



**Port Elgin Branch 340
Royal Canadian Legion**



Branch Line

August 2019

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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

Enjoy your Civic Holiday weekend with family and friends!!

Please note there will be no General Meeting for the Branch and LA Executives in August. However, the Branch Executive will continue to meet on the last Tuesday this month.

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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President's Report



I know it's hard to believe but summer is already half over. We couldn't ask for any better weather with lots of sun and just enough rain to keep the lawns and gardens green.

At the Branch we have finished replacing the siding on the building and our new signs are up. The Meat Draws and Bingos have been well attended thanks to your support.

We held an Appreciation Dinner for the Ladies Auxiliary. It was well attended and fun was had by all; thank you Norma for coordinating this event. The Friday BBQ's were also well attended in July. We have been most fortunate to receive a wide variety of salads and desserts so thanks to all who have donated.

Please check the calendar in this bulletin for upcoming events and dates. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

That is all for now. Enjoy the summer weather and hope to see you out and about.

In Comradeship

President Robert (Bob) Harrison
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Bursary



It is never too early to think about school funding.

Do you have a child or grandchild going to post-secondary school this fall, if so you could be eligible for a \$750.00 bursary per year for up to 5 years?

ELIGIBILITY:

- (1) 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.
- (2) Ordinary and Life members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren.
- (3) Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children only.
- (4) Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren.
- (5) Step children and step grandchildren may be considered where applicable. Total family net income of less than \$150,000.

If you, your child or grandchild would like more information please contact me:

Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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What's the difference between a golf ball and directions? A man will always look for a golf ball.



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 and 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 and 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 Tom Jacques
Honours & Awards Chair
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Leadership Development



Pulling Together

The greatest accomplishments in life are not achieved by individuals alone, but by proactive people pulling together for a common good. Look behind every winner and you will find a great coach. Look out in front of every superstar and you will see a positive role model. Look alongside every great achiever and you will find caring people offering encouragement, support and able assistance.

Rising to this level of interdependent thinking can be challenging and difficult. Looking beyond oneself, asking for help or accepting help can feel risky. But people are not given life to simply take from one another.

We are here to give. Our mission in life is to offer our gifts to benefit one another, to create mutual gain in the world. This is called teamwork – a win/win mindset stemming from a genuine commitment to the rules that allow it to happen.

1. Put the Team first
2. Communicate Openly and Candidly
3. Be Part of the Solution, Not the Problem
4. Respect Diversity
5. Ask and Encourage the Right Questions
6. Use a Rational Problem-Solving Process
7. Build Trust with Integrity and Example
8. Commit to Excellence
9. Promote Inter-dependent Thinking
10. Pull the Weeds

Author – John Murphy





Membership Matters



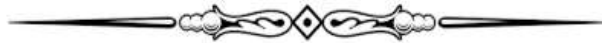
Hey Gang, there are many benefits by becoming a Legion member. If you know of anyone that is not a member why not get them to sign up and become part of a community organization that supports our veterans and youth. It is very rewarding to be part of this great organization. Some of the many benefits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

Cde Dan Kelly
 Membership Chairman
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Benefits of Joining the Legion	Join your Local Branch	Call to Join 855-330-3344
Low annual fee	Dues vary by Branch. Branch 340 fee \$55	\$55.00 – 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.





Last Post



Harry Thede - Associate
Doug Earle – Associate

***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



As Poppy Chairman for 2019, again, we want to get an early start so that we can hopefully have greater success for our Veterans with our 2019 Poppy Campaign. **Our 2019 Poppy Campaign will run from Friday, October 25th to Monday, November 11th.**

Thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth Eby, a highly successful bus trip to attend Airforce Day at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum was thoroughly enjoyed by 21 attendees including 9 Legion Veterans, Air Cadets and Legion members.

Our 2018, Poppy Campaign successfully raised over \$25,700, a 9% increase over 2017. Our current Trust Fund balance as at June 30, 2019 is \$19,497.57. To June 30, 2019 we have donated \$16,200.00 in support of Veterans and their families.

A campaign this large could not come off without Legion Member volunteers who donated over 100 hours of in-store canvassing. Air Cadet volunteers provided close to 90 hours of canvassing support organized by their leader Capt. Rob Herboth. Close to 30 Branch Member volunteers helped prepare the Poppy boxes, with canvassing and audit, in the office and counting the money. Again, Many Thanks to all our volunteers for their devotion.

Why are personal canvassers so important? First, donations doubled to quadrupled when a live canvass volunteer was present vs. an unattended Poppy Box. In cases, where corporate policy will not allow us to put a Poppy Box(es) in a store, it increases our collections from that location from 0% to 100% when a canvasser is present.

When you joined the Legion, one of the key commitments you made, as a member, was to actively support our Poppy Campaigns. The success of any Poppy Campaign relies heavily on you, our Volunteers, especially canvassers. Please send me an email expressing your interest in volunteering and your contact details. I look forward to hearing from you. I will ensure that you will be personally contacted and offered a role. Your time will be greatly appreciated to make our 2019 Campaign an even greater success!

Lest We Forget!

Cde Alex Taylor
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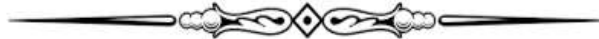
A bad day at golf is better than a good day at work



Hours of Operation Change Sunday Clubroom Hours



Starting Sunday, September 8th the Clubroom will be open from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.



Veteran Services



The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command Service Bureau
**** **NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT** ****

ATTENTION: ALL VETERANS

The Provincial Service Officer will be visiting OWEN SOUND LEGION
on September 18 – 20, 2019

If your Branch requires a visit, kindly advise the Branch Service Officer
no later than August 30th

Mike Hobson
Veteran Service Officer
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Ways & Means



Our Ways & Means program continues to have great support from all of you. We have seen a steady backing for all our events. Thank you again.

These events will continue this month: Bingo will be held each Wednesday night starting at 7:30 PM; Thursday Euchre continues weekly starting at 7:30 PM. There are 3 Meat Draws for the month of August on the 3rd, 17th and 31st and start at 4:00 PM. Friday BBQ's are scheduled for August 9th and 23rd from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. All events are open to members

and the public.

Tom Jacques
Ways & Means Chair
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Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Greetings from Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary.

Hope that you are all enjoying these hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer.

The Ladies are busy with bookings of weddings, birthday parties, family reunion and Celebration of Life. Think of us when you want to have an event, we can accommodate your every desire.

Our Legion Executive served up a delicious meal for the LA in recognition of what our LA members do for the Legion. We had a great time, thanks Legion Executive for this.

We currently have 33 members including 2 Life Members. Ours is a busy Auxiliary and can always use help so if you know someone who would like to be a part of our group invite them out to a meeting.

Enjoy your summer.

Vicky Taylor
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Two blonde young ladies decide to take a road trip to Disney World on their spring break. Bursting with excitement, early Friday afternoon they jump in the station wagon and start driving South East. They follow the map, they take turns at the wheel, take turns sleeping in the passenger seat, rarely stop for food and mere conveniences, and their excitement only increases, mile after mile, hour after hour, as they approach the sunny realms of their destination.

Early Sunday evening, shortly after they cross the Florida line, the driver spots a road sign. She brakes hard, backs up, stares at the sign in sheer disbelief; she taps her friend on the shoulder to wake her up and she shows her the sign: "Disney World Left".

They stare at each other for a few moments with tragic mutual understanding, make a slow U-turn and start on their way back home



COMMEMORATIVE BANNER PROGRAM
Samuel "Lewis" Honey VC



Samuel "Lewis" Honey was born in Conn, just east of Mount Forest, on Feb. 9, 1894. His father George E. Honey was a Methodist Minister.

The family moved to Southampton in 1912 when George served the local Methodists (today the United Church) as their minister. Son Lewis attended the Southampton Continuation School during that time. He finished Continuation School in Drayton and then took on a temporary teaching assignment in a school at Six Nations in Brantford before moving on to a school in Drumbo. With this experience, he entered Normal School in London, received formal training and then taught at Landsborough in Huron County.

He returned to High School in Walkerton for a short time, where he received his Honours Matriculation while studying French, Latin and German. In January 1915, while teaching in Whitechurch, in York County, he returned to Walkerton and enlisted, as a private, in the 34th Battalion, that was being formed out of Guelph. By October he had the rank of Sergeant when the battalion shipped out to England. While at the Canadian base in Bramshott England, he instructed in both bayonet fighting and physical fitness before going to France as a reinforcement with the 78th Battalion.

In January 1917, he was awarded the first of 3 decorations, the Military Medal for bravery during a pair of raids on German trenches. In future war actions these would be referred to as "commando raids". In April 1917, at Vimy Ridge, he received the Distinguished Conduct Medal when his platoon commander was injured, and Honey assumed command and led his men

forward in the face of fierce enemy fire. They were forced to dig in and held their position for 3 days, until relieved. He was immediately recommended for a commission and returned to England to attend the Officer Training School, arriving back to the front lines in October 1917 as a Lieutenant.

He did get a little perk in February 1918 with a 14 day leave to spend in Nice on the French Riviera on the Mediterranean Sea.

It was later in 1918 that the 100 Days Offensive by the allies, lead to a series of battles that eventually brought about the end of the war. To best tell the last chapter in the life of S. Lewis Honey, we will refer to the London England Times, History of the War, vol. xix reprinted below.

HONEY, Samuel Lewis

V.C. *Bourlon Wood, September 27th – 30th, 1918 (Posthumous)*

Born: *Conn, Ontario, February 9th, 1894*

Unit: *78th Battalion, C.E.F.*

Bourlon Wood was the scene of the operation in which from September 27....Lieutenant Honey played an important part. On the 27th, when all of his company officers had become casualties, Honey took command, and under very severe fire skillfully carried out reorganization. Continuing the advance with great dash he gained the objective. He now found that his company was suffering casualties from enfilade machine-gun fire, whereupon he followed the example which had been so often set – he located and rushed, single handed, the machine gun nest, and captured the guns and 10 prisoners. Lieutenant Honey afterwards repelled four counter-attacks, and after dark, again went out alone, and having located an enemy post he led a party which captured it and three guns. There was no falling off in the high character of the work which Honey set himself to do. With great skill and daring he led his company on September 29th against a strong German position, and ... continued his display of heroism and devotion. This gallant officer died of wounds received during the last day of the attack by his battalion.

His Commanding Officer wrote the following comments to his parents, speaking on Lewis Honey's actions in Bourlon Wood, that had won him the Victoria Cross:

.....never have I seen such gallant work as this boy of yours displayed...He was the first to reach the final objective during the first day, and throughout the days that followed he was an example of grit and determination that was the talk of the whole company. The men idolized him and as they bore him by me that morning there was a tenderness in their care that only strong men can show.

In 1964, a Provincial plaque was dedicated to him and placed along Highway 89 in the village of Conn, at the local Methodist Church. In 1975, his sister Isobel, turned his Victoria Cross and his other medals over to the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa where they are today. Recently

the dedication plaque was moved from Conn and is now in front of the Mount Forest Royal Canadian Legion.

May He Rest in Peace.

WW 1 Plaque of Southampton Deaths



Provincial Plaque Dedication



Bourlon Wood Memorial

We will remember them.

Researched and written by: G. William Streeter



Barbecue / Dinner



The 2 scheduled dates are August 9th and 23rd from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

We hope to see you and your family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

Robert & Rhonda Harrison
BBQ Committee
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We thank everyone for joining us for our Friday night BBQ. We have been receiving many delicious salads and desserts from our members and we are very appreciative. Such positive comments have also been received for our very enjoyable meals. Thanks to everyone!



How does a pirate find out what day it is?
He looks at his Calendarrrrr.

How much does it cost a pirate to get earrings?
A buccaneer!





Saturday Euchre will commence on September 14th starting at 1:30 pm in the Club Room.

Events are open to the public. Please join us.



Two buddies in a bar after work on a Wednesday afternoon: *"I hear you're trying to make peace with your wife."*

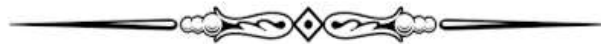
"Yeah, we spent some time out together last Friday night." "Really? What did you do?"

"Well, you know, we tried to gain back some common ground, rediscover common interests, we tried different things..." "Like what?"

"First we had an early dinner, did some dancing, then we went to the country club, did some bowling, some target practice. We shot bows, rifles, tried some light hand guns..."

"Sounds like a lot for one night, you guys trying hard, hmm? So how did it go? Feel like you're getting to each other's heart?"

"Hard to tell for sure as of yet. But I'm hopeful. I may be a little out of practice, you know, it's been a while for me, but my aim is getting better and better with every shot."



**Royal Canadian Legion Tara Branch 383
2019 Events – August**

**Friday Night BBQ
5:30 – 7:00 pm**

August 9th & 23rd

OLD PEOPLE

1. Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old People remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment.

They know the words and believe in them.

2. Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbour, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler.

3. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing.

They remember the 50 plus Peace-keeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

4. If you bump into an Old Person on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women.

5. Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

6. Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

7. Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

8. It is the Old People who remove their hats while eating in a restaurant in respect for the ladies and guests.

9. It is the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

10. This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

We need them more than ever.

Thank God for Old People.

***** Author Unknown *****



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340



Toronto Blue Jays

vs

New York Yankees



Sunday, August 11, 2019

Tickets \$149. per Person (A+ Game) (No Refunds & Returns)

Seats are in Section #233 - 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
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AUGUST 17/19
Chesley Legion Day in the Park

Chesley Legion presents "A Day in the Park" Come out and support your Legion in one of the nicest parks around! Event will be hosted at the new Kinsmen Pavilion. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the music, food and fellowship. Fundraising effort for Legion improvements and helping support local charities and community members.

CHESLEY KINSMEN PAVILION
Chesley Park

Legion Day In The Park 2:00pm – 11:00pm

Meat Roll 2:00pm – 4pm

Wings & Fries 5:00pm-8:00pm 13.00/order or 2/25.00

Entertainment

Pat & Dale 2:00pm-4:00pm

Reflections with Sue Laver & Friends

7:00 pm to Close






Alcohol sponsored event





August 2019



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	2	3 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
4	5 HAPPY CIVIC HOLIDAY A LONG WEEKEND 	6	7 BINGO 7:30 PM 	8 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	9 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM BBQ - 6:00 PM 	10
11	12	13	14 BINGO 7:30 PM 	15 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	16 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	17 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
18	19	20	21 BINGO 7:30 PM 	22 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	23 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM BBQ - 6:00 PM 	24
25	26	27 EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM	28 BINGO 7:30 PM 	29 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	30 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	31 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 

🎉 Please join us for our various events 🎉
 🎉 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🎉