



## Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

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# NOVEMBER 2013

# BRANCH LINE

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

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"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.

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## 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

## The Editor



LEST WE FORGET



## MEMBERSHIP

The 2014 Early Bird Campaign began on September 01<sup>st</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>. Pay for your membership within this time frame and you will receive your Early Bird Sticker on your new card and only pay \$45.00. **Dues will be \$50.00 starting December 01<sup>st</sup>.**

In order for our Branch to win a higher percentage for the 2014 Early Bird Award everyone must pay their renewal dues by November 30<sup>th</sup>. We are counting on you to renew early. When you submit your payment it will ensure that your membership is paid up until the end of next year and that you will continue to receive the Legion Magazine without interruption.

We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership. Remember, the Early Bird gets the Reward!!

**Annual dues remain at \$45.00 during the Campaign Period** please see the Bar Steward to assist with your payment and receipt.

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### **LAST POST** November 2012 – November 2013



**Veterans:**  
Robert Todd (Life Member)  
Gladys Picard  
Ivan Johnston  
Artha Walker  
William Mott  
George Cameron  
Jim McQuarrie  
Simone Kirton

**Associate Members:**  
Bev Wakeling  
Arleita Harron  
Thomas Monkhouse  
Bevan Ribey  
William Roach

**Affiliate Voting Members:**  
Ruth Murphy  
John Dallas

**Ladies Auxiliary Members:**  
Bev Wakeling  
Arleita Harron  
Dorothy Dewbury  
Gladys Thompson  
Elizabeth Morgan

***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.***



## POPPY

Hello Comrades,

On behalf of the Poppy Committee we are anticipating a very successful campaign for this 2013 year.

We as Legion members should realize the annual Poppy Campaign is our largest fundraiser, and without our volunteers we could not bring this project to fruition. We do thank you, each and every one of you for all your efforts and contributions.

With that being said, every year it is becoming more difficult to get volunteers for this fundraiser. Port Elgin Legion Branch #340 has an exceptional compliment of members which creates something called an 'organization'. We are blessed in having a great amount of members but your support is needed in the venue of volunteering for our annual Poppy Campaign.

Our 'Veterans', well, they gave of themselves for our land of freedom, the Country we call home 'Canada'. They were young courageous boys, men and women that stood in the elements of weather and war. In today's world, there is turmoil, starvation and strife. Canada provides Peace Keeping and the regular deployment of troops, worldwide.

On behalf of our Veterans (presently and previously serving) would you as a member of the Royal Canadian Legion or Ladies Auxiliary at Port Elgin Branch #340 please consider giving a couple hours of your time to our annual Poppy Campaign?

The next time you witness our national Canadian flag, whether it is at home or abroad remember your freedom and patriotism. The next time you produce your Canadian passport, remember exactly where you came from, the home of the 'strong and free'.....CANADA.

With respect,

Blair Eby  
Poppy Chairman  
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## **SPORTS COMMITTEE**

The Branch is once again selling tickets for the Christmas Wheelbarrow Draw. The prize is in an actual wheelbarrow and holds a variety of goodies for you to enjoy. Tickets are available at the Canteen and will also be sold by your fellow Comrades. Partial proceeds to the Saugeen Shores Minor Hockey Association and a percentage to the Branch Building/Maintenance Fund.

The Draw will be held on December 23 at 5:00 pm at the Branch.

Buy your tickets today!

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Sports Chairman  
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Beer doesn't make you look fat. It makes you lean. Lean against tables, bars, walls.

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What did the blonde say when she saw the sign in front of the YMCA?  
"Look! they spelled MACYS wrong".

## **TOD (Training/Organizational Development)**

### **The Role of the Branch TOD Chair**

Change is with us at all levels of the Legion and is effected by various methods e.g. the policy changes made at Conventions; Branch Regulations; outside agency reporting procedures etc. It is up to the Branch TOD Chairman to ensure that the Executive and members are kept up to date and so they must be made aware themselves of changes by attending training seminars.

Branches get themselves into trouble through a lack of knowledge and by not following rules that have been established through Laws of the Land, Legion By-laws and Regulations and so on, especially where they relate to AGCO Lottery and Licensing requirements. A good example of this is the illegality of Texas Hold' Em Poker. It is illegal to allow it to take place in the Branch. Failure to comply will result in the loss of the Liquor Licence and a hefty fine. Don't do it!

Succession Planning is a process that ensures volunteers are recruited and trained to take over the key positions in the Branch. Our Branch is fortunate to have many members who have a multitude of skills. The TOD Chairman has to recognize these skills and encourage participation of those members in the various functions of the Branch so that the operation of the Branch can continue smoothly. To build commitment we have to teach the business of the business.

*Excerpts from the TOD seminar at the District C Fall Convention*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Eastwood  
Branch TOD Chairman

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***Port Elgin Legion Branch 340***



***Remembrance Day Church Service***

***Tolmie Presbyterian Church  
Port Elgin***

***Sunday, November 10 at 11:00 am***

***We look forward to you joining us***

***Lest We Forget***



# REMEMBRANCE DAY ITINERARY

## 11 November, 2013

**On Monday, 11 November, 2013, The Royal Canadian Legion, Port Elgin Branch 340, will be holding our Annual Remembrance Day Service at Cenotaph Park.**

**Itinerary:**

We will form up at the Legion at 10:40 am and parade to Cenotaph Park for a brief service to honour our Comrades and the Wreath Laying. If you are unable to parade, please join us at the Cenotaph by 11:00 am.

After the Cenotaph Program, we will parade back to the Legion for an informal lunch and refreshments – this will take place in the Members' Clubroom and Main Hall, whatever your preference.

**On Sunday, 10 November, 2013, we will be joining the congregation of the Tolmie Presbyterian Church for their special Remembrance Service – please join us at 11:00 am if you are able. Uniform is optional.**

This is a very special day to all of us – a day to share memories, remember, and renew old friendships. I hope that you will be able to join us. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Norma Dudgeon  
Remembrance Day Chairman

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The Taco Bell Chihuahua, a Doberman and a Bulldog are in a bar having a drink when a great-looking female Collie comes up to them and says, "Whoever can say liver and cheese in a sentence can have me."

So the Doberman says, "I love liver and cheese." The Collie replies, "That's not good enough."

The Bulldog says, "I hate liver and cheese." She says, "That's not creative enough."

Finally, the Chihuahua says, "Liver alone . . . cheese mine."



## PUMPKINFEST 2013 – October 5 & 6, 2013

Branch 340 had another great Pumpkinfest Weekend. There was breakfast served on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and on Saturday a Meat Raffle in the afternoon and entertainment the same evening.

A big shout-out to Eva Stoddart and her crew. Plus to the many volunteers whom it takes to make such an event a success, we thank you for your time.





## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



**\$500.00  
BURSARY IS AVAILABLE**



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation and the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command:

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- War Veterans and their children and grandchildren
- Ordinary and Life Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren
- Associate Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children
- Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren

#### **APPLICATION:** Application Forms are available from the following:

- Secondary School Guidance Offices
- Awards Offices of Colleges and Universities
- Provincial Service Bureau Offices of the Royal Canadian Legion
- Your Royal Canadian Legion Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary

For more information please contact:

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### **TRIBUTE TO .... Cde Bob Maas**



We are very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers at the Branch, like Bob Maas, pictured here. Bob has helped in many different ways; be it at Bingo selling tickets or calling the numbers, at Meat Draws looking after the prizes, during the annual Poppy Campaign out in all weather with his tray or doing the many small odd jobs that need to be done like changing light bulbs. He has always been generous to the Branch as well and has donated several items, both large and small, over the years. Bob was honoured with a Life Membership recently for all his service to the Branch and we are pleased to include him in this month's newsletter. We hope to include others over the next few months as, without these unsung heroes, our Branch would be a very quiet one indeed. If you would like to nominate someone for this tribute, please let your Executive know. Thanks Bob!



## 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 a symbol for the gallant men, who died in war,  
And because they did, you and I are free - that's why we wear a poppy, you see.

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'd 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, Mum, 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, and 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, if 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 those 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!

By Don Crawford

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We've all been passed by motorists on the road going much faster than we were. But you can imagine my shock at recently being passed by a speeding lady going down the middle of the road's dotted line at a truly breakneck speed (at least 100 mph, on only a two lane road)!

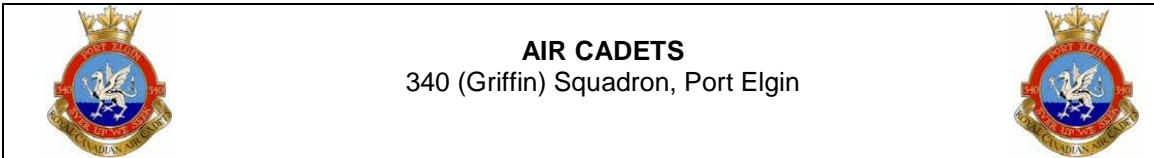
The danger she proposed was high, so you can imagine my relief when I passed her later on down the road parked in front of a car with whirling lights. Their conversation went something like this...

"License and Registration please," the Officer asked.  
"It's okay, Officer, I have a special license that allows me to do this," said the lady, smiling.  
"Yeah, right!" he replied, "I've never heard of such a license."  
The lady reached into her purse and handed him her license.

"Just as I suspected," the Officer said, "This is an ordinary license, and I see nothing here that would allow you special consideration."

But the lady, still smiling, pointed to the bottom of the license.  
"See? It says so right here: 'Tear along the dotted line.'"





The new Cadet year has started off on the right foot by adding 12 new Cadets to the roster. It's great to see so many new Cadets in the squadron and we look forward to seeing them learn and grow within the squadron and in their service to the community.

Just in time for the new Cadets, we have the refurbished training trailer located at the Southampton Airport. Formerly the Sea Cadet facility, it was not used for several years and was in need of repair. Over the past year, the Cadets, Officers and Sponsoring Committee members have been working diligently on getting the trailer in shape. With the help of a grant from the Ontario Trillium Fund a ramp was added for wheelchair access and a new washroom was built that is also wheelchair accessible, and install new windows all around. With a grant from the Society of Energy Professionals, we were able to install a new floor, install new energy efficient light fixtures, new emergency exit lights, paint the interior and exterior, and install walkways to the ramp and the side deck. It's been a great improvement and the Cadets and Staff look forward many days of additional training. The trailer is called the 'Griffin' after the name of the Squadron. Although many people have contributed to the rejuvenation of the Griffin, a special thanks goes to Carl Crymble for the many hours he spent overseeing contractors doing the work on the facility.

Coming in November, the Cadets will be helping to support our veterans with the Poppy Campaign in both Port Elgin and Southampton, serving at the Remembrance Day Memorial in Port Elgin, and will be following the Legion in the Santa Claus Parade at the end of November. The Cadets, Staff and Squadron Committee appreciate the Legion's faithful support of the Cadets and the Cadet program and want to show their appreciation by supporting the Legion in whatever way they can.

Next month we'll tell you more about the new band program and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program.

Steven Pellow, Squadron Director  
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 Branch 340 Air Cadets Liaison  
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## TURKEY & MEAT RAFFLES

Friday	December 6	8:00 pm
Saturday	December 7	4:00 pm
Saturday	December 14	4:00 pm
Saturday	December 21	4:00 pm

**Variety of other meat prizes to be won – Everyone Welcome**





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<b>3</b> <b>POSTER &amp; ESSAY CONTEST</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>LADIES CARD GROUP</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> <hr/> <b>GEN MTG</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>6</b> <b>BINGO</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>7</b> <b>EUCHRE</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>8</b> <b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>9</b> <b>EUCHRE</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> <hr/> <b>MEAT ROLL</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>10</b> <b>CHURCH SERVICE</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>  <hr/> <b>JAMBOREE</b> <b>2 PM – 5 PM</b>	<b>11</b> <b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b> 	<b>12</b> <b>LADIES CARD GROUP</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> <hr/> <b>L/A GEN MTG</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> <hr/> <b>CRIBBAGE</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>13</b> <b>BINGO</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>14</b> <b>EUCHRE</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>15</b> <b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> <hr/> <b>TRIVIA NITE</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>16</b> <b>EUCHRE</b> <b>1:30 PM</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>LADIES CARD GROUP</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> <hr/> <b>EXEC MTG</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>27</b> <b>BINGO</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>28</b> <b>EUCHRE</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>29</b> <b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	 <b>TOY DRIVE &amp; TREE TRIMMING</b> <b>EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN ENDS</b>

~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~