



SEPTEMBER 2016 BRANCH LINE



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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. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit your articles to branch340newsletter@gmail.com

The General Meetings for the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary will resume this month. The Branch General Meeting is the first Tuesday of the month and the Ladies Auxiliary meet on the second Tuesday, both at 7:30 p.m.

The Saturday afternoon Euchre will also resume the first Saturday in September at 1:30 p.m.

The Branch will be open again on Sundays. Branch hours will be Monday to Friday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday 1:00 pm to midnight and Sunday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The annual golf tournament was held on Saturday, August 20th at the Holiday Park Golf Course (Tri-Par). The winner for the men was Craig Bell and the ladies winner was Rhonda Harrison. Look for pictures in the October issue of the Branch Line.

Legion Week begins Sunday, September 18th and concludes on Saturday, September 24th. The Branch is planning a Volunteer Appreciation Night on September 24th to thank all the volunteers who help make our Branch a better place. See inside for details.

Pumpkinfest Breakfasts will be hosted by the Branch on October 1st and 2nd. Details inside this issue. Volunteers will be needed to assist and a work board to sign up to assist will be available soon in the Canteen. We would appreciate it if you could give a couple of hours of your time to this very important event.

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

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The Editor





PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Comrades,

I am starting this message on a sad note. We lost one of our WW II veterans in August. Charlie Ellis passed away in his 94th year. Charlie was a strong supporter of the Legion and frequented it often when he was younger. We will remember him.

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over. Another beautiful summer is passing us by. I hope everyone took some time to enjoy your family and partake in some of the many activities around our area.

Things are slow around the Legion this summer but there are some events we are looking for people to participate in.

1. Meat Draws will continue throughout the fall with the next one being on the long weekend in September. Come on down and join your friends for some fun and company.
2. BBQ's continue to be very successful. The next BBQ will be held the Friday of the Long weekend (September 2, 2016) starting at 6 PM. Come out and enjoy a day off from cooking with a delicious meal.
3. Legion Week will be held in the third week of September. Part of this week will be our celebration of all the volunteers that help our Legion be so successful. Stay tuned and watch for the poster to identify when.

Hope all is well with you all and looking forward to seeing you down at the Branch soon.

We will remember them

President Dan Kelly
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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



As we all know the Royal Canadian Legion is a volunteer driven organization. Without you, the membership, it will fail. Volunteers are getting scarcer every day. There seems to be a small core of volunteers that keep us going. So I ask you as a member to please consider helping out at the Friday Night Barbecue, Bingo, Pumpkinfest, Remembrance Day or any other event you can fit into your schedule.

As the Branch Sergeant-at-Arms I will be looking for a few more individuals to learn to carry colours. It is not very difficult and we always have a good time. You would be needed for Remembrance Day, the Santa Claus parade and General Meetings if possible. We sometimes even go to other Branches for special events when requested. We have even been invited to the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks game for the dropping of the puck. If you are interested please contact me at 519-389-4806 or email at bnrshow@eastlink.ca

Robert Harrison
Sergeant-at-Arms
bnrshow@eastlink.ca

Kick-off for the Early Bird Campaign begins September 1st and ends November 30th. Due to the increase by Ontario Command the Membership Fees will be \$50.00 until November 30th and \$55.00 as of December 1st.

Affiliate members can get their previous years they paid added to their current years with no cost to them. I will be glad to help with the paperwork. Please contact me.

Remember, the Early Bird gets the Reward!!

Sharen Maas
 Membership Chair
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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 1st and November 30th. 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.



Last Post



Charles John Ellis

Carl McDermid

Will and Guy's Helpful Guide to Female Golfing Terms

- Caddy:** 2 women talking about a 3rd, who isn't there to defend herself.
- Chip:** Time to get our nails done again.
- Double Bogie:** 'Casablanca' followed by 'African Queen'.
- Fairway:** Splitting the bill when the girls go to lunch.
- Good lie:** Weight on our driver's license.
- Greens:** Lunch we eat when you'd really prefer a cheeseburger.
- Iron:** What guys need to learn to do their own shirts.
- Rough:** Getting a guy to understand, well, pretty much anything.
- Slice:** No thanks ... just a small portion.
- Par:** The children's grandfather.
- Birdie:** Another attractive female golfer.
- Wood:** Where you can find a ball.

ONTARIO COMMAND BURSARY PROGRAM

This program is designed to assist those students who enter a post secondary school of education (including courses and programs of a technical and vocational nature) and pursue the same course throughout their academic years (maximum of five years).

Those who are eligible to receive a bursary are as follows:

- Ex-Service personnel or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve and Merchant Navy) and their children and grandchildren; Commonwealth War Veterans and their children and grandchildren
- Ordinary and Life members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren (Current living members)
- Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children only
- Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren.
- Step Children and Step Grandchildren may be considered where applicable.

Students can apply up to 5 years, provided they are taking the same course of study. A photocopy of the Veteran's discharge certificate or record of service **must** be attached to the application. Service documents can be obtained from Library & Archives Canada in Ottawa. Send a copy only. Proof of relationship is required.

Application forms for the Bursary are available at all Legion Branches, post-secondary schools, online from the command website or by contacting Ontario Command. Zones and Districts have a Bursary Chairman who can assist the student with the application. The Command Bursary Secretary is also available for assistance. As it is the responsibility of each student to complete the application correctly, it behooves him/her to get the required help. All applications may be submitted starting each September; however the deadline for applications is the last Friday of March for the current academic year ending April 30th. **Applications must be sent to Ontario Command.** Early submissions are strongly encouraged in order to catch any errors or omissions.

The Ontario Command Bursary Program is one of the most generous bursary programs in Ontario (if not in Canada). While the Ontario Command Bursary awards are not large, many students find that they go along way towards buying the books and materials needed for their respective courses. During the **2015-2016** academic year a total of **500** awards were made for an amount of **\$250,000** in the Province of Ontario.

The Ontario Command Bursary Program is funded by donations from Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries and shows the Royal Canadian Legion's continuing commitment to the youth of Ontario.

If you need any help with the paperwork please feel free to contact me.

Robert Harrison
 Bursary Chairman
bnrshow@eastlink.ca

Amusing Things You Will Never Hear a Woman Say About Golf

- I love it when you play golf on Sundays; I just wish you had time to play on Saturday too.
- Listen, I make enough money for the both of us. Why don't you retire and get that nagging handicap down to a 5 or 6.
- I'd rather watch golf and drink beer with you than go shopping.
- Forget the stupid Valentine's Day thing and buy yourself new clubs.



BRANCH BARBECUES



Just some of the happy campers enjoying Branch 340 Barbecue.
 Dates of the events for September are 2nd, 16th, and 30th starting at 6:00 pm.
 We look forward to you joining us.



ZONE C4 TRAINING WORKSHOPS August 14, 2016 Hepworth-Shallow Lake Branch 586



On Sunday, August 14, 2016 Zone C4 held Training Workshops for the Bursary, Public Relations, Training & Organizational Development and the Branch Financial Review Committee members.

All topics were well presented and thanks to Cdes Pat Smith and John Dalley, District Branch Advisory Committee Chairman and Co-Chairman for delivering the information for the BFRC members.



Cde Sheila James, Zone C4 Commander



Cde Dean Weir, Zone C4 Deputy Zone Commander and Zone C4 TOD Chairman



Cde Glen Hanley, Zone C4 Public Relations Chairman



District C, Cdes John Dalley, Branch Advisory Committee Co-Chairman and Pat Smith, Branch Advisory Committee Chairman

This month's training and development session is Veterans and Seniors. Our prime mission is to support our veterans so it is important that all our people are aware of the support available to them. Please take time to read the article below.

VETERANS and SENIORS

There are four full time Service Officers supplemented by volunteer Service Officers in each Branch who help Veterans, still serving and Former Members of the Canadian Armed Forces and/or their dependants and widows apply for the available government support from Veterans Affairs Canada. These benefits include Disability Pensions, War Veterans Allowance (WVA), Veterans Independence Program (VIP), Treatment Programs, Financial Assistance and benefits under the New Veterans Charter (www.vac-acc.gc.ca/clients/sub.cfm?source=Forces/nvc). You need not be a member of the Legion to use these services.



The Legion also monitors the care, programs and services offered in the three Long Term Care facilities in Ontario, that serve as residences for Veterans (Sunnybrook in Toronto, Parkwood in London and Perley Rideau Veterans Health Centre in Ottawa) and discusses issues related to care and comfort with hospital staff, Veterans Affairs Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Ontario Command has an active Seniors Program that focuses on information sharing with other organizations so that their programs can be made available to our members and other Seniors in the community. Our approach is to make our facilities available to Seniors Programs in most cases free of charge. Our approach is to support but not duplicate other programs available in the community.

President Dan Kelly
 TOD Chairman
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A Canadian is walking down the street with a case of beer under his arm. His friend Arnie stops him and asks, 'Hey Bill, whatcha got that case of beer for?' 'Well, I got it for my wife, you see?' answers Bill. 'Wow!' exclaims Arnie, 'Great trade.'

Drinking Lesson

Will was trying to teach his young son the evils of alcohol. He put one worm in a glass of water and another worm in a glass of whisky. The worm in the water lived, while the one in the whisky curled up and died.

'All right, son', asked Will, 'what does that show you?'
 'Well, Dad, it shows that if you drink alcohol, you will not have worms.'



PORT ELGIN DANCE CLUB



Dancing on September 2nd and 9th from 8:00 – 11:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per couple. Please bring something for the snack buffet.



On September 16th starts the Canadian Big Band Weekend. The Port Elgin Dance Club will be sponsoring the “Howlin Dog Vintage Jazz Band” Traditional Jazz at the Royal Canadian Legion from 7:30 – 11:00 pm. \$15.00 per person buys a wristband which allow use of the shuttle to any other Friday night venue.

See <http://www.canadianbigband.ca/jazz.php>. The Hall will be licenced for this event.

Dancing on September 23rd from 8:00 – 11:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per couple. Please bring something for the snack buffet.

No dancing on September 30th as the Hall is rented for another function.

Dancing continues on Friday nights in October from 8:00 – 11:00. Cost is \$5.00 per couple. Please bring something for the snack buffet. There are no outside bookings at this time but will advise if they come up.

For those who would like to attend a dance with the Lighthouse Swing Orchestra they will be playing in the Kincardine Pavilion (SW corner of Durham and Saugeen Streets) from 2:00 – 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 11th and Sunday, October 16th.

Jackie and Don Rosart
519-368-7377
Port Elgin Dance Club & Publicity
“The Best Things Happen while You’re Dancing”



MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK



Ontario Command is very pleased and proud to publish the Military Service Recognition Book. A book that will assist us in identifying and recognizing many of our Veterans within the Province of Ontario, while at the same time assist us in our job as the “Keepers of Remembrance”.

We invite Legion members and the general public to visit their local Legion Branch to obtain more information regarding this Remembrance program and more importantly, to submit a story and photo of a Veteran. We cannot expect those who have served or are still serving to write their own stories for publication. So we are asking members of The Legion and the general public to accept the responsibility and fulfil our mandate to do this on their behalf.

This annual publication will help identify and recognize many of the Veterans of Ontario who served their country extremely well. As “Keepers of Remembrance”, the Royal Canadian Legion strives to perpetuate the sacrifices that our soldiers and their families sacrificed for our freedom. This Military Service Recognition Book will serve as a reminder for generations to come, of the contributions made towards the creation of our nation and the continuance of Canada as a protector of freedom.

Although this program is all about Remembrance and the history of our Veterans, funds will be raised for the Legion through a telephone appeal to the general public and businesses through advertising sales for the book. The book publisher, Fenety Marketing, is currently conducting a Telephone Appeal on our behalf to private citizens and the business community throughout the Province of Ontario.

The funds raised through the program will assist and support many Legion initiatives and to assist branches to remain a viable partner in their communities.

We invite you to submit stories of Veterans who have touched your life through your local Legion Branch. Recognition for our Veterans both past and present should be very important to us all. Please show your support to our Veterans.

~ **Military Service Recognition Book Committee**



ZONE C4 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Zone C4 Ways and Means Committee held the annual golf tournament on Sunday, August 7. The event was held at South Port Golf Course and all players returned back to Branch 340 for lunch, prizes and camaraderie

The weather was excellent for playing and everyone had a really good time. The Committee will be planning the event for next year. Hope you will be able to join us the next time.

<p>Ed Bates and Martin Kramer were 1st Place winners. Congratulations Guys!!!</p>	<p>Bill Harwood won the Men's Closest to the Pin competition. He is pictured with Ron James, Event Chairman.</p>
<p>Brenda Funston won the Ladies Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. Way to go, Brenda!!</p>	<p>Bob Harrison won the Men's Longest Drive competition.</p>



MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE



The Monday Night Dart League registration will be Monday August 29th at 7:00 pm at the Legion Club Room. Anyone wishing to enter a team of 4 players is welcome to attend or contact Diane Mills at divinediane11@gmail.com or Deb Sullivan at sullivand@bmts.com for more information. Darts will begin on Monday September 26th at 8:00 pm.



Bingo is one of our programs that our members and public enjoy; the monies derived support the many projects in our community and other charities such as the cenotaph park, air cadets, our local hospitals and the list goes on.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Wednesday night weekly Bingo. We really need your help and it doesn't have to be every Wednesday; could be 2 Wednesdays a month or whatever you can contribute

Thank you for considering this.

Please contact Eric McLeod at 519-832-2831 or Sharen Maas at 519-389-2412 if you can spare a few hours it would be very much appreciated.

A Man, His Giraffe, and the Barman

A fellow walks into a bar with a giraffe and they sit down on two stools at the front and the guy says to the barman, "Two beers please barman."

The barman pours them two beers and the giraffe grabs his and drinks it down in one go and his mate follows suit. The guy then says again, "Another two beers please barman." The bartender pours two more beers and once again the giraffe necks his and his friend does likewise. This goes on for a fair while with the giraffe and his companion downing beer after beer after beer.

The two have had about 17 beers each when the guy looks over at the giraffe who is starting to wobble on his stool his wobbling gets worse and worse and eventually he just passes out and falls backwards off the stool onto the floor.

The guy looks at him and then gets up off his stool and starts walking out of the bar.

The barman then yells at the guy as he is leaving, "OY...you can't leave that lyin' there."

The man looks at the giraffe and then replies, "That's not a lion that's a giraffe," and walks out.

Amusing Wine Fact

You'll be delighted to know that drinking wine does not make you fat. Will and Guy have discovered that it makes you lean: against tables, chairs, floors, walls and people.



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Volunteer Appreciation Night

Please Join Us

Saturday, September 24th
 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Our volunteers have given their time to help our Branch be the best it can be.

It is now our turn to say Thank You.

Refreshments will be available



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Pumpkinfest Breakfast

Home
 Fries
 &
 Toast

Scrambled
 Eggs,
 Ham &
 Sausage

Tea,
 Coffee
 & Juice

Saturday, Oct. 1 Sunday, Oct. 2
 7 a.m. – 12:00 noon 8 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Adults - \$10.00
 Children Under 12 - \$6.00
 Children Under 3 - Free



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🎪 Please join us for our various events 🎪

🎪 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🎪