

# Royal Canadian Legion Br. 340

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

## President's Report

Good Day Comrades

I hope this Branch Line finds you all in good health. This is a very important time of the year for all Legions. Our Veterans deserve so much respect and this is a good time of the year to give them that.

Remembrance Day is just around the corner. I am looking forward to seeing you all out at the service. With all the unrest there is in the world, it is extra important we remember the sacrifice our forefathers made so many years ago. We are blessed to live where we do and we owe a lot to them. Please take some time out of your busy day to remember our veterans.

An event was held this week to remember the two fallen soldiers Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Corporal Nathan Cirillo. This is a strong reminder on what the legion stands for and needs to continue doing.

Hope you all take part in Remembrance Day even if it is your own way.

We will Remember them

Dan



## Upcoming Events

### October 31

Halloween Dance in the Canteen. 8 until Midnight. Entertainment by Fire Route

### November 2

Parade and Church Practice for Colour Party at 6:30pm

### November 8

Remembrance Service at Tolmie Memorial Presbyterian Church

### November 11

Remembrance Day Parade Form up 10:30am on Green Street

## Important Announcement

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit to Andrew Reinhart at [andyreinhart@hotmail.com](mailto:andyreinhart@hotmail.com)

## Remembrance Day

**On Wednesday, 11 November, 2015, 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 10:30 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.

In case of inclement weather the Cenotaph Service will be held at the Missionary Church (old Arena). Please listen to 98 the Beach for weather updates.

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, 8 November, 2015, 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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## Poppy Campaign

Poppy campaign is starting Oct. 30 this year. A sign-up sheet has been set up in the canteen for anyone wishing to volunteer. All the areas are indoors so you can get out of the elements if you have to. Please remember that over half of the donations that come in come from canvassing, so it is important to get as many people out there as possible! Being seen out in public at this time of year promotes the Legion and reminds people of the importance of Nov.11th and what we as members do for our community.

Please consider giving a few hours of your time to this cause that helps our veterans and our community.

Thank You,  
Blair Eby,  
Poppy Chairman Br.340.

## Membership

Please keep in mind, the Early Bird Campaign is on from September 1st until November 30th. Dues are \$45.00. After that the dues will go to \$50.00. We welcome new Members. There does not need to be a Military connection to participate. We encourage all to join our great Organization. Honour our Veterans.

Membership Chair  
Sharen Maas



## Around the Branch

### Early Bird

September 1<sup>st</sup> the Early Bird membership drive is on until 30 November

### Poppy Campaign

30 October start Sign-up board in the Canteen

### Meat Draw November 7 & 21

4pm on both days

### Meat Draw December 4, 5,12 &19

### Bingo Volunteers Needed

Wednesday evenings upper hall

### Colour Party Volunteers Needed

Practice Nov 2 at 6:30 upper hall



## Honours and Awards

Years of service pins will once again be presented at our Remembrance Day service on Nov. 11th in the upstairs hall. If you are receiving a pin this year please attend. After Nov. 11 please contact Comrade Blair Eby to make arrangements for receiving your pin.

Attached are this year Recipients

Thank You,  
Blair Eby,  
Honours and Awards Chairman

<b>ORDINARY</b>				
<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>15 Years</b>	<b>20 Years</b>	<b>25 Years</b>
		Ryan Kelly		Randy Shultz
<b>30 Years</b>	<b>35 Years</b>	<b>40 Years</b>	<b>45 Years</b>	<b>50 Years</b>
	Derick Harrison		Eric Eastwood	Alan Patrick
			Rodney Seifert	
<b>70 Years</b>				
George Reeves				
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>				
<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>15 Years</b>	<b>20 Years</b>	<b>20 Years Con't</b>
Robert Grey	Patricia Bigelow	Debra Atkinson	Fred Brown	Gerry Lambert
Eric Leslie	Roger Dewaele	Kathryn	Howard	Dick MacDonald
Michelle Maas	Alan Gerrior	Kimberly	Tom Dutton	Carla McDermid
David Mccourt	Andrew Hill	Peter Koevoet	Blair Eby	Gerald Purbrick
Andrew Pullman	Gary Phillips	Shannon Smith	Gary Hamer	David Ribey
Kathryn Tooke	Helen Phillips	Peter Tomlinson	Ross Hendry	Wib
Lisa Wilke		Les Virtue	Rena Kelly	John Vallieres
				Linda Wolfe
<b>25 Years</b>	<b>30 Years</b>	<b>35 Years</b>	<b>40 Years</b>	
Bruce Alexander	Dick Coulter	Doug Earle	William	
Joan Hymen	Paul Czuczman	Chris McCaw		
Kevin Smallwood	Richard Fleming			
	Robert Hutton			
	Robert Ingram			
	William			
	Paul Whitehead			
		<b>AFFILIATE-</b>		
<b>5 Years</b>	<b>5 Years – con't</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>15 Years</b>	
Eunice Chennette		Nancy Dillon		
Carol Gayle		John Fahrer		
		Sandra		
		Gary MaGuire		
		Fran Myers		
		Keith Stiles		

## Pumpkinfest Wrap-up

Pumpkinfest weekend at branch was spectacular! The BBQ team held a 'wind up' to the season dinner that was again very well attended. Special thanks to our Pamela for cooking up her Mom's crowd pleasing BBQ turkey on a bun, it was most delicious and we look forward to that again!

I've decided convening Pumpkinfest breakfast is much like having a baby. The planning and anticipation is all very exciting and at times euphoric. When it's show time, it's a great big push and no small task to feed hundreds of visitors. Eventually it comes to the end, you're exhausted, hot, bruises that can't be accounted for, a few burns to mend, a thirst like you've been in the desert and a kitchen that looks like a train wreck....and you wonder to yourself...."what possessed me to want to play restaurant"! Well let me say, you need a partner like my Rhonda. She is a true pillar of strength, organization and calm. She reminds you to breathe, keeps everyone focused and at the very end gives a loving hug and lovely frosty drink!! Thanks sweetheart, I couldn't have done it without you

Looking back we certainly were ambitious with a BBQ dinner and breakfast preparations. It took some tricky planning and a dedicated team of volunteers that rolled up their sleeves and went to work. My personal thanks to all of you, you're amazing and I love to work with you.

In Comradeship  
Elizabeth Eby



**Youth Education** seems to fall at the bottom of the list when it's put in alphabetical form on the agenda. Youth Education is a though an integral part of 'Legion' and a chair that should be prioritized. I've said many times "our youth is the next Legion generation" and something that should be recognized and embraced.


This particular chairman would like to brainstorm some thoughts and ideas of fun venues to perhaps entertain groups of kids for a couple hours on a PA Day. A pyjama party, snacks, crafts and a movie or Halloween party and pumpkin carving for instance may go a long way with this generation of parents. I believe 'if we build it, they will come'. We have a superb facility that lends itself to so much more than what it's being used for and we absolutely must get our younger parents in our door. They might decide to volunteer, they might actually join MEMBERSHIP!! All of you possess a nurturing quality, an artistic mind and it is fun to hang with a bunch of busy kids for a couple hours. They have a tendency to lighten your heart and make you feel young again. We have a best kept secret next door, a number of ECE Teachers with fabulous suggestions! So, think on it, I want you on this youth team.

The Youth Education program within all of our Legions across Canada, directly recognizes something called REMEMBRANCE. We hold poster, essay and poem competitions enveloping REMEMBRANCE in both languages and we look forward to seeing our students take part in this. Speeches in early winter, in a bilingual form is also part of the Youth Leadership position at the Royal Canadian Legion. We actually give prize money to our award winning students at all levels within the Legion. I've learnt, that our schools of beloved children, really love to partake in watching us march on REMEMBRANCE DAY. The kids regale stories to me about why it's important they are at our parade and Cenotaph. On occasion they tell me where one of their Grandpa's went overseas. Too many to count tell me about their Uncle, Aunt or Cousin and where they are overseas. Some, tell me about Dad or Mommy. Sometimes, they reduce this volunteer to absolute tears because they lost a loved one which usually comes with a hand drawn depiction of the incident. In this day and age, we have many Canadian Armed Forces Personnel looking after us all over the world. My comrades in all, hug your children, your grandchildren, the nearest Veteran and be thankful of your heritage.

REMEMBER to HONOUR your CANADIAN FLAG and your fellow Citizen.

Comrade E. Eby  
Youth Education Chairman



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Colour Party Practice 6:30pm	3 Ladies Card Group 1:30 pm  General Meeting 7:30 pm	4 Bingo 7:30 pm	5 Euchre 7:30 pm	6 Dance Club 8:00 pm	7 Meat Draw 4:00 pm Euchre 1:30 pm
8 Tolmie Remembrance Church Service 11:00 am	9	10 Ladies Card Group 1:30 pm	11 Remembrance Day Parade 10:30 form-up Bingo 7:30 pm	12 Euchre 7:30 pm	13 Dance Club 8:00 pm	14 Euchre 1:30 pm
15	16	17 Ladies Card Group 1:30 pm	18 Bingo 7:30 pm	19 Euchre 7:30 pm	20 Dance Club 8:00 pm	21 Meat Draw 4:00 pm Euchre 1:30 pm
22	23	24 Ladies Card Group 1:30 pm Exec Meeting 7:30 pm	25 Bingo 7:30 pm	26 Euchre 7:30 pm	27 Dance Club 8:00 pm	28 Euchre 1:30 pm
29	30					

# Cenotaph Artwork Price List

Items are available with either the '**Royal Canadian. Legion or Auxiliary Crest**'. Prices are subject to change upon availability of items.

Coffee Mug	\$15.00	
Apron	\$25.00	
T-Shirt or Golf Shirt	\$24.00	(Size Small, Medium, Large & X-Lg)
T-Shirt or Golf Shirt	\$27.00	(Size XXL plus)
Canvas Bags	\$15.00	
Stationary	\$15.00	10 pack of cards and envelopes

## **PRINTS – Double matted, non-glare glass and solid wood frame**

8 x 10	\$ 49.00	
11 x 14	\$129.00	
16x20	\$169.00	
5 x 7	\$20.00-	single matting and plastic frame

Many more promotional items are available for printing. If you're looking for something special, just ask! Sweatshirts will be available soon.

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A Viewing stand is in the Canteen