



July 2017



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

There are no General Meetings for the Branch for the months of July and August. Branch Executive will carry on business as usual. The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

There are no General Meetings for the Ladies Auxiliary for the months of July and August. Their next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Reminder that the Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Card Group and the Saturday Afternoon Cards will resume play in September.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED..... Inside this issue you will see a call-out for volunteers for the Colour Party and the Barbecue Committee. If you have a couple of hours to help it would be very much appreciated. There is no experience required so please consider joining the team.

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



Hello Comrades,

July is upon us and we still have not had the start of summer. Although the calendar says we are there, Mother Nature has a different idea. We sure have had our share of wet weather. Oh well, a good excuse to come in and see what is happening at the Branch.

Some activities coming up in July, you may want to be involved with.

Our July events;

1. Bingo is being held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 6. Come and enjoy a night out with many of our supporters.
2. We have two meat draws arranged. July 1st and 15th are the dates for this month's draw.
3. Our BBQ's are doing very well at our Branch. If you are interested in taking a night off from cooking, please come down and support our Branch. There will be a barbecue on July 14th. Dinner starts at 6 PM. Hope to see you all there.
4. Our Thursday night euchre will continue through the summer. Many people attend this event regularly. Thanks to Larry and Judy for coordinating this.

Hope all is well with you and I hope to see you all at the Branch this month.

We will remember them.

Yours in Comradeship

President Dan Kelly
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D-Day Remembered
June 6, 2017

On June 6, 1944, the Allies invade Western Europe in the largest amphibious attack in history. During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control.

L-R Cde Mike Atkinson and President Dan Kelly salute in honour of those who served and those that lost their lives.





Membership Matters



There are many benefits by becoming a Legion member. If you know of anyone that is not a member why not get them to sign up and become part of a community organization that supports our veterans and youth. It is very rewarding to be part of this great organization. Some benefits are identified in the table below.

Benefits of Joining the Legion	Join your Local Branch	Call to Join 855-330-3344
Low annual fee	Dues vary by Branch. (Please contact the Branch for pricing)	\$49.99 Price includes taxes
Support serving Military, RCMP Members, Veterans and their families	✓	✓
Help the Legion provide essential services within our communities	✓	✓
Meet new people and make friends within your community	✓	
Enjoy Branch activities and sports	✓	
Volunteer opportunities to help Veterans, your Branch and your community	✓	
Run for leadership opportunities within the Legion	✓	
Voting privileges at Convention (requires eligibility for Ordinary, Associate, or Affiliate Voting membership)	✓	
Receive a fully-paid subscription to LEGION Magazine	✓	✓
Access great savings and deals through our Member Benefits Package	✓	✓
Access to shopping at the members-only online store	✓	✓
Join Legion Riders , exclusively for Legion members	✓	✓
Receive your Official Legion Membership Card and Legion pin	✓	✓

*To become a member of Canada's largest Veterans and community service organization, you must be 18 years of age or older; be a citizen of Canada, or a Commonwealth or NATO/Wartime Allied Country; and agree to The Royal Canadian Legion Terms of Eligibility.

There are four types of membership... Ordinary, Associate, Affiliate Voting, and Affiliate Non-voting. The information you provide at registration will determine your eligibility.

Branch 340 members are reminded to ensure their current information is up to date for the email address, mailing address and phone number. If you have recently had a change of address or other changes please leave the particulars with the Bar Steward and the Membership Register can be updated; or contact the undersigned.

It is no longer necessary to have any type of military background to become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. We are always looking for new members and would like to see more people join our Branch. Please see the Bar Steward for applications.

As members please attend the General Meetings which are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (July and August are exempt). This is your Branch and the meetings are for your benefit so you will know what is happening in your Branch.



Last Post



TREVOR LETANG – WWII Veteran
RAY BURKE

**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.**

In Comradeship,

Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
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Honours & Awards



The Honours & Awards Committee presented Medals and Bars to the following:

Comrade Wayne Eagles was presented with his 50 Years of Service Medal and 50 Year Lapel Pin.

Comrade Mike Hobson was presented with his Past Officers Medal and Service Officer Bar. Comrade Stacey Hobson was presented with her Past Officers Medal and Youth Education Bar.

	
<p>L-R President Dan Kelly, Cde Mike Atkinson, Cde Wayne Eagles, Cde Elizabeth Eby and Cde Blair Eby.</p>	<p>L-R Cde Mike Atkinson, Cde Mike Hobson, Cde Stacey Hobson, Cde Elizabeth Eby and Cde Blair Eby.</p>

Our Branch Colour Party on parade is one of the most visible things that we do. We could use a few new flag bearers. It is not difficult to learn and I would be more than glad to train new volunteers.

Please consider joining our Flag Family Team. You can meet some new friends and have some fun doing it. If you are interested please contact me.

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

Canadian Humour

You may live in Canada if:

- If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't work there.
 - If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time.
 - If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number.
 - If 'Vacation' means going anywhere South of Detroit for the weekend.
 - If you measure distance in hours.
 - If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once.
 - If you have switched from 'heat' to 'A/C' In the same day and back again.
 - If you can drive 90 km/hr through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching.
 - If you carry jumper cables in your car, and your wife knows how to use them.
 - If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
 - If the speed limit on the highway is 80 km, you're going 95 and everybody is passing you.
 - If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.
 - If you know all 4 seasons:
Almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction.
 - If you have more miles on your snow blower than your car.
 - If you find -20F degrees 'a little chilly'.
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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.'





District Track & Field Meet June 10, 2017



The District C Track & Field Meet was held on Saturday, June 10th at the Davidson Centre in Kincardine. The day was sunny and hot and didn't deter the athletes from doing their best in their competitions. The event can always use more volunteers and no experience is necessary. We hope to see you at the next Meet in June 2018.



Training & Organizational Development



This month I am providing some training on what the general duties are for the President and Past President. The list of duties is long but here is the thought process they should use while in their position. Enjoy.

Branch Presidents General Duties

In many Branches the President will also be the Presiding Officer at all meetings. While acting as Meeting Chairman you are reminded that impartiality and good control are expected at all times. Remember for many, particularly new members, the proceedings of a meeting can be their first view of Legion and may directly influence their decision to take part.

By now you have considered many members for, and may even have appointed several Committee Chairmen. While this is a great opportunity to affect the future of these Committee's in your Branch, be sure to allow those you have appointed the pleasure of determining the direction of their

Committee. If you have doubts speak to the Chairman quietly offering your ideas. Special consideration and additional time should be spent guiding new members of your Executive. Their new ideas and unique ways should not be overlooked.

Take advantage of their fresh outlook on matters. Be sure to include them in meeting and support their ideas when needed. You have a unique opportunity and a real responsibility to teach future leaders during your term as President.

Who knows you may be instructing a future Zone, District, Provincial or Dominion Officer.

Past Presidents General Duties to Branch

Chances are you have worked with the new Branch President over the past years, so you have already established a working relationship. If you have not or if the Branch President is relatively new, your patience may be taxed to its limit. Your continued support of the Branch and its programs may conflict with the new Presidents plans and intended direction.

Take a moment to have a private talk with the new President and offer your assistance. Invite the President to share his/her ideas and plans for the coming term. Be careful not to be too critical. Other Officers of the Branch will be affected either positively or negatively by how well you and the new President work together. As the most senior Officers of your Branch you and the President must remember to lead by example. In many Branches the Immediate Past President may hold any one of several important offices within the Branch. Finance Committee Chairman or Meeting Chairman is 2 examples.

While acting on behalf of the Branch in any capacity, you are reminded that impartiality and self-control are expected at all times. Your new role as Immediate Past President does not provide any direct authority to you. You may wish to ask the new Branch President for permission to assist in mentoring new members or officers of your executive. Again your patience may be needed as limits are tested and inexperience may cause them to err. Their fresh ideas and unique ways should not be overlooked or dismissed. There will be times when you will be called upon to settle disputes. Your abilities as a leader will be tested to the limit at this time. Be sure to remain impartial. Take time to discuss the issues with all parties before making a decision. When unsure, discuss the issue with those members of your Branch who may have experience, such as past Presidents

President Dan Kelly
TOD Chairman
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A pretty terrible golfer was playing a round of golf for which he had hired a caddie. The round proved to be somewhat tortuous for the caddie to watch and he was getting a bit exasperated by the poor play of his employer.

At one point the ball lay about 180 yards from the green and the as the golfer sized up his situation, he asked his caddie, "Do you think I can get there with a 5-iron?" And the caddie replied, "Eventually."



Hall Rental



Rental of our spacious, air conditioned hall with its beautiful oak floor, ideal for dancing is available for both public and private use. We can cater for a wide variety of uses including meetings, anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, Stag & Does, etc.

Our facility includes a wheelchair accessible washroom and a baby change station and is conveniently located in the building for access by both males and females.

Our hall rates vary for each occasion and Legion Bar Staff is provided by the Branch.

In certain circumstances, use of the kitchen is offered at \$50 per occasion. The Ladies Auxiliary is available to cater selected menus to your event.

Special consideration is given to the fee schedule when renting to non-profit organizations.

Please contact **Norma Dudgeon** at the Legion phone number (519) 389-9917 or email: Branch340@eastlink.ca



Branch Barbecue Committee



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Friday Night Dinners

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

July 14 August 4, 18
 September 1, 15, 29

Mark your calendars and join us for a
 delicious meal and camaraderie.
 Tickets will be available on the day of the event.

Adults /\$12 CHM 12 & Under \$6 CHM 7 & Under - Free

Everyone Welcome

Friday Night Barbecues are one of our best ways of fund-raising.

We thank all our dedicated supporters and it would be wonderful to see you at our barbecue and supporting the Legion. The cost is maximum \$12.00 per person – no tax – no tip – and we have a great array of food which includes hamburgers, sausage, chicken and french fries. We enjoy many side dishes and desserts which are donated.

If you would like to be a part of the BBQ team please contact me.

Robert Harrison
BBQ Chairman
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519-389-4806

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Dear Legion Family,

Please reach out to myself if you know of a member that is ill or been hospitalized. I will leave any outgoing cards at the Bar for your signature. Mail is always a treat to receive when you're feeling poorly and I will look after special hospital visitations.

In Comradeship,
Elizabeth Eby
Hospital Chair
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519-832-3133

June 12, 2017



Comrades all,

We visited our adopted Veteran Bill at Parkwood Hospital and brought him some treats for Canada Day. He was a delight to meet and welcomes any visitors from our Branch to look in on him when in London.

Bill took great delight to tell us he was with the Air Force and flew the Harvard Aircraft.

Elizabeth, Blair & Lexy Eby

Life After Marriage

Steven and Jessica, a young couple, got married and went happily on their honeymoon. When they got back, Jessica immediately 'phoned her mother and her mother obviously asked, 'How was the honeymoon, dearest?' 'Oh, Ma,' she replied, 'the honeymoon was wonderful. So romantic...'

Then Jessica burst out crying. 'But, Ma, as soon as we returned home Steven started using the most ghastly language... saying things I've never heard before! I mean, all these awful 4-letter words! You've got to come get me and take me home.... Please Ma.'

'Calm down, Jessica!,' said her mother, 'Tell me, what could be so awful? What 4-letter words?' Still sobbing, Jessica whispered, 'Oh, Ma...words like dust, wash, cook, and iron.'

RCL Branch 340 Port Elgin

Golf Tournament

Saturday August 19, 2017

Holiday Golf Course (Tri-Par)

Golf begins at 9:00 am

\$30.00 Entry Fee per person includes

Golf / Light Lunch and Prizes

\$12.00 for Non-Golfers for Light Lunch

Please register early for meals and prize arrangements

FUN DAY and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No experience Necessary

**** Entry Fee and Deadline to register is August 9, 2017 ****



Contact: Dan Kelly 519-389-2352
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Jungle Talk

Three animals were having a huge argument over who was the best.

The first, a hawk, claimed that because of his ability to fly, he could attack anything repeatedly from above, and his prey had nary a chance.

The second, a lion, based his claim on his strength ... None in the forest dared to challenge him.

The third, a skunk, insisted he needed neither flight nor strength to frighten off any creature.

As the trio debated the issue, an alligator came along and swallowed them all ... hawk, lion and stinker.



Golf Tournament Fun Day



Sunday, August 27, 2017

South Port Golf Course

(County Rd 3 between Southampton & Port Elgin - 519-832-5650)

Arrival to Course 10:30 a.m.

Tee-Off at 11:00 a.m.

2 Person Team - Best Ball
Mulligan's on Sale \$2.00 each

\$40.00 Entry Fee per person includes Golf and Lunch
Cart NOT Included

"Hole-in-One" sponsored by PIB Insurance

Return to the Port Elgin Legion for food and prizes

*** Deadline to register is August 17, 2017 ***

Please register non-golfers

Everyone is Welcome



RSVP by the deadline for meal planning to:
Bob and Rhonda Harrison
brshaw@eastlink.ca
519-389-4806



OH CANADA!

Our home and native land

true patriot love

in all thy sons command

with glowing hearts we see thee rise

**THE TRUE NORTH
STRONG & FREE**


















From far and wide, Oh Canada
we stand on guard for thee

God Keep our land

GLORIOUS AND FREE

Oh Canada 

we stand on guard for thee

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 🍷 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🍷