



September 2017



Branch Line

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340
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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

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:30 pm. The next Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Reminder that the Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Card Group will resume on Tuesday, September 5 and the Saturday Afternoon Euchre will resume the second Saturday in September.

Please read our Proclamation for Legion Week inside this issue.

See inside for details about the Pumpkinfest Breakfasts that Branch 340 will be hosting. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be located in the Canteen and we will need your help to make this annual event a success. A couple of hours of your time would mean so much!! Please volunteer.

All the events happening at the Branch are open to the public so please bring your friends and join in the camaraderie.

If you no longer wish to receive the Branch Line newsletter, please leave a message at Branch340newsletter@gmail.com



The Editor





President's Report



Hello Comrades,

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over. This was a weird one with lots of rainy days. I hope everyone took some time to enjoy your family and partake in some of the many activities around our area.

Things were slow around the Legion this summer. There were some bright spots though as the Meat Draws were pretty well attended. Our BBQ's are still going strong thanks to Bob and Rhonda. They are well organized and are enthusiastic in their work ethic. We even had a Fish Dinner in August which was a success. Thanks Gary and gang. Our golf tournament competition was completed in August with Larry Dudgeon and Diane Bailey being declared the winners.

We are looking for people to participate in:

1. Meat Draws will continue throughout the fall with the next one being on the long weekend in September. Come on down and join your friends for some fun and company.
2. BBQ's continue to be very successful. The next BBQ will be held the Friday of the Long weekend (September 1, 2017) starting at 6 PM. Come out and enjoy a day off from cooking with a delicious meal.
3. Legion Week will be held in the third week of September. Come out and take part in some of the events being held at the legion.

Hope all is well with you and your family and I look forward to seeing you down at the Branch soon.

We will remember them.

Yours in Comradeship
President Dan Kelly
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Membership Matters



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



John Lang

*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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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

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget.

They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
Charitable Foundation
&
Royal Canadian Legion
Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command



OPEN TO STUDENTS OF:

- *Ex-Service personnel or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy) & their children & grandchildren;
Commonwealth war veterans & their children & grandchildren
- *Ordinary & Life Members of The Royal Canadian Legion - children & grandchildren
 - * Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion & their children only
 - * LA members & their children & grandchildren

Apply early to avoid being disappointed!

Required Documentation

- *OSAP Documentation* *School Endorsement*
- *Bursary Assistance Application*
- *Membership verification from the Branch*
- *Proof of Service - discharge certificate/record of service*
(proof of relationship required)

Download the application from on.legion.ca



Contact your local Royal Canadian Legion Branch,
Ladies' Auxiliary, Financial Aid Office,
Ontario Command or Service Bureau Office for
an application

Applications **must** be sent to Ontario Command



Program **opens September** and closes the last Friday of March each year.

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
89 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora Ont. L4G 4C4
1-888-207-0939 info@on.legion.ca

This is up to \$750.00 per year program. For more information please refer to the poster included in the newsletter or contact the undersigned at any time. If you need any help with the paperwork please feel free to contact me.

Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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Hospital & Visitation



Greetings Comrades,

On behalf of our Branch 340, we as members extend our heartfelt sympathies at this time to the family and friends of our comrade and friend, John 'Night Train' Lane. Train will always have a special place in our hearts and will be sadly missed.

Celebration of his life will be held in our lounge this coming Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm. Please consider attending.

The Barbershop men and his hunting buddies were up to see him prior to his passing. A good shave and a few laughs they shared. Well done Barrie & Blair. Train was very pleased.

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.

In Comradeship,
Cde Elizabeth Eby
Branch Visitation/Hospital Chairman
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519 389 1772 Work



Poppy



While this may be a little early, as the new Chairman of the 2017 Annual Poppy Campaign, I want to get an early start on building our 2017 Poppy Campaign Team. Our Poppy Campaign will run from Friday, October 27th to Saturday, November 11th 2017.

As you are well aware, the success of any Poppy Campaign relies heavily on our Volunteers. They will be needed to canvas poppies in different locations through-out Port Elgin as well as other behind the scenes roles that make for a successful campaign.

Please send me an email or give me a call expressing your interest in volunteering this year and to provide me with your contact information.

When we joined the Legion a key part of our oath was to actively support our Poppy Campaigns.

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 2017 Campaign a great success!

Lest We Forget!

Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
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Sergeant-at-Arms



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.

I encourage you to consider carrying a flag for the Remembrance Day parade and the Santa Claus parade.

Cde Colin Hodson, Zone Sgt-at-Arms, will be holding a Zone Colour Party seminar on Sunday September 24th at 1:30 in Owen Sound. This is open to anyone who wants to attend. Executive members are most welcome to come and learn the basic rudiments of drills and proper wearing of uniforms, along with Colour Drills. Ladies Auxiliary and any interested Branch members are welcome. Colour Party members bring colours, slings, and manuals if you have them.

I welcome you to join 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
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The Beer Prayer

Our lager, which art in barrels,
Hollowed be thy drink.
I will be drunk, at home as in the tavern.
Give us this day our foamy head and forgive us our spillages,
As we forgive those who spill against us.
And lead us not into incarceration but deliver us from hangovers.
For thine is the beer the bitter and the lager
Forever and ever.

Barmen

This month's Leadership & Development session is a repeat of our Veterans and Seniors program. Our prime mission continues to be supporting our veterans. It is important that all our people are aware of the support available to them. Please take time to read the article below.

VETERANS and SENIORS

There are four full time Service Officers supplemented by volunteer Service Officers in each Branch who help Veterans, still serving and Former Members of the Canadian Armed Forces and/or their dependants and widows apply for the available government support from Veterans Affairs Canada. These benefits include Disability Pensions, War Veterans Allowance (WVA), Veterans Independence Program (VIP), Treatment Programs, Financial Assistance and benefits under the New Veterans Charter (www.vac-acc.gc.ca/clients/sub.cfm?source=Forces/nvc). You need not be a member of the Legion to use these services.



The Legion also monitors the care, programs and services offered in the three Long Term Care facilities in Ontario, that serve as residences for Veterans (Sunnybrook in Toronto, Parkwood in London and Perley Rideau Veterans Health Centre in Ottawa) and discusses issues related to care and comfort with hospital staff, Veterans Affairs Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Ontario Command has an active Seniors Program that focuses on information sharing with other organizations so that their programs can be made available to our members and other Seniors in the community. Our approach is to make our facilities available to Seniors Programs in most cases free of charge. Our approach is to support but not duplicate other programs available in the community.

Dan Kelly
Leadership & Development Chairman
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Little Susie, a six-year-old, complained, "Mother, I've got a stomach ache." "That's because your stomach is empty," the mother replied. "You would feel better if you had something in it." That afternoon, her father came complaining that he had a severe headache all day. Susie perked up, "That's because it's empty," she said. "You'd feel better if you had something in it."

Hope the summer has been a good summer for all of you. Hope you have some time to come to the Branch this week. Our many activities are being well attended. The Meat Draws and Bingo still are the main stay of our activities. Come on in and support our Branch.

We have many activities for you to participate in this month. Activities slated for this month are:

1. Meat Draws start at 4 PM and will be held:
 - i. Labour Day weekend September 2, 2017
 - ii. September 16, 2017
 - iii. Pumpkinfest weekend - September 30, 2017
2. Thursday Night Euchre has been well attended and begins each Thursday night at 7 PM
3. Saturday Afternoon Euchre will start up again on the second Saturday in September and begins at 1 PM.
4. September 17 to 23 is Legion Week. Take some time to come in and enjoy some comradeship with your fellow members.

The month will end up with Pumpkinfest weekend. The Branch will be serving breakfast on both Saturday September 30 and Sunday October 1. Breakfast starts at 7 on Saturday and 8 on Sunday for those who want a delicious meal. Come on in and get your day started on the right foot with a good breakfast.

Dan Kelly
Ways and Means Chair
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**Pumpkinfest
Breakfast**



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Volunteers will be needed for the upcoming Pumpkinfest Breakfasts which will be happening on Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st. There are plenty of jobs to be completed and your help is needed. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Canteen. Jobs include helping with the food preparation, serving, bussing tables and clean-up. Please sign your name on which activity you are interested in helping with. A couple of hours of your time make a difference. Many hands make light work. Happy Pumpkinfest!!

Robert & Rhonda Harrison
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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, and 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.

Diane Mills, Treasurer
Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary

Celebrate Monday, September 4th





Branch Barbecue Committee



Friday Night Barbecues/Dinners are one of our best ways of fund-raising. We only have 3 more events slated for the month of September.

Thanks to Garry Winnitoy and his group for hosting a Fish Fry on August 4th while we were on holidays.

We thank all our dedicated supporters and it would be wonderful to see you at our barbecue and supporting the Legion. Donations of salads and desserts are always welcome. The sign-up sheet is located in the Canteen.

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

Robert Harrison
BBQ Chairman
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Cenotaph Dedication Sunday, August 20, 2017



Speech from Cde Mike Atkinson, Chairman

Legion Comrades, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to beautiful Cenotaph Park. We are here today to dedicate our new monument and I would like to touch base on the background that has brought us here today.

In 2006, we moved the cenotaphs from the Library and created this park that all of our citizens could enjoy. Shortly after, it was realized that the cenotaph wasn't complete. Our present cenotaphs were dedicated to the Boer War, WW1, WW11 and Korea.

It was then that the Perpetual Care Cenotaph Committee looked into a new monument that would pay tribute to our Veterans who have served in so many conflicts such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq, Syria, Iran and many other peacekeeping missions abroad. There doesn't seem to be an end to the troubles arising in the Middle East and presently, North Korea.

With the help of Steve Peyton of Sanderson Monuments, this beautiful stone was designed with the inscription: "Remembering the Canadian Armed Forces who have served since the Great Wars. Their courage, service and sacrifice will never be forgotten"

Mike Atkinson, Chairman
Perpetual Care Cenotaph Committee



Cde Mike Atkinson welcomes all to the Dedication Ceremony.



President Dan Kelly lays a wreath to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the raid on Dieppe in France



Private Mike Hobson, 1st Battalion RCR and Master Corporal Matthew Patterson, 3rd Battalion RCR present a wreath.



Our Branch Colour Party, President and modern day Veterans.



L-R Cde Mike Atkinson, Chairman, Perpetual Cenotaph Committee Chairman and President Dan Kelly.

Q: What starts with E, ends with E, and has only 1 letter in it?

A: Envelope.

Q: Why did the can crusher quit his job?

A: Because it was soda pressing.



Royal Canadian Legion Zone C4
presents the
INVICTUS GAMES Motorcycle Ride

160kms from Tobermory Legion Branch 290 to the
4th Division Training Center, Meaford

Registration 9:00 a.m. at the Tobermory Branch

\$15.00 per bike and rider, \$5.00 per passenger
Ride Starts at 10:00 a.m. – September 9th, 2017
Rain or Shine

Monument Corners Cenotaph approx. 10:35, Lion's Head Cenotaph
approx. 10:45 and Wiarton Cenotaph approx. 11:30.
Riders can join the ride at their respective Cenotaphs
and then register when stopping for lunch

**Lunch will be provided at the Hepworth Shallow Lake
Legion Branch 586 at 12:00 noon**

Depart Hepworth Shallow Lake at 1:00 to Owen Sound at approx. 1:30,
Meaford cenotaph approx. 2:00 and the Parade Square approx. 2:15 p.m.

You can also register and join the ride to the base at this time,
or anywhere along the route to Meaford

Support our wounded Veteran's and those of the 16 other Allied
and Commonwealth Nations as they compete in Toronto from
September 23rd to the 30th at the

INVICTUS GAMES

**This is part of the Invictus Flag Tour as it crosses
our nation from Victoria, BC to Toronto**

Be apart of it, all donations will gratefully be accepted
along the route at anytime

This ride passes 6 Legion Branches, 8 Cenotaphs
and some of the most beautiful scenery Grey-Bruce has to offer

THEY SERVED US, LET US SERVE THEM

Back to School is Tuesday September 5th



Back To School

Please be aware of school buses loading/unloading
children and those children walking to school. They
will be very excited and may not be as watchful as
they should.



Back To School

Keep our children safe!

The Branch 340 Golf Tournament was held on Saturday August 19th. The day started with 23 eager golfers vying for the coveted Branch 340 cup. A light rain did not deter the players from trying their best. All players did their best and had fun doing it. When all the numbers were tallied up this year's winners were:

Men's Champion – Larry Dudgeon

Ladies Champion – Diane Bailey

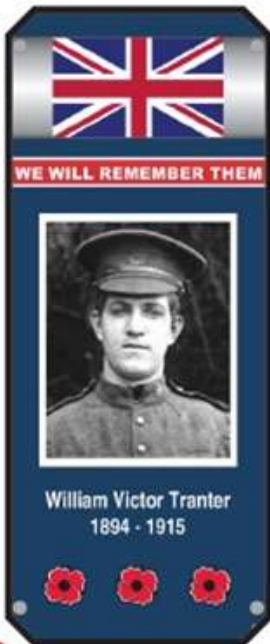
Congratulations to our two winners and all of you who participated in the fun event. I would like to thank Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340 and Nichol Insurance (Diane Bailey) for their continued sponsorship. They have been supporting this event for many years. I would also like to thank Holiday golf course for hosting us for the 21 year in a row. They always treat us well. It is sad to identify that this may be the last year at Holiday Golf Course as the course has been sold and the new owners take over in November. The new owners have different ideas for the property so the course may not be around in the near future.

Thanks
Dan Kelly
Ways & Means





SaugeenShores



*You are invited
to the*

WWI / WWII Commemorative Banner Unveiling

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Time: 2:00 - 4:00pm
Location: Royal Canadian Legion #340
630 Green St, Port Elgin

Legion 

Social hour with refreshments
will be available.



***The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command
Proclamation of Legion Week***

*Ontario Provincial Command of The Royal Canadian Legion
represents nine Districts which includes over 400 Branches;
within these Branches we have over 100,000 members .*

*We are a non-profit organization assuming the responsibility of maintaining the
tradition of Remembrance of those who paid the supreme sacrifice
by defending our great nation in past and present conflicts,
so that we as Canadians can live in the freedom that we enjoy today!*

*We continue to support and represent our Veterans of past and present with many
benefits as a result of the determination of our thousands of
dedicated members at all levels of the organization.*

*Legion Branches across the province work together with their affiliated organization,
the Ladies Auxiliary, to raise funds in support of the many programs within
Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.*

*With millions of dollars being raised from Branch and Ladies Auxiliary projects,
the Legion supports numerous programs benefiting our
Veterans, seniors and youth within our communities.*

*Therefore, let it be known throughout the Province of Ontario
that September 17-23, 2017 be proclaimed Legion Week
within Ontario Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.*





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Pumpkinfest Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

**Home
Fries
&
Toast**

**Scrambled
Eggs,
Ham &
Sausage**

**Tea,
Coffee
& Juice**

Saturday, Sept. 30 7 am – 12 noon



























Sunday, Oct 1 8 am – 12 noon

Adults - \$10.00

Children Under 12 - \$6.00

Children Under 3 – Free



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 You're invited to a  DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	2 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
3	4 	5 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM LA GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	6 BINGO 7:30 PM 	7 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	8 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	9 EUCHRE 1:30 PM 
10 ZONE C-4 FALL CONVENTION	11	12 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	13 BINGO 7:30 PM 	14 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	15 You're invited to a  DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	16 EUCHRE 1:30 PM  MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
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LEGION WEEK – SEPTEMBER 17 - 23						
24	25	26 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM  EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	27 BINGO 7:30 PM 	28 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	29 You're invited to a  DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	30 EUCHRE 1:30 PM  PUMPKINFEST BREAKFAST 7 AM – 12 NOON

🌸 Please join us for our various events 🌸

🌸 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🌸