



# AUGUST 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](mailto:branch340newsletter@gmail.com)

There will be no General Meetings for the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary for the month of August. The Branch Executive will continue with business at their monthly meetings for August.

The Saturday afternoon Euchre is still postponed for the month of August. They will resume the first Saturday in September.

The Branch will be closed on Sundays for the month of August. Branch hours will be Monday to Saturday from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held on August 20 at the New Fairway Tri-par golf course in Port Elgin. There is still room to register. Please see flyer in this newsletter to get all the details.

2<sup>nd</sup> Line will be the entertainment on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. We hope you will be able to spend the afternoon with us and have a dance.

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,

We are in the middle of a very nice summer season. I hope everyone takes time to enjoy our little piece of paradise and share some good times with family and friends.

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

1. Zone Golf Tournament will be held on August 7, 2016. There is no real experience required as this is a fun tournament that is played in 2 person best ball format. All participants will be coming back to Branch 340 for burgers and fixings afterwards.  
Sign-up sheet is up on the sports board. Please sign up and support our Zone.
2. Meat Draws continue throughout the summer with the next one being on the long weekend in August. Good food and Good company – come on down.
3. BBQ's continue every other weekend and the food is very good with many compliments presented at each BBQ. The next BBQ will be held the Friday of the long weekend (July 29, 2016) starting at 6 PM. Come out and enjoy a day off from cooking with a delicious meal.
4. Branch 340 golf tournament will be held on Saturday August 20, 2016. It will be played at the Par 3 golf course at the South end of Port Elgin. Come on out and have some fun with your fellow Comrades. Sign-up sheet is at the bar. Sign up soon.

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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### Thursday Night Euchre Donation

L-R Judy Hennessey, President Dan Kelly and Betty McLeod

Comrades, it was my pleasure to receive this \$500 donation from Thursday night Euchre. It is nice to see so many people enjoying the Legion throughout the week. Thursday Night Euchre not only enjoys the comradeship but they find it in their hearts to make this donation. Very Nice.

Thank you all for your generous donation and hope you continue to enjoy your Thursday nights.

Yours in Comradeship.

President Dan Kelly

*These House Rules are for the guidance of Members & Guests while using Branch 340 Members' Lounge and facilities*

***ADMISSION TO PREMISES***

- a. Admission to the Members' Lounge is restricted to members of this Branch and their guests, Members of the Ladies Auxiliary to this Branch and their guests, visiting Legion and L/A members from other Branches and their guests
- b. All serving members of the Canadian Forces are to be granted clubroom privileges
- c. All members shall be required to show their card to prove membership when called upon to do so
- d. Invited guests shall be signed in by a responsible member and such guests shall be on the premises at the responsibility of the member and must leave the premises when the member leaves. Visiting Legion and Auxiliary members must sign in
- e. Any member of the RCL who is under suspension for any reason will not be granted entry into the Branch

***CONDUCT OF MEMBERS & GUESTS***

- a. Hats are to be removed before entering the members' lounge except headwear recognized as religious obligation and appropriate headware for medical issues; this is in respect of our fallen comrades
- b. Loud talking, profanity, fighting, drunkenness and unwarranted intrusion upon other members is prohibited
- c. For the safety of our members & guests, no floor/shuffleboard wax is to be applied to the floor for dancing; shoes must be worn at all times
- d. Members who are "cut off" and/or suspended bar privileges must leave the premises immediately
- e. The ON Command Human Rights Policy will be observed by all members, guests and employees. Under no circumstances will any violation of the Human Rights Act or Human Rights at Work Policies be tolerated

***DRESS***

- a. Clean and appropriate dress and footwear must be worn at all times
- b. The following dress is not acceptable: muscle shirts, any attire with offensive writing or graphics, tube tops, beach wear; patrons with this type of clothing will be refused service

***BRANCH PROPERTY***

- a. A member shall be accountable for any and all damage occasioned by himself or his guest to branch property
- b. Members taking any article which is branch property from the branch premises must first obtain permission from the President and/or Property Chairman

***OUT OF BOUNDS***

- a. The kitchen, areas behind all bars, the mechanical room and banquet halls when rented for public functions, are out of bounds to other than authorized personnel

***COMPLAINTS***

- a. A member will not, under any circumstances, give a personal reprimand to an employee
- b. Any complaint must be in writing, signed and delivered to the Branch Secretary and shall be dealt with in accordance with the Legion General By-laws, Article III, where applicable
- c. Where a complaint has been documented in the steward's diary, the seriousness of the incident will determine the action to be taken

## ***GAMBLING***

- a. No gambling will be permitted contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and the By-laws of The Royal Canadian Legion

## ***VEHICLES AND PARKING***

- a. The Legion cannot be responsible for any damage or theft relating to any vehicle parked on Legion property
- b. Any person causing damage to vehicles parked on branch property shall be accountable and report to the proper authority (bar steward and/or police)
- c. All entrances to the building shall be kept clear

## ***BAR REGULATIONS***

- a. All bottles, jugs and glasses shall be returned to the bar
- b. Members shall vacate the premises ½ hour after the bar closes at which time all unconsumed beverages shall be returned to the bar
- c. No person or member shall bring personal alcoholic beverages into the branch premises or property
- d. Age of majority cards must be produced on request
- e. All games must cease 15 minutes before the bar is closed
- f. Branch business hours and holiday hours will be set by the Executive Committee

## ***PERSONAL PROPERTY***

- a. Branch 340 cannot be responsible for the loss or damage of personal property while under the members' or guests' care while on legion premises

## ***PETS NOT PERMITTED***

- a. No animals or pets of any nature shall be permitted in the branch except for service animals and those in training for same

## ***AUTHORITY***

- a. The bar stewards, President, Executive, Sgt at Arms or those appointed to act, are responsible for the conduct of Members and guests while on branch property and are empowered to take any action they consider necessary to protect the interests of the branch, including the calling of local police authorities to assist if deemed necessary
- b. Any member observing improper conduct or destruction of branch property, may lay a charge (complaint) against another member(s) in writing to the Branch Secretary in accordance with the By-laws

## ***FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCIES***

- a. All Members, Guests, Employees and members of the public in attendance at a function must comply with the approved Fire Safety Plan and its related notices posted throughout the building; members of the Branch Executive and its Ladies Auxiliary and our employees will perform their duties in accordance with the Plan and the ON Fire Code; any violations will be subject to penalties under the Act

Approved: 7 June 2016

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>. **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.

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Bursary Chairman  
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Instead of "the John," I call my toilet "the Jim." That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning.

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Math Teacher: "If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?"  
Student: "A drinking problem."

## ABOUT US

The Ontario Command of The Royal Canadian Legion is comprised of over four hundred (400) branches throughout Ontario. With a total membership of over 100,000 the Ontario Command of the Legion is the largest service oriented organization in Ontario.

Although our main focus continues to be remembering those who gave their lives for freedom, and looking after the needs of Veterans, their dependants, and those still serving in the Canadian Forces; Legions throughout Ontario Command are also contributing to the well being of our neighbours by sponsoring community programs. Support for the communities we live in is one of our main beliefs.

Legions sponsor sports, youth programs, senior's programs, as well as supporting other organizations both financially and by supplying meeting rooms and halls for events. In some communities, the Legion Hall is the main meeting place for community and social events. Branches, Zones and Districts also raise funds to assist local organizations and regional organizations and facilities such as medical centres, medical research facilities and communities affected by natural disasters.

In partnership with the Ladies Auxiliary of Ontario Command, the Legion operates a charitable foundation which brings the collective strength of our branches together to fund medical equipment and educational bursaries throughout Ontario Command. Funds to support this foundation are raised by Legion branches through Poppy tagging campaigns and various fundraising events.

### **It's Your Legion**

Are you an active member  
The kind that would be missed  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the crowd  
Or do you stay at home  
And grumble long and loud?

Do you ever go and visit  
A member who is sick  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique?

Come to the Legion more often  
And come with hand and heart  
Don't just be a member  
But take an active part.

Think this over members  
You know the right from wrong.  
Are you an active member  
Or do you just belong?



- Cde. Tom Kennedy  
Deceased 2001, Age 83



**AIR CADETS**  
**340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin**



The Air Cadets 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin held their Awards Ceremony on June 21, 2016.

Pictured is FCPL Maddie Hobson who is receiving her "Outstanding Cadet" award.

L-R Cde Elizabeth Eby, Captain Robert Herboth, FCPL Maddie Hobson, Reviewing Officer Captain Olivier Ndicunguye and Cde Blair Eby.

**Other awards included:**

Best Junior Cadet 2016	FCPL Maddie Hobson
	FCPL Rahul Pandya
Outstanding Cadet 2016	FCPL Maddie Hobson
Best Senior Cadet 2016	WOII Allison Wilson
Citizenship Award 2016	LAC Colin Little-Hokea
Best Dressed Cadet on Parade 2016	FCPL Maddie Hobson
Most Fit Female Cadet 2016	FCPL Maddie Hobson
Most Fit Male Cadet 2016	SGT Connor Drope
	LAC Jared Kerr
PEER Award 2016	FSGT Mitch McCallum
Most Improved Cadet 2016	FCPL Noah Aasman
Marksmanship 2016	FCPL Rahul Pandya

**10 Facts About You:**

1. You're reading this now.
2. You're realizing that this is a stupid fact.
4. You didn't notice I skipped number 3.
5. You're checking now.
6. You're smiling.
7. You're still reading this even though it is stupid.
9. You didn't realize I skipped number 8.
10. You're checking again and smiling because you fell for it again.
11. You're enjoying this.
12. You didn't realize I said 10 facts not 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business and the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

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# Friday Branch BBQ

May 20      June 3, 17  
July 1, 15, 29    August 12, 26  
Sept 2, 16, 30

**Start 6:00 pm**

Burgers or Sausage on a Bun  
Fries, Salad & Dessert

Adult - \$12.00  
Child 12 and Under - \$6.00  
Child 3 and Under - Free

You are welcome to join us



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# What's Happening

**Meat Draws**  
Saturdays 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

July 2, 16, 30	Aug 20
Sept 3, 17	Oct 1, 15, 29
Nov 19	Dec 2, 3, 10, 17

**Branch Barbecue**  
Fridays 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

July 1, 15, 29	Aug 12, 26
Sept 2, 16, 30	

**Entertainment on Saturday**

July 23 - 3:00 - 7:00 pm	Crippled Ducks
Aug 27 - 3:00 - 7:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line
Oct 1 - 7:00 - 11:00 pm	Silver River Band

**Pumpkinfest Breakfast**

Saturday Oct 1	7:00 am - Noon
Sunday Oct 2	8:00 am - Noon

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# Branch 340 Golf Tournament

Saturday August 20, 2016

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  
\$12.00 for Non-Golfers for Light Lunch

Sign-up Sheet will be available at the Legion Canteen  
Please pay in advance

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
No experience Necessary

Please register early for meals and prize arrangements

**\* Deadline to register is August 10, 2016 \***

For more information:  
Charlie Roopnaraine  
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# August 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	3 BINGO 7:30 PM	4 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	5 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	6
7	8	9 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	10 BINGO 7:30 PM	11 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	12 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM <b>BRANCH BBQ</b> 6:00 PM <small>You're Invited to a</small> 	13
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 GOLF TOURNEY 9:00 AM  <b>MEAT RAFFLE</b> 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 <b>BRANCH BBQ</b> 6:00 PM <small>You're Invited to a</small> 	27 ENTERTAINMENT 2 <sup>nd</sup> Line" 3:00 – 7:00 PM 
28	29	30 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <b>EXEC. MTG</b> 7:30 PM	31 BINGO 7:30 PM			

☞ Please join us for our various events ☞

☞ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ☞