



Port Elgin Branch 340

Branch Line

May 2018

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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

Please join us at the May General Meeting as your new Branch and LA Executives will be installed.

Our BBQ/Dinner events will be starting off on Friday, May 18th. If you would like to volunteer for this fun event the schedule is included in this bulletin. Please contact Bob Harrison if you can help on any of the dates listed.

We wish all the Mothers a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13! And to everyone a very happy Victoria Day long weekend.

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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| Entertainment | Dave Kinsman | | |
| Hospital Visitation | Elizabeth Eby | | |
| Nevada | Andrew Reinhart | | |
| Track & Field | Dan Kelly | | |



President's Report



It looks like we are starting to get some spring like weather. It took a while but it is nice to see it finally here.

District C held our Spring Convention in Hespeler on April 21 and 22. A full contingent of 5 people attended the event from Branch 340. There were many good topics presented over the 2 days. Three areas I found interesting were:

1. The Resolutions we discussed at our last General Meeting about the Royal Canadian Legion name change and elimination of the declaration of loyalty will be going to Dominion Convention in August. Clarification was given by Ontario Vice President Garry Pond that the formal name is not being changed. What is being changed is the branding that will be used. It now shows as "Legion" with a poppy beside it. Also our new membership cards just show "Legion" on them. He identified that Dominion Command agrees that they made a mistake and should have left our formal name on the cards. This will be rectified when the cards get replaced in 5 years' time.
2. Provincial Sports Officer has identified that they will no longer pay for the expenses incurred by our District Sports Officer. This cost will now be covered through the District Sports Budget. Not sure what it means at this time, but one option is to increase the entry fee of sports events to cover this expense. Further discussion will be needed to determine our best path forward.
3. The new membership program is running well across the District with many of the Membership Chairmen agreeing with how easy it is to use. The support from Dominion Command is quick and very helpful. Part of this change has allowed people to renew on-line which is what many people across Ontario asked for.

We have many activities in May. Please refer to the Ways and Means report for the listing of events.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Branch this month.

Yours in Comradeship,

President Dan Kelly
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RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Have you been interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary but don't have enough information to make that decision? Well here's what we're all about.

- Having Fun! We have such fun in the kitchen, at Conventions, on parade, or hosting a yard and bake sale.

- Teamwork! Whether it's delivering Meals-on-Wheels or preparing meals for banquets, we rely on each other and trust each other.
- Dedication! Attending our General Meetings once a month, going to Zone meetings twice a year and Provincial Conventions every other year.
- Volunteering! Whether you're elected or appointed to a position on the executive of the Auxiliary, it's all time we devote to fulfill the task.
- Friendship! We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- Pride! When we wear the uniform; when we carry the flag and when we take part in Legion and public events. We always take pride in being a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Serving our Legion and supporting our Veterans and our community.
- Hard working Women! You bet we are, but we know how to make it fun and share the work load. We serve the best home cooked meals to our clients.
- Fundraising! Our goal is to donate financially to local charities, organizations and schools, provincial bursaries, sports and charities, Veterans hospitals, our own Legion Branch 340 and the Cenotaph Fund.

Have we piqued your interest? Do you have any more questions? Would you like to complete an application? Then speak to one of the Ladies Auxiliary members if you already know one, or ask the bartender for an application or the Legion office or email me at divinediane11@gmail.com.

Cde Diane Mills, Treasurer



Branch 340 Election
Term Of Office – June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019



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| President: | Dan Kelly | | |
| 1 st Vice President: | Blair Eby | | |
| 2 nd Vice President: | Robert Harrison | | |
| Executive: | Rhonda Harrison | Stacey Hobson | Mike Hobson |
| | Alex Taylor | Greg Briggs | Elizabeth Eby |

Thanks to the following members for their participation with the Annual Election:

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| Scribe: Patty Kelly | Secretary: Norma Dudgeon |
| Chief Scrutineer: Randy Schultz | Scrutineers: Jim Mahon / Tom Jacques |
| Sgt-At-Arms: Robert Harrison / Jack Chapman | Registrar: Mary Galliher |

Cde Mike Atkinson
 Election Chairman
Mjatkinson@bmts.com





Bursary Assistance Program



**The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation
The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Ontario Command
Bursary Assistance Program**

OPEN TO:

Ex-Service or Currently serving personnel of the Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy);
Commonwealth War Veterans children & grandchildren

Ordinary/Life & Ladies' Auxiliary Members of The Legion children & grandchildren
Associate Members' children only

PROGRAM OPENS EVERY SEPTEMBER & CLOSSES THE LAST FRIDAY OF MARCH IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

Download the application form on Legion.ca

1-888-207-0939 bursary@on.Legion.ca

Supporting Documentation Required:

- OSAP Documentation
- Proof of Service & Relationship (Discharge Certificate or Record of Service)
- Branch / Ladies' Auxiliary Endorsement
- School Endorsement

Eligible students can apply for 5 years provided the same course of study is taken.
A new application must be submitted each year.

Applications MUST be submitted to Ontario Command

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
89 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora, Ontario L4G 4C4
1-888-207-0939

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

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

Theodore Hesburgh



Hall Rental



Rental of our spacious, air conditioned hall with its beautiful hardwood 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



Honours & Awards



Recognizing valued members for their contributions at our Legion is an important part of the Honours & Awards Chair.

When you nominate volunteer members, based on their efforts of ensuring our Branch functions continue, we build strong and continuous relationships, and we build a stronger Branch.

If you know anyone whom you feel should be shown appreciation, please contact me with this members particulars and confidentially the H&A Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Blair Eby
Honours & Awards Chairman
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Hospital & Visitation



Cards and some visitations happen on a regular basis. Cards are left at the bar for you to sign. We are all Branch #340 Legion family and regardless of 'knowing' the person, please sign your name.

Please let me know if one of our Legion or Ladies Auxiliary members is under the weather or hospitalized. Typically the Barbershop knows these things however please send me a quick message so I can see to the needs of one of our Legion family.

Cde Elizabeth Eby
Branch Visitation/Hospital Chairman
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Leadership Development



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Fact Sheet May 2017

The Legion at work in Ontario:

- There were 403 Branches, with a total membership of over 100,000 (97% of Ontario Command Branches responded to this survey)
- For the year 2016 Grants from Poppy funds, to Ex-Service Personnel and their Dependents, totaled \$800,814.39
- Additional funds spent on Veterans Programs for 2016 totaled over \$306,000.00
- Money spent on Medical Equipment and Research totaled over \$1.3 million
- Not including funds spent on Veterans, over \$341,000.00 was used for Seniors' Programs
- Provide funding for Provincial Service Bureaus, for Provincial Service Officers to assist, all Veterans – Currently Serving and Ex-Service Personnel, with pension applications, benefit concerns, on an ongoing basis - free of charge
- Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation approved \$499,094.00 to Ontario communities in 2016. Since its inception in 1979, donations approved amounted to over \$15,837,600.00 to various Hospitals, Health Clinics, Homes for the Aged and Charities in communities throughout Ontario.
- Through our Bursary program in the 2016-2017 academic year a total of 465 applications were awarded to students in need for post-secondary education in the total amount of \$232,500.00 in the Province of Ontario. Since the academic year of 2002-2003 to 2016-2017 our Bursary program has made a total of 11,032 awards totaling \$5,451,825.00
- Additional Bursaries from Poppy Trust funds were awarded in the amount of \$666,330.70

- Other Donations from Poppy Trust Funds in the amount of \$5,307,456.13
- Sponsors and facilitates low rental housing for senior citizens
- Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members visit Veterans in hospitals and continue to supply comforts and entertainment to enhance their quality of life
- Continued to support Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Army/Air/Sea Cadets and other Youth Programs in excess of \$1.6 million
- Other donations to local charities amount to over \$1.2 million, not from Poppy Trust Funds
- Donations to local Community Projects totaled over \$1.6 million
- Total Donations made to the Homeless Veterans Program - "Operation: Leave the Streets Behind" amount to over \$1,550,000.00. As of April 2017 over 500 Veterans have been assisted
- Ontario Command Members annually put in over 422,200 volunteer hours
- In 2016 Ontario Command Branches had over 6650 volunteer staff and employed over 1500 full time and part-time staff
- Ontario Command Branches offered their facilities free of charge to community groups for over 26,400 occasions in 2016

For further information please visit the
 Ontario Provincial Command Website at www.on.legion.ca
 Fact Sheet Updated as of May 2017

Cde Dan Kelly
 Leadership Development Chairman
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Membership Matters



Membership is going very well at Branch 340. We had 5 new applications and 2 transfers last month. All the new applicants have been initiated and are paid up members of Branch 340.

Our paid up membership to date is 403 members which is down from 433 last year. If you have not paid your membership for 2018 why not visit the Branch to pay your dues. Paying online is now an option and a few people have taken advantage of this. It is easy to do and only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Go to legion.ca and follow the instructions for members.

Now that the weather is turning I hope to see you all in the Branch to enjoy some comradeship.

Cde Dan Kelly
 Membership Chairman
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Poppy



Poppy is a year around endeavour to help our Veterans at home and abroad in their time of need.

The needs of our Veterans are not limited to October/November when we have our Poppy Fund Drive. We appreciate any donations made throughout the year. Each year we have Veterans and projects that need assistance.

We look forward to seeing every one of you, our members and friends, participating in events over upcoming year as we continue to strive to assist and comfort our Veterans who have served us so well!

Lest We Forget

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
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Ways & Means Report



Our Ways & Means events continue to have great support from all of you. With the snow still hanging about, people still come out to support our programs.

Our many volunteers continue to work hard. Some of the many activities completed last month are:

1. Thursday Night and Saturday Afternoon Euchre continued with 7 to 8 tables being filled each week.
2. Bingo continued weekly with attendance being very healthy on all of the Wednesdays. Our numbers continue to be above 70 participants which are very good for this time of the year.
3. There were 2 Meat Draws this month. Our Meat Draw on April 14th was a bit of a challenge for Tom and his supporting staff. Mother Nature decided to provide us with another foot of snow and closed roads. We still had many members show up and ended the day with around 40 draws. Good work gang. Everyone had a fun time and many went away with some fine Hoof-n-It and Beef Way meat.

These events will continue this month with our Bingo being held each Wednesday night starting at 7:30 pm. There are 2 Meat Draws this month being held on May 5th and 19th.

Our General Meeting will be held on May 1st starting at 7:30 pm. Installations of new Branch and LA Executive Committees will start off the meeting with our Zone Commander Dean Weir in attendance.

Let's keep our Branch active.

Cde Dan Kelly
Ways & Means Chairman
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**Youth Education – District Public Speaking
Saturday, April 7, 2018**



The District C Public Speaking Competition was held at Br. 109 Goderich on Saturday, April 7th. The first place winners will have advanced to Area competition on Sunday, April 29th at Branch 614 Scarborough, Ontario.

Our Zone C-4 speakers placed in 2nd position in each of their respective age category.

Primary: 2nd – Isaac T, Gr. 3, Bruce Peninsula D.S., “Making Bread” – 202 Lion’s Head/C4

Junior: 2nd – Grace R, Gr. 4, Holland-Chatsworth, “Nursery Rhymes” – 464 Chatsworth/C4

Intermediate: 2nd – Christian R, Gr. 8, Holland Chatsworth, “Agriculture” – 464 Chatsworth/C4

Senior: 2nd – Emma Schuster, Gr. 11, Saugeen Dist. S.S., “Feminism” – 340 Port Elgin/C4

I appreciate the Branch and Zone Youth Ed Chairmen who made the effort to come out and support your students at the competition. Also thanks to Derek, Les, Gillian, Brenda and Barb for assisting me! Special thanks to President John & Br. 109 Goderich for hosting and to the Br. 109 LA for preparing and donating the lunch for the students and their families.

John Lowe, Chairman,
District C Youth Education

Always be nice to your children because they are the ones who will choose your rest home.



The Saugeen Memorial Hospital will receive a Branch donation of \$ 1,500; \$2,000 from the Ladies Auxiliary and \$3,000 from the Poppy Fund. The donation has been earmarked for a CO2 Insufflator. Branch 340 has donated a total of \$194,184 to date to the hospital.

L-R: LA President Marg Esplen; Cde Rhonda Harrison, Charity Committee Chairman; Jim Barbour, Foundation Chair, Saugeen Memorial Hospital and Cde Alex Taylor, Poppy Chairman.



The Owen Sound Regional Hospital will receive a Branch donation of \$1,000; \$1,000 from the Ladies Auxiliary and \$3,000 from the Poppy Fund. The donation has been earmarked for Intensive Care Beds.

L-R: LA President Marg Esplen; Cde Alex Taylor, Poppy Chairman; Amy McKinnon, Executive Director, Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation and Cde Rhonda Harrison, Charity Committee Chairman.



The Saugeen Track & Field Club will receive a Branch donation of \$1,000 and \$50.00 from the Ladies Auxiliary.

L-R: LA President Marg Esplen; Cde Rhonda Harrison, Charity Committee Chairman; Jeremy Elliott, Billie Martin and Glenn Elliott, Throws Coach.





PRICELESS POEM!

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid,
And bring so much happiness...just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.
Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids).

I'll write on the wall with reds, whites and blues,
And I'll bounce on the furniture...wearing my shoes.
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids).

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,
And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids).

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat,
I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry...I'll run...if I'm able!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids).

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click;
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud till the end of the day!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids).

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh;
I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,
And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping!"

God Bless All Moms and Grandmas Everywhere





AIR CADETS
340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



Flight Sergeant Connor Drope



Flight Sergeant Connor Drope aged out of Cadets in March. Connor started attending Cadets in October 2012 at age 13. The next summer he attended Basic Drill and Ceremonial at Trenton AFB. His next summer camp with Cadets was in 2018 where he was a Staff Cadet at Trenton AFB. He was at camp for 7 weeks: the first week was for training with other Staff Cadets and then 3 sets of Cadets for 2 weeks at a time doing General Training. Connor remembers doing it so well that by the last 2 weeks he didn't even need the lesson plans. He has a fond memory of the final week being so hectic that the Staff Cadet barracks was, in his words, "less than tidy". The final night of the summer saw a huge order from the pizzeria where Connor ordered a pierogi the size of a small football that he was actually able to eat all by himself.

Connor will graduate from SDSS this year and has been accepted at Lambton College in Sarnia to pursue a 2 year certification program as a millwright. Congratulations to Connor for all his work and leadership to and for Cadets.

Cde Steve Pellow
 Branch 340 Legion Liaison
 340 (Griffin) Squadron Sponsoring Committee
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Zone C-4 Convention
March 18, 2018



The Zone C-4 Spring Convention was held on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Hepworth – Shallow Lake Branch 586.

The Early Bird Campaign Awards were presented to the Branches in their respective renewal percentages. Pictured are the Branches receiving the 70+ Renewal Sticker and Certificate for 2017.

L-R Cde Sheila James, Zone Membership Chairman; Cde Dan Kelly (Br 340); Cde Marilyn Noble (Br 155); Cde Marty Riordan (Br 32); Cde Kim White (Br 202) and Cde Eric Ross, District Membership Chairman.





Cde Norma Dudgeon, Branch 340, is presented with a plaque and gift basket for her years of service as Zone Honours & Awards Chairman.

L-R Cde Sheila James, Zone Membership Chairman, Cde Kathryn Eastwood, Cde Norma Dudgeon and Zone C-4 Commander Dean Weir.

Cde Sheila James:

Norma Dudgeon, Kathryn Eastwood and I had formed a committee to review and finalize the "Terms of Reference for Zone Honours and Awards" and presented this to Convention last fall which was voted and approved by the floor.

Kathryn and I realized that Norma has been the Chairman of Honours and Awards for a very long time and has done her job admirably. We also concluded that while she has "looked after" everyone else in recognizing and presenting Zone Awards that she had been overlooked, and it was long past time to properly recognize Norma's dedication to the Zone for 30+ years and counting.

Plaque Inscription:

1987-1989 - Ways And Means Chairman

1989-1999 - Zone Secretary

1999-2001 - Deputy Zone Commander

2001-2003 - Zone Commander

2007-2010 - Zone Secretary

1999-Present - Honours And Awards Chairman

"My mother gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, she believed in me."

The District C Spring Convention was on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22 at Hespeler Branch 272. Branch 340 presented our annual donations.



Cde Dan Kelly presents Cde Don Young with a cheque of \$1,000.00 for the District C Hospital Fund



Cde Robert Harrison presents Cde Crystal Taylor with a cheque of \$300.00 for the District C Track & Field program.



Cde Rhonda Harrison presents Cde Lynn McClellan with a cheque of \$100.00 for the Distict C Youth Education program.



It was a bright sunny day for the parade. Great to see all the colours and members marching.

Photos are courtesy of Rae Bauman, District C PRO

The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.

Phyllis Diller



**District "C" – Track & Field Meet
Saturday, June 23rd, 2018
Davidson Centre In Kincardine**



**Volunteers Needed In The Following Areas:
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Results Personnel
Photo Timer Assistant
Starter's Assistants
First Aid
Hurdles Crew/Block Crew
Discus/Hammer
Lunch Persons

Timers
Set-up/Runners
Announcers
Awards Notification
Long Jump
Shot Put
Food/Water Personnel

Starters
Track Referee
High Jump
Extras
Triple Jump
Javelin
Field Referee

Dress code is casual. Wear comfortable shoes; bring lawn chair, umbrella and sunscreen and a huge smile.
Lunch provided for volunteers.

Many Thanks For Your Help For This Great Legion Program For Our Youth

Crystal Taylor, Chairman ictaylor@tcc.on.ca
Brenda Funston, Assistant
Pat Smith, Assistant



Royal Canadian Legion Tara Br. 383

2018 Events

| Friday Barbecues 5:30 – 7:30 pm | Friday Dinners 5:30 – 7:30 pm | Meal Deal Events 5:00 – 7:00 pm | Sunday Breakfast 10:00 am– 1:00 pm |
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| May 11 June 8 July 13 July 27 August 10 September 14 | October 12 November 16 | May 19 – Chicken Wing Supper June 22 – Fish & Chips August 18 – Beef BBQ September 28 – Fish & Chips | May 27 October 28 November 25 |



Branch Barbecue / Dinner



Spring is in the air and that means barbecue! The Friday Night events are one of our best ways of fund-raising. We will be having either a barbecue or dinner every other Friday starting May 18 until September 14.

We look forward to teaming up with our volunteers from last season. We had such a great time and shared a lot of laughs! Please contact the undersigned if you would like to join our BBQ Team. No experience necessary as we would be happy to teach new cooks on the use of the equipment.

Most of all we appreciate those who donate salads and desserts at each event. They are always a complement to our table. We look forward to another great season!!

Robert Harrison
BBQ Chairman
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Royal Canadian Legion
Port Elgin Branch 340
630 Green Street, Port Elgin
519-389-9917

Friday BBQ & Dinners

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

May 18 June 1, 15, 29
July 6, 20 August 3, 17, 31
September 14

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

Adults /\$12 Child 12 & Under \$6 Child 3 & Under - Free

Everyone Welcome

Q: What do you call a mom who can't draw?

A: Tracey



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Port Elgin Branch 340
630 Green Street, Port Elgin
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What's Happening

2018 Meat Draws Saturdays starting at 4:00 pm

May 5, 19 June 2, 16, 30
 July 21 August 4, 18
 September 1, 15, 29 October 13, 27
 November 10, 24
 Friday, December 7 - starting at 8:00 pm
 December 8, 15, 22



← Event dates are subject to change →

Port Elgin Legion Branch 340



Toronto Blue Jays
vs
Baltimore Orioles



Sunday, June 10, 2018

Tickets \$115. per Person (No Refunds & Returns)

Seats are in Section #236 - 2nd level on 3rd base line

Includes Motor
Coach & Game
Tickets

Bus leaves Branch
Parking Lot at 8 am
-SHARP-



First Come - First Served
Space is Limited
Please pay in advance



Tickets available in the Legion Club Room or Eby's Barbershop

Don't be disappointed and secure your ticket early

It's a great day for ALL AGES.

More Information: Blair & Elizabeth Eby @ 519-832-3133

bizebys@gmail.com



1944 WW II Italian Campaign



The **Italian Campaign** of World War II was the name of Allied operations in and around Italy, from 1943 to the end of the war in Europe. Joint Allied Forces Headquarters (AFHQ) was operationally responsible for all Allied lands forces in the Mediterranean theatre, and it planned and commanded the invasion of Sicily in July 1943, followed shortly thereafter in September by the invasion of the Italian mainland and the campaign on Italian soil until the surrender of the German Armed Forces in Italy in May 1945.

It is estimated that between September 1943 and April 1945, some 60,000–70,000 Allied and 38,805-150,660 German soldiers died in Italy. Overall Allied casualties during the campaign totaled about 320,000 and the corresponding German figure (excluding those involved in the final surrender) was over 330,000. Fascist Italy, prior to its collapse, suffered about 200,000 casualties, mostly POWs taken in the Allied invasion of Sicily, including more than 40,000 killed or missing. Besides them, over 150,000 Italian civilians died, as did 35,828 anti-Fascist partisans and some 35,000 troops of the Italian Social Republic.

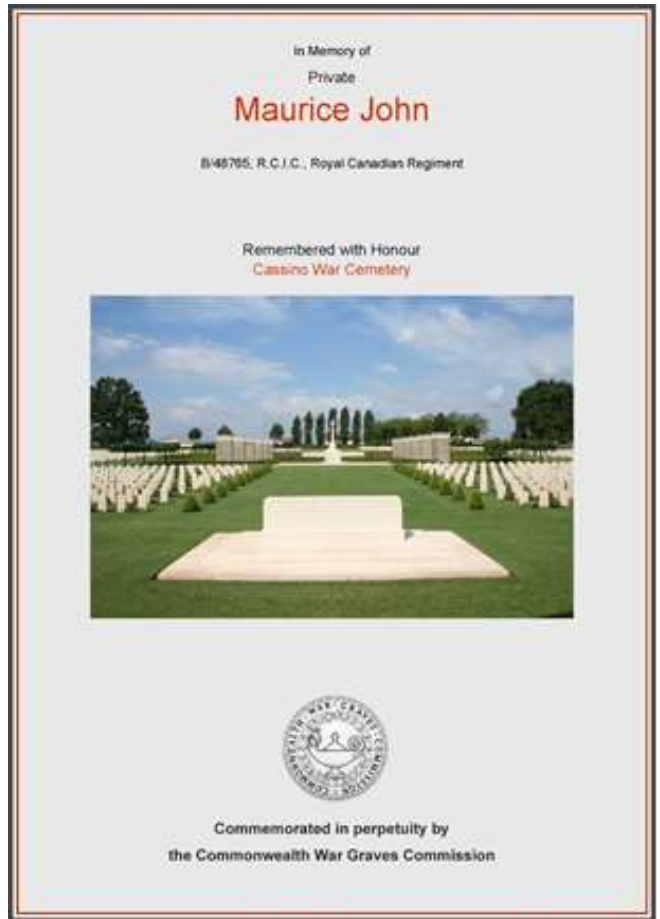
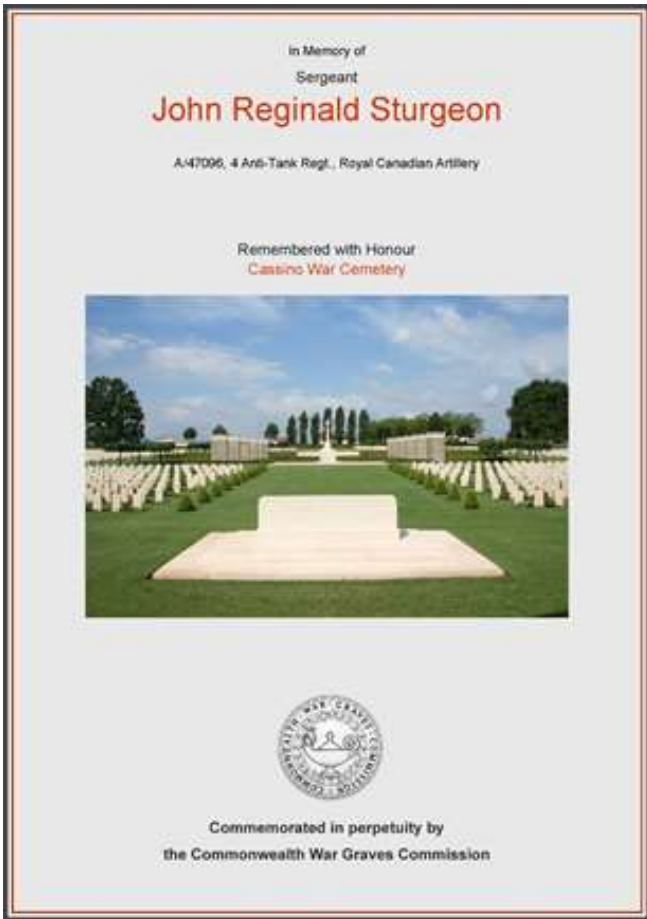
From our local perspective we had two brave men perish in the campaign.

1. Sergeant John Reginald Sturgeon of Port Elgin, 4 Anti-tank Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery - died on May 23, 1944. He is buried in the Cassino War Cemetery.
2. Private Maurice John, Royal Canadian Regiment, R. C. I. C. of Saugeen First Nation – died on May 16, 1944. He is also buried in the Cassino War cemetery.

In this time of remembrance of the Italian Campaign which ended May 2, 1945 may we remember these two men that that laid down their lives so that we as Canadian Citizens can live in a free world.

Included are the Commemorative Memorial pages for Sergeant Sturgeon and Private John from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for the two men.























“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”



At 3 years "Mommy I love you."
At 10 years "Mom whatever"
At 16 years "Mom you're so annoying."
At 18 years "I'm leaving this house".
At 25 years "Mom you were right".
At 50 years "I don't want to lose my Mom."
At 70 years "I would give up everything to have my mom here with me".

**Our character is what we do
when we think no one is
looking.**

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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| | | <p>1 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>GENERAL MEETING & JOINT INSTALLATIONS 7:30 PM</p> | <p>2 BINGO 7:30 PM</p>  | <p>3 EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p>  | <p>4 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p>  | <p>5 EUCHRE 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM</p>  |
| 6 | <p>7 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM</p>  | <p>8 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>LA GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM</p> | <p>9 BINGO 7:30 PM</p>  | <p>10 EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p>  | <p>11 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p>  | <p>12 EUCHRE 1:30 PM</p> |
| 13 | <p>14 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM</p>  | <p>15 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p>  | <p>16 BINGO 7:30 PM</p>  | <p>17 EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p>  | <p>18 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p>  <hr/> <p>BBQ TIME 6:00 PM</p>  | <p>19 EUCHRE 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM</p>  |
| 20 | <p>21 MAY VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND</p>  | <p>22 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p>  | <p>23 BINGO 7:30 PM</p>  | <p>24 EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p>  | <p>25 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p>  | <p>26 EUCHRE 1:30 PM</p> |
| 27 | 28 | <p>29 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM</p> | <p>30 BINGO 7:30 PM</p>  | <p>31 EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p>  | | |

🎲 Please join us for our various events 🎲

🎲 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🎲