



**Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340**

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BRANCH LINE

Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information and a wee bit of humor too. I welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past.

REMINDER to Mark your Calendars

The Annual Memorial Golf Tournament will be happening on Saturday, August 17th. Just wanted to get the word out there because we don't want you to miss it! This year we are pleased to honour our Late Cde "Wimp" Lamont. The details are in the newsletter... we hope you can join us.

We welcome your participation and support at our Branch Events. Remember, these events are open to the public – not just Legion members. Tell your friends, who can tell their friends, who tell their friends, you get the idea....

If you have any events that you would like the Branch to become involved with, please let us know.



The Editor



LEST WE FORGET



QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL RECIPIENTS - 2013



Three recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal are from Branch 340.
L-R Cde Eric Eastwood, Cde Norma Dudgeon and Cde Mike Atkinson.
Congratulations to each of you – with your years of service
for the Branch and within the community.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



LADIES CARD CLUB
Tuesday Afternoons
Upstairs Hall
Start 1:30 pm

EUCHRE
Thursday at 7:30 pm
Canteen

JAMBOREE
Sunday July 7
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE
2nd Tuesday of each month
Start 7:30 pm
Canteen

DANCE CLUB
Friday at 8:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

BRANCH BARBECUE
Fri. July 5 – 4:30 – 6:30 pm
LUNCH AT THE BRANCH
Sat. July 6 – 12:30 – 2:00 pm

BINGO every Wednesday
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Bingo at 7:30 pm –
\$700. Jackpot

EUCHRE
Saturday at 1:30 pm
Canteen

MEAT RAFFLES
Saturday – July 20
Start 4:00 pm
Canteen

A Jar of Olives

A man walked into a bar and ordered martini after martini, each time removing the olives and placing them in a jar. When the jar was filled with olives and all the drinks consumed, the guy started to leave. "Excuse me", said a customer, who was puzzled over what the guy had done. "What was that all about?" "Nothing", said the guy, "My wife just sent me out for a jar of olives."

**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
ONTARIO COMMAND**

PRESS RELEASE FACT SHEET as of APRIL 2013

The Legion at work in Ontario:

- There are 409 Branches, with a total membership of over 121,600 (Response of survey from Ontario Command Branches was 378 branches — 92.4%)
- For the year 2012 Grants from Poppy Funds to Ex-Service Personnel and Dependants totaling \$762,532.35
- Additional Funds spent on Veterans Programs for 2012 totaled over \$335,800
- Not including funds spent on Veterans, over \$386,100 was used for Senior Programs
- Continues to provide a Provincial Service Bureau for all Veterans and Ex-service personnel to assist with pension applications and benefit concerns, this is an ongoing process; with this service being free of charge.
- Our Ladies Auxiliary members raised over \$866,245 for donations to charities and other deserving projects in 2012
- Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation donated \$464,673 to Ontario communities in 2012
- Through our Bursary Program in the 2011-2012 academic year a total of 700 applications were awarded to needy students for post secondary education in the total amount of \$450,800 in the Province of Ontario
- Additional Bursaries from Poppy Funds in the amount of \$635,846.
- Other Donations from Poppy Funds in the amount of \$4,066,036
- 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
- Continues to Sponsor Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Cadets and other youth programs
- Money spent for Youth Programs was over \$1.3 million; this does not include money from Poppy Funds.
- Other donations to local Charities amount to over \$1.3 million; this does not include money from Poppy Funds.
- Donations spent to local communities totaled over \$1.9 million
- Total Donations made to the Homeless Veterans Project - "Operation: Leave the Streets Behind" amount to over \$550,000.00
- Ontario Command Volunteers annually put in over 364,500 hours
- In 2012 Ontario Command Branches had over 7100 volunteer staff and employed over 1600 full time and part-time staff
- Ontario Command Branches offered their facilities free of charge to community groups for over 31,900 occasions in 2012

For further information please visit our Ontario Provincial Command Website at www.on.legion.ca

Updated as of April, 2013





AIR CADETS 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



LOCAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADET SQUADRON CELEBRATES 34th ANNUAL INSPECTION

Local Air Cadet 340 (Griffin) Squadron celebrated their 34th Annual Inspection Parade at The Plex on June 2nd. The Reviewing Officer for the ceremony was L. Col (ret) James R. Gale. After inspecting the Cadets, L. Col Gale commended the Cadets on their dress and deportment, and mentioned they are in good company with several other graduate Air Cadets such as the comedian Jim Carey, the singing astronaut Chris Hadfield and world famous architect Frank Gehry.

Chief Warrant Officer Second Class First Andy Plater, masterfully commanded the parade square of 28 Cadets. The Cadets on parade were able to demonstrate how much they have learned over the past training year. The Cadets demonstrated air rifle drill, as well as an honour guard and a silent drill team for friends, family and local representatives.

Awards were presented for Marksmanship to Cpl Lennon Estabrooks, for Citizenship to Cpl Adrian Schwandt, and for Best Dressed Cadet to FSgt Cameron Feringa. Warrant Plater was awarded the Cadet Peer Trophy, recognized by the other cadets as a leader and a mentor. Warrant Plater ages out this year having earned his glider and power wings over the years. Warrant Plater will become a Civilian Volunteer later this year and hopes to help the Cadet program by volunteering at the Regional Gliding Centre and the local squadron.

Flight Sargent Hayley Laur will be attending the International Air Cadet Exchange program this summer and will represent Canada in the United States. This program is designed as a senior training opportunity in acting as an ambassador for Canada while learning about other countries with Air Cadets from other countries. FSgt Laur is one of 13 cadets going to a variety of camps this summer, all paid for by DND.

Special thanks to the 340 Legion Ladies Auxiliary for providing refreshments for the event.

The Royal Canadian Air Cadets, in partnership with the Air Cadet League of Canada has been training youth in Canada for 70 years. The Cadets are the largest government funded youth program in Canada with over 25,000 participants across Canada, with over 8,000 Air Cadets in the province of Ontario alone. The Royal Canadian Air Cadets accepts youth between the ages of 12-18 who have a desire to learn more about the air element of the Canadian Forces, wish to develop the attributes of leadership and good citizenship and who wish to promote physical fitness. While the program is military based, there is no obligation for a cadet to join the Canadian Armed Forces when he or she finishes their cadet career. Cadets are also encouraged to learn more about opportunities within Canada's Aviation Industry. For more information on the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, please visit www.cadets.ca

Steve Pellow
Air Cadet Liaison

Yes, no, yes, no...

There are 2 women getting ready to leave for work. The brunette gets in the driver's seat and the blonde gets in the passenger's seat.

The brunette says: "We're late, so you watch out the back window for cops." As she speeds down the road she asks the blonde:

"So, do you see any cops?" The blonde replies: "Yes!"

The brunette says: "Are they behind us?" "Yes!"

"Are they close?" "Yes!"

"Are they going to stop us?" "I don't know!"... "Well, are their lights on?"

The blonde replies: "Yes, no, yes, no, yes, no...!"



Athletes from the Saugeen Track and Field Club captured 29 medals at the District "C" Legion Meet in Kincardine on Saturday June 15th.

The District "C" Meet organizers selected athletes from the Meet, who will represent the District at the Provincial Legion Championship in Sudbury on July 5 & 6, 2013.

The following Saugeen athletes have been selected to make the trip to Sudbury as part of the District "C" Team: Abraham Fischer, Tony Elliott, Aaron Gebhardt, Molly Boley, Emily Branderhorst and Bethany Wilken.

The trip to Sudbury and the Ontario Championship Meet is fully funded by the Royal Canadian Legion Branches. The same was also the case with the District "C" Meet in Kincardine.

The generous contributions of the local Legion Branches go a long way in the promotion of Track & Field for young athletes in our area.

Local Track & Field Athlete qualifies for Canadian Team

Alex Morrow of Saugeen Shores has qualified to be a member of Canada's World Youth Team which will represent Canada at the 2013 IAAF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS July 10-14 in Donetsk, Ukraine.

Canada will be sending two athletes per events who have made the World qualifying standard. Alex exceeded the qualifying standard this past weekend at the Athletics Ontario Combined Events Championship at York University. Alex's winning score of 4743 moved her into second place in the Canadian Ranking for the Youth Girl's Heptathlon.

Alex is a member of the Saugeen Track and Field Club and trains out of Port Elgin.

For additional information Alex can be contacted at kopamd@hotmail.com or [226 -435-2021](tel:226-435-2021)
Or her coach Earl Farrell at the above email address or [519-832-6886](tel:519-832-6886).



Thanks to Cdes Norma Dudgeon and Sharen Maas from Branch 340 who volunteered to help at the District "C" Track and Field Meet in Kincardine.

Earl Farrell
Track & Field Chairman
Farrell@bmts.com

BARBECUE at the BRANCH



Friday, July 5th
4:30 – 6:30 pm

Barbecue / Salads

\$8.00 / per person

“OPEN TO ALL”

LUNCH SPECIAL at the BRANCH



Saturday, July 6th
12:30 – 2:00 pm



Cold Meat / Salad
Dessert
Coffee-Tea
\$10.00 / per person



“OPEN TO ALL”



PORT ELGIN LEGION BR. 340
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Wilmer “Wimp” Lamont Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday August 17, 2013

Holiday Golf Course (Tri-Par) – Port Elgin

Golf begins at 9:00 am

***\$30.00 Entry Fee per person includes
Golf / Light Lunch and Prizes***

***Sign-up Sheet will be available at the Bar
Please pay in advance***

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*** Deadline to register is August 10, 2013 ***
(To arrange for meals and prizes)




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	1 CANADA DAY 	2 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	3 BINGO 7:30 PM	4 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	5 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM <hr/> BRANCH BARBECUE 4:30 – 6:30 PM	6 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> LUNCH AT THE BRANCH START 12:30 PM
7 JAMBOREE 2 PM – 5 PM	8	9 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	10 BINGO 7:30 PM	11 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	12 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	13 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
14	15	16 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	17 BINGO 7:30 PM	18 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	19 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	20 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
21	22	23 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	24 BINGO 7:30 PM	25 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	26 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	27 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> ENTERTAINMENT 8PM – MIDNIGHT
28	29	30 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> EXEC MTG 7:30 PM				

~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~

**** The General Meetings for the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary have been cancelled for the months of July and August ****