotten story" [01:05]. The video mentions the battle of Hong Kong, the oil fields of Burma, and the casualties suffered by Canadians. A veteran in the video discusses waiting for an apology from the Japanese and his deep-seated anger. The video concludes by emphasizing the importance of learning from the past to teach future generations about dialogue. You can find the video here: <https://youtu.be/95XM8wCd0F0?si=lv8ZUDMR2Z0zPU1J>.

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## Branch Activities: What's Happening!

- **General Meeting:** Our next General Meeting is scheduled for September 2nd at 7:30 pm in the upstairs Main Hall.
  - **Executive meeting:** Our next executive meeting is scheduled for August 26th at 7:30 pm.
  - **Billy Bishop Museum Event:** On August 10th at 11am, members are invited to attend the Billy Bishop Museum's "25 Years of Honouring our local Veterans" event. Tickets are available.
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## Charitable Donations: Impact Stories

### Celebrating Over Four Decades of Support for Saugeen Shores Minor Hockey from Legion Branch 340

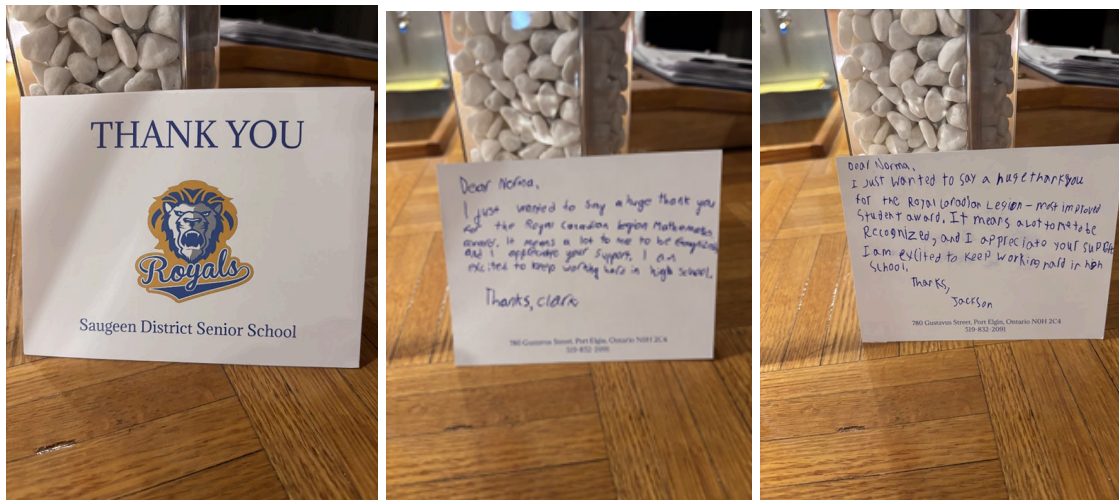
The Saugeen Shores Minor Hockey Association (SSMHA) is proud to recognize and celebrate over 40 years of unwavering support from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340. This incredible commitment has had a lasting impact on youth in our community, helping to make the game of hockey more accessible to local families. The Legion's contributions over the years have helped provide jerseys, equipment, and programming that not only keep kids on the ice but also build confidence, teamwork, and community pride. We are deeply grateful for Branch 340's dedication to youth sport in Saugeen Shores, and we look forward to continuing this valued partnership.

**Saugeen Shores Minor Hockey Association Executive, Becky Smith**

## Royal Canadian Legion Recognition Mathematics and Most Improved Student Awards

Thank you notes from award recipients Jackson (Most Improved Student) and Clark (Mathematics) express their gratitude for the recognition and support from the Royal Canadian Legion.

## Royal Canadian Legion Recognition Mathematics and Most Improved Student Awards



*Dear Norma, I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the Royal Canadian Legion's most improved student award. It means a lot to me to be recognized, and I appreciate your support. I am excited to keep working in high school. Thanks, Jackson*

*Dear Norma,*

*I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the Royal Canadian Legion's Mathematics award.*

*It means a lot to me to be recognized, and I appreciate your support. I am excited to keep working in high school*

*Thanks,*

*Clark*

## **Veteran Support: Here for You**

The Royal Canadian Legion is committed to advocating for and supporting veterans and their families. Branch 340 is your local hub for accessing vital resources.

### **Legion Programs and Services:**

- Assistance with Veterans Affairs Canada claims and benefits
- Mental health support and resources
- Homeless veteran assistance
- Financial aid and benevolent funds

If you or a veteran you know needs assistance, please contact our Branch Service Officer, Janice Pepe, at 519-389-4139 or [branch340@eastlink.ca](mailto:branch340@eastlink.ca). All inquiries are confidential.

For more information on national Legion veteran services, visit the [Legion National Website - Veteran Services].

### **Military Service Recognition Book**

The Royal Canadian Legion – Ontario Command is proud to launch the 13th Annual Edition of its Military Service Recognition Book (MSRB). We are now collecting submissions for the 13th Edition. If you have a loved one - past or present - who served in the Canadian Armed Forces, we invite you to share their story.

- Deadline for submissions: May 15th, 2026.
- The 12th Edition of the book will be available in October 2025 at local Legion Branches and online at: <https://on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book>
- Contact: Janice Pepe, Email: [branch340@eastlink.ca](mailto:branch340@eastlink.ca)

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## **Membership & Volunteering: Join Our Legion Family!**

### **Become a Branch 340 Member:**

- **Benefits:** Camaraderie, supporting veterans, community engagement, exclusive discounts, and a voice in the Legion.
- **How to Join:** Visit our Branch or download an application form from our website: [Website - Membership Section].

**Volunteer:** Your time and talents are invaluable. Join our amazing team of volunteers! Sign up at the bar or send us an email at [branch340@eastlink.ca](mailto:branch340@eastlink.ca).

## Member benefits



Member benefits are available at: <https://legion.venngo.com/> Perk Code 18KZY7R9J30B,

Expires 2025-10-30

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## From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to everyone who read last month's newsletter. Feedback is always welcome. We have a new Branch News Screen in the lounge, and I know it is scrolling a bit fast. I am working on the timing for the information and hopefully will have that fixed shortly. If you have any information/events you want included in the newsletter or the screen to share, please send me an email with the details and I will include as possible in the next edition.

Cheers, Sherryl Petricevic Email: [branch340newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:branch340newsletter@gmail.com)

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