



Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340
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November 2008

Branch Line

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae, May 1915

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



Yours in Comradeship,
The Editors

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Pumpkinfest breakfasts were once again a tremendous success. This can only be attributed to the great effort put forward by our members. I thank you all, since I was conspicuous by my absence. Just for the record, my wife and I were on an educational, fact finding cruise in the eastern Mediterranean. Our Pub Nights and Meat Rolls seem to be moving along quite nicely. Again many thanks to our members involved.

Remembrance Day is fast approaching, and I hope to see many of you out on parade, or at least the dinner. If you are able, please help with the Poppy Campaign.

Yours sincerely
Nigel Ord President



**The Royal Canadian Legion – Port Elgin Branch 340
General Meeting Minutes
October 07, 2008**

- 1. **Call to Order:**
Acting President Ruth Clemmer called the Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and opened in the usual manner.

Present: Cdes. Norma Dudgeon, Kathy Eastwood, Dan Kelly, Gord Kelly, Robert and Rhonda Harrison
Absent: Cdes Nigel Ord, Mary Alexander and Michael Pepe

INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

The following individuals were initiated: Greg Furney (A) and Wayne Leonard (A).

- 2. **Treasurer's Report:**
MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2008 be adopted as read.

Revenue	\$ 19,548.53
Expense	<u>\$ 16,812.40</u>
Net Income	\$ 2,736.13

Total Liabilities & Equity as at August 31, 2008 \$ 391,371.50

CARRIED

- 3. **Adoption of Minutes:**
MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Bob Harrison that the General Meeting Minutes of September 02, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Kathy Eastwood that the Special Executive Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Bob Harrison that the Joint Executive and L/A Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Kathy Eastwood that the Executive Minutes of September 30, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

4.1 September 16, 2008 Minutes

MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that Branch 340 donate \$200.00 to the Masonic Lodge to offset expenditures of a Child Identification Program which will be held at Pumpkinfest 2008.

CARRIED

Cde Kathy Eastwood noted that 245 children were registered.

MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that Branch 340 donate \$400.00 to the Big Band Celebrations held September 19-21, 2008.

CARRIED

4.2 **September 30, 2008 Minutes**

MOTION by Cde Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that the sum of \$120.00 be made available for registrations to allow 6 teams to attend the Zone Cribbage at Paisley Branch on October 26, 2008.

CARRIED

MOTION moved by Cde Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that Celeste Eickholdt be accepted as an Executive member for the remainder of the term.

CARRIED

4.3 **Cde Dan and Gord Kelly thanked the membership for the floral donation in the recent loss of their father.**

5. **Unfinished Business:**

Nil

6. **Correspondence:**

6.1 Dominion Command re: Free One Year membership for Retiring Military Personnel

6.2 Dominion Command re: Amendments to Membership Eligibility Guide

6.3 Zone C4 Secretary re: Color Party Seminar at Hepworth Legion on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 12:30 p.m.

6.4 St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation re: Invitation to attend their Annual Hall of Heroes. Posted.

6.5 St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation re: Thank you for our donation on behalf of Late Cde Trevor Ball.

7. **Committee Reports:**

President's Report: Dan Kelly on behalf of Nigel Ord

Cde Bob Maas was thanked for the donation of the upstairs cooler and overseeing the details of having it installed.

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that we accept the application from Arnold Hector Birnie for Associate Membership under his father, Peter (Pat) Birnie.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Alexina Atkinson that we accept the application from Laurie Laur for Associate Membership under her grandfather, Wilfred Laur.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Bob Harrison that we accept the application from Brett Walter Martin for Associate Membership under his grandfather, Edwin Miller.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that we accept the application from Warren Palmer for Associate Membership under his grandfather, Jack Duck.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Fred Knibb that we accept the application from Steven Bruce Pellow for Ordinary Membership. He has served in the Reserve Forces.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Bob Harrison that we accept the application from Bruce Michael Schoettler for Ordinary. He has served in the Canadian Regular Force.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Shirley Dadswell that we accept the application from Len Tackaberry for Affiliate Membership.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that we accept the application from Brian Riehl for Affiliate Voting Membership.

CARRIED

Poppy: Kathy Eastwood

- Details of the 2007/2008 Poppy Trust Fund Statement were announced. The report and the financial statement will be kept on file.
- The sign up board for the Canvassers is now available in the Canteen - volunteers are needed.
- Materials have been ordered and the poster and literary contest is underway in all the schools.
- Memorial donations will be deposited into the Poppy Trust Fund on behalf of our Late Cde Bert A'Court.

PRO: Bob Harrison

- A total of \$133.25 was realized for the "Support Our Troops – Morale Fund". Monies were collected during the Pumpkinfest Breakfasts.
- The money jar will be located in the Canteen for anyone wishing to donate.

Sports: Ruth Clemmer

- Shuffleboard League has been cancelled.
- There is the possibility that one of the shuffleboard tables may be removed.

Bursary & Charity: Gord Kelly

- Thank you card was received from the Alzheimer Society-Grey Bruce for our recent donation.
- **MOTION by Cde Gord Kelly, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that Branch 340 donate \$500. to the Chesley High School for their trip to Ortona, Italy for the 65th Anniversary Ceremony of Remembrance at the Moro River War Ceremony where 1375 Canadians are buried. Departure date is November 19, 2008.**

CARRIED

Ways & Means: Dan Kelly

- Wednesday Bingo nights are still doing well.
- There was a good turnout for the Pumpkinfest Meat Roll.
- The Meat Roll for October 11 will have some turkeys available to win.
- Tara Branch will also be hosting a Meat Roll on October 11 which starts at 1:00 p.m.

Air Cadets: Gerry Higgins

- Cde Gerry informed that Branch that the Air Cadet Squadron is struggling due to the lack of training staff and have been put on a probation period. It is hoped that they will not have to close because of this. Anyone who has background and is interested in training the Cadets, please see Gerry for more information.
- Total of 21 cadets to date.
- The cadets will be assisting with the Poppy Campaign and on Remembrance Day.
- Cde Gerry referred to the \$5,000. donation which the Branch provides annually. He will make a Motion at the next Executive Meeting. The squadron relies heavily on this donation and it will assist greatly as the monies are earmarked for training.
- Cde Gerry will also make another Motion regarding the Annual Mess Dinner which the Branch supports and L/A provides the meal. The event will be held on December 16, 2008.
- Cde Norma requested a budget outline be provided for the October Executive Meeting.



Why Wear a Poppy?



Please wear a poppy the lady said, and held one forth but I shook my head,
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there, and her face was old and lined with
care,
But beneath the scars the years had made, there remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street, bouncing along on care-free feet,
His smile was full of joy and fun, “Lady”, said he, “May I have one?”
When she’d pinned it on he turned to say, “Why do we wear a poppy today?”

The lady smiled in her wistful way, and answered “This is Remembrance Day”,
And the poppy there is the symbol for, the gallant people who died in war
And because they did you and I are free, that’s why we wear a poppy, you see.

And I had a boy about your size, with golden hair and big blue eyes,
He loved to play and jump and shout, free as a bird he would race about,
As the years went by he learned and grew, and became a man, as you will too.

He was fine and strong with a boyish smile, but he seemed with us such a little while,
When war broke out and he went away, I still remember his face that day,
When he smiled at me and said “Goodbye, I’ll be back soon, Mom, so please don’t cry.”

But the war went on and he had to stay, and all I could do was wait and pray
His letters told of the awful fight, (I can see it still in my dreams at night),
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire, the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

‘Till at last, at last, the war was won, and that’s why we wear a poppy, Son,
The small boy turned as if to go, then said “Thanks, Lady, I’m glad to know,
That sure did sound like an awful fight, but your son, did he come back all right?”

A tear rolled down each faded cheek, she shook her head, but didn’t speak,
I slunk away in a sort of shame, and if you were me, you’d have done the same,
For our thanks in giving, is oft delayed, though our freedom was bought – and thousands
paid!

And so when we see a poppy worn, let us reflect on the burden borne,
By these who gave their very all, when asked to answer their country’s call,
That we at home in peace might live, then wear a poppy – Remember and Give

~ Author Unknown ~



REMEMBRANCE DAY



Comrades, Remembrance Day is fast approaching so here are some of the details regarding Tuesday, 11 November.

We will form up at the Legion at 10:30 am and parade to Cenotaph Park for a brief service to honour our Veterans and fallen comrades. This will also include the wreath laying. If you cannot parade, please meet us at the cenotaph at 10:55 am

After the Cenotaph program, we will parade to the Tolmie Presbyterian Church for a service. We parade back to the Legion after Church for refreshments and comradeship.

Dinner will be served in the main hall at 2:00 pm. Veterans and spouses/escorts of Branch 340 are our invited guests. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner may leave their name at the bar – dinner price \$10 per person.

Anyone wishing information regarding Remembrance Day may contact me.

Norma Dudgeon

Remembrance Day Chairman

519-389-2876 or email: norma@bmts.com



LAST POST 11 November 07 – 11 November 08



Our deepest sympathies to the families who lost a loved one in the past year.

May your memories comfort and soothe you and know that you will have them forever

Jim Esplen	Voting Afiliate
Robert Currie	Associate
Harold Wheeler	Veteran
Joseph Coleman	Veteran
William Shrider	Associate
Albert A'Court	Veteran
Arthur Field	Veteran
Trevor Ball	Veteran
Wilbert Young	Associate

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

***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.***

LEST WE FORGET

Articles in 'Royal Canadian Mint'

Red Poppy Coin Commemorates End of World War I

By Royal Canadian Mint on Oct 27th, 2008

Ottawa, Ontario, – On the eve of Remembrance Day commemorations and the 90th anniversary of the Armistice, the Royal Canadian Mint, in association with the Royal Canadian Legion, is proud to issue its latest coloured circulation coin which features the iconic red poppy, Canada's flower of remembrance.

The Mint will produce up to 11 million 25-cent coloured poppy coins, which will enter into circulation beginning today and will be distributed exclusively at Shoppers Drug Mart/Pharmaprix locations from coast to coast. Canadians are also encouraged to look for this special coin in their change.

Between 1914 and 1918 over 650,000 Canadian men and women fought to protect the peace and freedom our country enjoys today. Of those, more than 66,000 gave their lives and another 170,000 would be wounded. Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian medical officer during the First World War, was responsible more than any other for the adoption of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance in Canada and the Commonwealth. McCrae was also the author of the famous war memorial poem *In Flanders Fields*.



A member of the Governor General's Foot Guards, displays a new 2008 25-cent coloured poppy circulation coin commemorating the 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Eleven million of these coins enter into circulation today and are available at Shoppers Drug Mart/Pharmaprix locations across Canada. (CNW Group/Royal Canadian Mint)

The 25-cent poppy coin marks the third coloured circulation coin to be produced by the Mint and distributed in Canada, following the 2004 red poppy coin which honoured those who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend Canada's freedom and the 2006 pink ribbon coin which raised awareness for the fight against breast cancer.

In addition to the circulation coin, the Royal Canadian Mint is proud to offer three commemorative keepsakes to mark the 90th anniversary of the Armistice:

- The 2008 limited edition poppy bookmark featuring a 2008 25-cent coloured poppy circulation coin (\$12.95). One dollar from the sale of each bookmark will be donated to the Legion's Dominion Command Poppy Trust Fund, which provides financial aid to Canada's veterans and their dependants;
- The 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War commemorative set includes a 2008 25-cent uncirculated coin depicting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. Three soldiers representing Canada's land, sea and air forces stand in tribute. The set also includes the 25-cent poppy circulation coin (\$24.95 CDN); and
- The limited edition poppy proof silver dollar featuring a finely sculpted poppy in ultra-high relief (\$139.95 CDN).

These products are available directly from the Mint's 2008 poppy website at www.mint.ca/poppy or by calling 1 800 267 1871 in Canada or 1 800 268 6468 in the US. The coins are also available from the Mint's global network of dealers and distributors.





WHAT'S HAPPENING



PUB NIGHT ~ 8 TO MIDNIGHT

November 08th - John Heaman
November 22th - Jim Beech
November 29th - The Siddons

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 14th at 8:00
Sign Up Sheet at Bar

MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday ~ November 08, 22, 29

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Bingo at 7:30 p.m. \$700.00 Jackpot

Two sisters, one blonde and one brunette, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull so that they can breed their own stock.

Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, 'When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home.'

The brunette arrives at the man's ranch, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office, and says, 'I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home.'

The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, it will cost 99 cents a word.' Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word.

After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, 'I want you to send her the word 'comfortable.'

The operator shakes his head. 'How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word 'comfortable?'

The brunette explains, 'My sister's blonde. The word is big. She'll read it very slowly.... 'com-for-da-bul.'

The Consumer/Survivor Development Project Presents In Port Elgin

**A Communication Series
For Persons Suffering from Mental Illness**

- Boundaries: The Key to Good
Communication - Nov 6th**
- Codependency: Giving is Receiving
- Nov 28th**
- What you need to know about Anger
- Dec 4th**

Please Register by calling:

Victoria Mac Aleese

519 371-4582

At The Consumer/Survivor Development Project

**A Consumer / Survivor is a user and survivor of the
Mental Health System**

**Time: 1:30-3:30pm
The Port Elgin Legion (back door)**

**This project is sponsored by The Ministry of Health and Long
Term Care**



MEAT RAFFLE

'SUPPORT OUR TROOPS'

Saturday, November 8th at 4:00 pm

*All proceeds will be donated to our
"Support Our Troops" Morale Fund*

*"Care Package" donations will be accepted at
the Meat Roll and sent to our troops
serving in Afghanistan*

**"Support Our Troops" Donation Jars will also be located
in the Canteen for your convenience**

Helen Holk's son-in-law is serving in Afghanistan and is aiding in this project.



“SUPPORT OUR TROOPS”

Items Needed

Air Fresheners

Band-aids

Chocolate Bars

Combs

Crystal Lite

Dental Floss

Deodorant

Disposable Razors

Hair Brushes

Hot Chocolate

Lip Balm

Magazines – Men & Women

Novels / Books

Playing Cards

Potato Chips

Tooth Brushes

Toothpaste

If you wish to donate your own Care Package, please send to:

Canada House TFA03-08

PO Box 5058, Station Forces

Belleville, ON K8N 5W6

The deadline for delivery is December 01

~ We appreciate your kind generosity ~



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

TREE TRIMMING PARTY & CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Saturday, November 29

*Join us for Entertainment and Social Time after the Santa Claus Parade
Music provided by "The Siddons" ~ 8:00 p.m. - Midnight*



Be one of Santa's little Helpers and make a child's Christmas morning a little brighter by leaving a new unwrapped gift (up to age 16) under our Christmas Tree.

Or, let us do the shopping for you. By placing your donation in one of the Toy Drive Jars, our elves will purchase the gifts with the proceeds.

Deadline for contributions is December 4th. All gifts will be donated to the Iota Phi Society for packaging and distribution.





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9	10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY 	12 BINGO 7:30 PM	13 EUCHRE 7:30 PM <hr/> L/A GENERAL MEETING 8 PM	14 BALLROOM DANCING 8 PM <hr/> TRIVIA NIGHT 8 PM	15
16	17	18	19 BINGO 7:30 PM	20 EUCHRE 7:30 PM Members & Guests	21 BALLROOM DANCING 8 PM	22 MEAT ROLL 4 PM <hr/> PUB NITE 8 PM
23	24	25 EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM	26 BINGO 7:30 PM	27 EUCHRE 7:30 PM Members & Guests	28 BALLROOM DANCING 8 PM	29 MEAT ROLL 4 PM <hr/> PUB NITE 8 PM <hr/>  TOY DRIVE & TREE TRIMMING
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~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~