



## Port Elgin Branch 340 Royal Canadian Legion



# 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)

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## President's Report



Warton Willie says spring is around the corner. Let's hope he is right this year. We have had rough February and I for one would like to see more sun and less snow. While these winter months are slow with many people away there were a few events happening at our Branch the past month.

### February events:

1. There was a Superbowl Party held on February 3, 2019 with about a dozen people attending the pot luck event. The football game was low scoring however everyone who came enjoyed themselves. The food was very tasty and no one went home hungry. Thanks Don for staying late for the party.
2. We had 2 meat draws in February and the crowd was pretty good. Our friends from Arthur showed up to support us which was nice to see on a February day. Tom and his crew were well prepared though and even donated a few of their dollars to the cause.
3. Our Wednesday night bingo events continued through the month with our number of attending being down from previous month. Mother Nature showed herself and there

have been a couple of cancelations so far this year. Sharen and her gang are always well prepared and willing to step up for these events.

4. We have one sports team moving on to the Provincial Competition next month.
  - a. Jim Fleming and Craig Bell will be heading down to Burlington in March to compete for Branch 340 in 8-Ball. Good Luck fellows.

We lost our friend Dick Coulter this past month and he will be missed by all. Rest in Peace Dick.

Our Branch elections will be held next month and the nomination sheet will be put up in our club room for you to show your intentions. Come out and support our Branch in continuing as the best Branch around.

We will remember them.

Yours in Comradeship

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### Bursary Assistance Program



Just a reminder that the bursary application deadline is the last Friday in March each year. It does take time to get the information prepared so I suggest that any applications should be submitted as soon as possible. This is a \$750.00 per year program. If you need any help with the paperwork please feel free to contact me. Download the application form at [bursary@on.Legion.ca](mailto:bursary@on.Legion.ca)

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'Ah, that was a lovely dress,' announced Colleen, 'and it would have fitted me if I could have got into it, so it would.'



## 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](mailto:branch340@eastlink.ca)



## Honours and Awards



If you would like to nominate a member for a Legion award please contact me. Thank you

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Sean Muldoon loved his dog, Willy, and he walked the dog constantly through town. When Muldoon and Willy would go on their walks, they would stop to talk to just about everyone they met along the way. Naturally, everyone in town eventually knew both Muldoon and Willy. This went on for years. One sad day Old Sean Muldoon went on his usual walk, but this time he walked all alone without Willy. Patrick O'Halloran was the first to spy Old Sean without his faithful companion. 'Where's Willy?' asked O'Halloran. 'Tis a sad day 'tis, Patrick,' replied Muldoon. 'I had to put poor ol' Willy down, I did. I loved that dog dearly.' 'Oh no,' cried O'Halloran, 'Did he go rabid? Was he mad?' 'Well, he was none too pleased,' replied Muldoon



## Hospital & Visitation



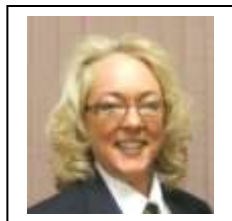
Our Legion family is very important and if you know someone who is 'under the weather' please let me know. We send cards, make calls and try our best to keep in touch. Thank you

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## Leadership Development



### Introduction to the Office of BRANCH PRESIDENT

On being elected President of your Branch, you have accepted what some consider as being the most difficult office in the Legion. It does not have to be.

Please remember that you are not alone; you can and should utilize the support of your fellow officers. Look to them for ideas; discuss with them matters of importance to your Branch and the Legion in general. The future of your Branch is in your hands. You have an opportunity to affect that future by making sure your Officers are well trained. Your Zone Leadership Development Chairman can help.

This Brochure is intended as an overview of your duties and responsibilities and will offer tips and ideas that will help to make your term as Branch President a successful one. Please take time to read and discuss this information with your Zone Commander whose experience and guidance will be of great value to you during your term of Office

You have been elected by your fellow members to be the Chief Executive Officer of your Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion. At your Installation you gave a pledge to perform the duties of your Office to the best of your ability. Those duties are vast and cannot and should not be taken lightly. You must remember at all times to act in an unbiased and fair manner in the best interests of your Branch.

You also have pledged to preserve the spirit of fair play and comradeship at all times; to set an example of community service to your fellow comrades; to cooperate with your executive committee and the general membership of the Branch, always bearing in mind the purposes and objects of the Legion and the duty of all comrades towards those who need assistance.

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Legion Branch, the President exemplifies to the membership the fundamental qualities of leadership.

As its leader, the President has the ultimate responsibility for whatever happens and this function is and will remain that of directing the members.

As the Chief Administrator of the Branch, The President is its representative in the community and must show a combination of discretion, enterprise, integrity, responsibility, decisiveness, judgement and more. It will be your duty to attend and preside at all regular and special meetings in addition to all executive meetings of the Branch. In most Branches - the President will also be the presiding Officer at all meetings. To help you with your Duties as meeting Chairman, please refer to the Legion manual ***“Rules of Procedure for Legion Meetings”*** - this will guide you through the process and provide you with information on how to handle the various types of motions and rules of order. It is also very important to ensure that the Quorum for your Branch designated in your Branch Regulations, is met before the meeting is opened.

While performing as the meeting chairman you are reminded that impartiality and good control are expected at all times. Remember for many and particularly new members the proceedings of a meeting can be their first introduction to Legion business, programs and operations.

By now you have considered members for and may have appointed several committee chairmen including the Standing Committees. While this is a great opportunity to affect the future of these committees in your Branch, be sure to review with the Chairmen the responsibilities of their Committees and then allow them to determine the direction of their Committees. As President you are automatically an ex-officio member of all committees and can offer guidance if needed.

Special consideration and additional time must be spent on guiding new members of your Executive—their new ideas and unique ways should not be overlooked. You have the responsibility to teach future leaders during your term as President and help is available through the Leadership Development Chairmen at all levels.

### **Your duties to your Zone:**

The bylaws are specific in that as President, you are a member of Zone Council and as such you are obligated to attend all Zone Council Meetings and Conventions. In your absence a Vice President will attend as your representative.

You must ensure that reports are filed by your Officers and Committee Chairmen to their respective Zone counterparts and on time. While attending a Zone Meeting it is your responsibility to represent the best interests of your Branch while keeping in mind the needs of your fellow Branches and the Legion in general.

You are also responsible for ensuring that the financial and other reports required for the Annual Branch Inspections are available on time.

### **Your duties to your District:**

Unlike Zone, by virtue of your Office as Branch President you are not a member of District Council. You are however, expected to attend all District Conventions. As when attending Zone Conventions you should take full advantage of the opportunity to speak with other Branch Presidents and to share ideas and problems. While at a District Convention you may be called to attend a Presidents Meeting—this should not be used as an opportunity to criticize the Legion but as an opportunity to take part in discussions to offer solutions to any problems which will be recommended to District Council for review and action as appropriate. Use your time wisely and keep good notes.

### **Your Goal as Branch President:**

Ultimately you will determine your goals. Be careful not to set goals that are out of reach during your term of Office. Discuss your goals with the other Officers of your Branch - with their support, you have a better chance of accomplishing your goals

There will be times when you will be called upon to settle disputes. Your abilities as Leader will be tested to the limit at this time. Be sure to gather all the facts in any dispute and remain impartial. Take time to discuss the issues with the parties concerned before making a decision and utilize the experience of past Legion Officers in your Branch.

As President, you have a unique opportunity to influence the direction of your Branch. Personal goals must be set aside when and if they are not in the best interests of the Branch or the Legion as a whole. Use every tool at your disposal including the District Branch Advisory



Committee which is there to give guidance on any matter concerning Legion. Be sure to contact your Zone Commander if you need help, that's why they are there!

**For more details of your duties and responsibilities as Branch President and those of your Officers and Members, please refer to one or more of the following manuals...**

- The General Bylaws (Dominion)
- Ontario Command Bylaws
- Your Branch Regulations
- The Legion Officers' Manual
- Ladies Auxiliary Bylaws
- Rules of Procedure for Legion Meetings
- Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual
- Membership Manuals
- Sports Guide
- Public Relations Manual
- Service Officers' Manual
- Chaplain's Manual
- Poppy Manual
- Legion Act to Incorporate
- Property & Development

Also refer to the Command websites often for the most current information.

**Dominion:** [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca) and **Ontario:** [www.on.legion.ca](http://www.on.legion.ca)

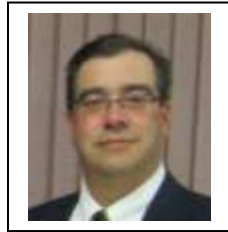
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## Membership



If you know anyone who may be interested in joining, please bring them by the Branch and show them around. Applications can be obtained from the Bar Steward.

New members initiated are Laura Winter, Richard Winter, Montgomery McMeekin, John Castles, Terry Rondeau and Monica Carere. Welcome to our new members.

Cde Blair Eby  
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## Last Post



James Beange                      Associate  
Sophie Goluzd                      LA Member

**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



Poppy is a year around endeavour to help our Veterans at home and abroad in their time of need. If any member is aware of any veteran, whether a Legion member or not, who may need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Gregg Briggs, our Branch Service Officer, who can contact the veteran directly to assess any support that may be required.

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

In Comradeship,  
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### **O'Connor and the Fierce Dog**

O'Connor was sitting in Ward's Irish bar, Piccadilly, London with a large Rottweiler at his feet. 'Does your dog bite?' asks Murphy. 'No,' replies O'Connor. So Murphy pats the dog that almost rips his arm off completely. 'Hey!' screams Murphy, 'you said your dog didn't bite, O'Connor.' 'That's not my dog Murphy,' concludes O'Connor.

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### **A Big Rock**

An Irishman, by the name of O'Malley proposed to his girl on St. Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond. The excited young lass showed it to her father, a jeweler. He took one look at it and saw it wasn't real.

The young lass on learning it wasn't real returned to her future husband. She protested vehemently about his cheapness.

'It was in honour of St. Patrick's Day, 'he smiled.

'I gave you a sham rock.'



## Veteran Services



### The Royal Canadian Legion serves today's generation of veterans

To encourage today's soldiers to discover what the Legion can do for them, the national organization is offering a one-year free membership program to still-serving or retired Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP personnel who have not previously been members.

The Royal Canadian Legion has been such an important part of the lives of veterans for so long — especially those of the First and Second World Wars and even later conflicts like Korea and Bosnia — that it's understandable today's soldiers may feel left out. People who work inside the Legion will tell you that nothing could be further from the truth.



*"A veteran is a veteran is a veteran," said Ray McInnis, director of Veterans Services from the Legion's headquarters in Ottawa. "As long as you've signed on the dotted line and you've served our country, we're there to help you. It doesn't matter when you served, whether you served during a conflict or spent the entire time in Canada." Photo supplied*

McInnis explained Veterans Services provides a wide range of support for Canada's veterans, young and old, and for today's veterans it starts with the day they are discharged. McInnis said that for some people leaving the military, heading back to civilian life can be disorienting, and his department is there to help them reintegrate into society.

"It's important to know we are there for them and the Legion does care," said McInnis. "It's not something that you have to go through alone, especially as you transition from military to civilian life. It's a huge change."



*The Royal Canadian Legion's Veterans Services department provides a range of support for Canada's veterans, young and old, and has programs to help them reintegrate into society. Photo supplied*

McInnis said he sometimes sees soldiers who, after many years of serving in the armed forces, have to learn the life skills needed to live in a civilian community. He said the Legion has benevolent funding for those in financial need and the ability to help them obtain any government assistance to which they are entitled.

With the rise in operational stress injuries (OSI) suffered by armed forces personnel in places like Afghanistan and Bosnia, McInnis said that his office does a lot of work providing assistance to retiring soldiers who are making disability claims with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC). Whether it be a first claim or someone who has applied on their own and needs help to navigate the bureaucracy of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board, McInnis said his department is well-versed in the entire process.

One soldier the Legion helped was Paul Valiquette, a retired radio operator who was deployed twice to Afghanistan.

“I came back from my last tour of Afghanistan in 2006 and was with the engineers,” he recalled. “I saw a lot of death and destruction. When I got back to Canada, I knew I wasn’t all right. I was having anxiety and triggers way above normal.”

While still serving, the Canadian Forces medical system diagnosed Valiquette with an OSI, and he was referred to a peer support group for mental health issues. He took an interest in helping others cope with their struggles and began volunteering with those support groups. Then he took social service courses when he left the military a few years later. He ended up in Regina where he began helping out at the Legion, and he now works for them as an assistant provincial service officer. With support from the Legion’s Poppy Fund he now helps teach mental health first aid for veterans’ communities across Saskatchewan.



*Retired soldier Paul Valiquette credits the Legion’s support in helping him recover from an Operational Stress Injury he suffered while serving in Afghanistan. Valiquette now helps others by teaching mental health first aid to veterans. David Stobbe / StobbePhoto.ca*

“The Legion’s support has been tremendous,” said Valiquette, who says he is still in therapy for the experiences he had in Afghanistan. He also says he is proof that you can still function in the community even while living with an OSI.

“I tell people you can still be part of society. You don’t have to confine yourself to your house for the rest of your life. People are more understanding about it now,” he said, although he acknowledges the stigma about mental health that still persists in the military.

“In the military, it’s ‘Suck it up buttercup. Put your boots on and go out,’” said Valiquette. “That’s changing, which is great, but it’s still there and it still has to be worked on. It’s going to take time, but people are coming out and are more open to get help. They know now that it’s not a death sentence to have an OSI. You can still function, like myself.”

Of course, there are plenty of soldiers who leave the military who don't need assistance with disability claims or help integrating into society. They think they have no need for the Legion, but both Valiquette and McInnis acknowledged that the one thing they miss from their service days is the camaraderie of being with their fellow servicemen and women. They both said that the Legion is a place where ex-military people can come together to recapture some of that kinship.

"When you leave the military you lose that camaraderie," said Valiquette. "In the Legion, they might not know where you went or what you experienced, but they have the same background as military or RCMP. It's a place where you can develop more friendships, but it's also a place to grow by helping others in the community."

To encourage today's soldiers to discover what the Legion can do for them, the national organization is offering a one-year free membership program to still-serving or retired Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP personnel who have not previously been members. Dion Edmonds, the Legion's marketing manager, says more than 700 people have already signed up since the program began late last year and new applications are coming in daily.

For information on the Legion's free one-year membership for veterans, visit [www.legion.ca/welcome](http://www.legion.ca/welcome).

For more information on the Royal Canadian Legion, visit [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca).

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## Ways and Means



February is traditionally a slow month with many people going south to get away from our winter's snow. Our Ways and Means support staff continue to bring people into the legion by providing events that people can be part of.

Our team of volunteers continued to work along this month though.

Activities completed last month are:

1. Thursday Night Euchre continued with a consistent attendance of at least 6 tables participating.
2. Saturday Afternoon Euchre has the same effect as the Thursday night with a continuous support of many people.
3. Bingo continues weekly. Mother Nature has given us some blows this month and our program has been affected. Wiarthon Willie says it won't be long before spring so maybe our rough days are done. Our average has been down this month but we continue to provide a strong program. Thanks to all that take part.
4. There was 2 Meat Draws this month. We had a good turnout at both events which was good. As you all know we lost our Meat caller (Dick Coulter) this month and he will be missed.

This month we will continue with these events. Our Meat Draws will ramp up this month with 3 draws taking place (March 2, March 16 and March 30). Come out and enjoy fun at the Branch.

Please remember that our elections will be held in early April. Please consider supporting our Branch by stepping forward and becoming part of the executive. All positions will be up for grabs.

Thanks for supporting Branch 340.

Let's keep our Branch active.

Dan Kelly  
Ways & Means Chair  
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What do you get when you cross Texas with Mexico? Oil of Ole





## Youth Education Public Speaking Competition



Port Elgin RCL 340 hosted the Branch Public Speaking Competition on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Pictured are the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners in their respective categories. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners in each category will move on to the Zone Level competition on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Hepworth Shallow Lake Branch 586.

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted and we congratulate all our entrants and good luck to those who will be competing at Zone level.

Cde Stacey Hobson  
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<p><b>Primary Level – Grades 1-3</b> L-R Cde Stacey Hobson, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Raya B; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Noelle G; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ava D and Cde Kathryn Eastwood, Emcee</p>	<p><b>Junior Level – Grades 4-6</b> L-R Cde Stacey Hobson, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Vedant S; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Claire M and Cde Kathryn Eastwood, Emcee Absent from photo: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Huxley E</p>
	
<p><b>Intermediate Level – Grades 7-9</b> L-R Cde Stacey Hobson, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Abhi S; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Julia T; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Hiba R and Cde Kathryn Eastwood, Emcee</p>	





## Zone C-4 Youth Education



I'm pleased on behalf of C4 to invite you to our Zone Public Speaking competition. It is being held on Saturday March 30 at 9:30 at the Hepworth Shallow-Lake Legion Branch.

Everyone is welcome to attend and help CHEER on all the C4 students.

In the event of inclement weather, it will be held on March 31 at the same time.

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## Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



**Happy St. Patrick's Day** to one and all,

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members to share in many fund raising events that we are involved in and to join us for laughter and camaraderie so come out to one of our meetings and find out what we're all about.

February was a blustery month but it went by fast. We're hoping for some better weather in March. February was also very busy with Celebrations of Life, we thank the ladies for all the work they have done and we hope that March has different celebrations to prepare for.

A longtime member of the LA, Sophie Goluzd passed away at the age of 89 and many of the ladies attended her funeral, Sophie was a member since 1970. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Winter is almost over, we hope, but it's only 4 more Fridays and its spring.

The Ides of March is upon us, so settle your debts and go out and drink some **GREEN Beer**.

Have a great month.

Vicky Taylor  
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## Commemorative Banner Program Herbert Nicolas Leeder



In January of 1918, Herbert Leeder, reported to the Western Ontario Regiment Armoury in London to enlist in the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Army Reserve Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force that was in its 4<sup>th</sup> year of fighting the Great War in Europe.

Edward and Elizabeth Leeder farmed in Saugeen Township with their seven children. There were 6 sons; John, Walter, Herbert, Iden, Carl and Jacob and the lone daughter Mary.

Herbert was the third oldest and was born in 1897. He was 20 years old when he enlisted. He stood 5' 8" and weighed 140 pounds. His medical exam also showed he had blue eyes, brown hair, normal hearing and 20/20 vision, a slim build and medically "fit".

Training in London lasted less than 6 weeks before the group was off to Halifax for the trip to England. They boarded the S. S. Cretic on February 21<sup>st</sup> to sail to Liverpool. The ship was an ocean liner built in 1902 that had been sailing the Boston – Liverpool route before being taken over by the British Government in 1917 under the Liner Requisition Scheme to serve as a troop ship. The ship could accommodate up to 1,500 passengers.

On March 5, 1918, Herbert and his fellow reserves arrived at the Canadian Training camp at Bramshott in South Central England. It was here and at the nearby Whitley camp that they spent the next 5 months training for the inevitable trip to mainland Europe. The call came in August that they would be heading to the "front".

Upon his arrival in France, Herbert joined the 31st Alberta Battalion. The 31st had arrived in England in early 1915 and had joined the fight in September of that year. Prior to 1918, they had received Battle Honours in some of the major battles including the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Ypres, Passchendaele, Hill 70 and others. The 100 Days Offensive had started in early August and the 31st was part of the Canadian Division that played a major role in pushing the Germans back to their homeland.

It was on September 6<sup>th</sup> that Herbert joined the 31st Battalion. Shortly after arriving, he was involved in two of the major battles that resulted in allied victories. The first was the Battle of Canal-du-Nord that started on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This battle was a massive struggle due to the canal being a natural obstacle that the Germans had heavily fortified along its Eastern side. Losses on both sides exceeded more than 30,000 killed or wounded before the Canadians had crossed the canal and secured the eastern side on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Once the Canadians had crossed the Canal-du-Nord they continued to push the German Army east, to the city of Cambrai. Here the battle incorporated many of the newer tactics, namely

tanks and aircraft. For the allies it was an overwhelming success in a very short amount of time; starting on October 8<sup>th</sup> and mopping up on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Canadian Division, including Herbert and the 31st Battalion followed the Germans in a north eastern direction liberating the villages of Naves and Thun-St. Martin. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, they arrived at the small town of Iwuy with a population of less than 3,000. Here they were met with heavy German resistance and each time they attacked they were met with counter attacks and pushed back.

One of the officers leading the Canadian attack was Lieutenant Wallace Lloyd Algie, a 23-year-old banker from Toronto. That day his heroics were forever recognized with him being awarded the Victoria Cross. There were only 71 of these prestigious medals granted to Canadians in all of WWI. The following information is from the documents that recommended Algie for his Victoria Cross:

*“On the morning of October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Canadians faced a formidable barrier of lumber and wire from which the Germans were laying down a steady curtain of fire, at the entrance to the village, causing heavy casualties to the battalion. While reorganizing, they observed the Germans bringing up additional guns on small handcarts. Once these were in position the entire Canadian Brigade would be threatened.*

*Algie called for volunteers to join him in a small party to move to the left and deny that area to the enemy. They succeeded in capturing two German machine guns, killing the gun crews. Then they positioned themselves in the town’s cemetery using headstones as gun mounts and used the captured machine guns to overcome the remaining German defenders. Algie and his small group returned to the Battalion for reinforcements and while leading them forward he was cut down and killed.”*

Herbert Leeder died during this battle when a piece of shrapnel hit him on the right side of his head. In liberating the town of Iwuy, 170 Canadian soldiers died. All of them, including Herbert Leeder and Wallace Algie are buried in the Niagara Cemetery, close to Iwuy along with 30 British soldiers. This very small and picturesque cemetery with only 200 graves has 5 rows of between 34 and 43 graves each. Herbert Leeder is buried in Row C, Grave 7 and Wallace Algie is close by, also in Row C, Grave 28.

May they rest in peace.

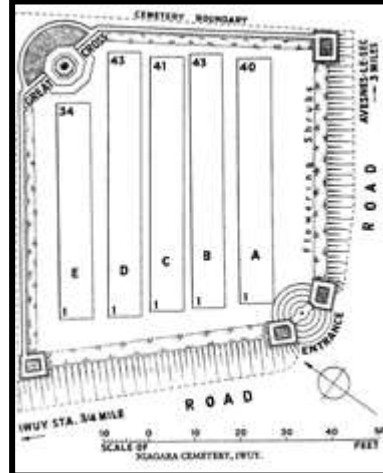
We will remember them.

Researched and written by: G. William Streeter





Niagara Cemetery, Iwuy, France



Cemetery Plan

Port Elgin Legion Branch 340  
630 Green Street

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING  
and ELECTIONS**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
at 7:30 pm**

**Mark your calendar and plan to attend to vote for  
your incoming Executive for the 2019-2020 term.**

**The Nomination Board will be located in the Club  
Room; please consider becoming a member of  
the Executive.**

**Please be prepared to show your 2019  
Membership Card at the door, or receipt of paid  
membership.**

**All members are encouraged to attend.**

**Thanking you for your consideration.**

***Mike Atkinson  
Elections Chairman***



**Branch 340 Breakfast Fundraiser  
Northport Elementary – March 9, 2019**



Branch 340 will be hosting a breakfast on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support Northport Elementary Senior Band trip to the Musical National Competition and the Grade 7 & 8 year end trips.

Please mark this date on your calendar and support this event.

Robert & Rhonda Harrison  
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



**FUNDRAISING  
BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY MARCH 9 | 9AM-1PM**  
HAM, SAUSAGE, POTATOES, EGGS, TOAST,  
& JUICE, TEA, COFFEE

Adults - \$12 Children 10 & Under - \$6

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Northport Elementary

*The Royal  
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Branch 340*

Grade 7 & 8  
Year End Trips & the  
Senior Band Trip to  
Nationals

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## Hours of Operation Change Sunday Closing



Our Branch will be closed on Sundays starting April 7<sup>th</sup> until September 8<sup>th</sup>.

President Dan Kelly  
dankelly@bmts.com

 <b>Royal Canadian Legion Tara Branch 383</b> <b>2019 Events</b>		
<b>Friday Suppers</b> 5:30 – 7:00 pm March 15	<b>Saturday Cribbage</b> 1:00 pm March 16	<b>Sunday Breakfast</b> 10:00 am– 1:00 pm March 31

**St Patrick's Day Dart Tournament**  
**At the Chatsworth Legion**



Saturday, March 16, 2019  
Sign up 10:30 to play at 11  
4 person teams, \$10.00 per person  
Call Cathy to book (519) 372-4394  
Everyone welcome

### Mail / Male Order

Two Irish men, Kearney and O'Riordan were looking at a Mail order catalogue and admiring the models. Kearney remarks to O'Riordan, 'Have you seen the beautiful girls in this catalogue?'

O'Riordan replies, 'Yes, they are very beautiful. And look at the price.' Kearney says, with wide eyes, 'Wow, they aren't very expensive. At this price, I'm buying one.'

O'Riordan smiles and pats him on the back. 'Good idea. Order one and if she's as beautiful as she is in the catalogue, I will get one too.'

Three weeks later, Kearney, the younger of the two asks his friend, O'Riordan, 'Did you ever receive the girl you ordered from that catalogue?'

O'Riordan replies with a glint in his eye, 'No, but it shouldn't be long now. She sent all her clothes yesterday.'



# Spring Fling

SAT. APRIL 13TH 3PM TILL 7PM

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# March 2019



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2 <b>DISTRICT EUCHRE</b> MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
3	4 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	5 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> 7:30 PM	6 BINGO 7:30 PM 	7 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	8	9 <b>BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER</b> 9 AM – 1 PM <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM
10	11 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	12 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <b>LA GENERAL MEETING</b> 7:30 PM	13 BINGO 7:30 PM 	14 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	15 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	16 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
17 	18 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	19 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	20 BINGO 7:30 PM 	21 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	22 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	23 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
24 <b>ZONE C-4 CONVENTION</b> 9:30 AM	25 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	26 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b> 7:30 PM	27 BINGO 7:30 PM 	28 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	29 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	30 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
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Please join us for our various events

Event Times and Dates Subject to Change