



# OCTOBER 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)

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope you are able to spend time with family and loved ones. We all have so much to be thankful for.

Halloween is also just around the corner. Be careful of the Trick or Treaters on Halloween night. The young ones will be excited and may not always be paying attention to the traffic around them. Help keep them safe.

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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May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
Have nary a lump.



May your yams be delicious  
And your pies take the prize,  
And may your Thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off your thighs!



The Editor





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Comrades,

Our September was very eventful at our Branch. Our summer is over but the nice days are still with us.

Here are some of the highlights of our month.

1. Our BBQ's still shine as a bright light for our Branch. Many comrades take advantage of our Fridays and rave reviews come in constantly. Thanks to the BBQ for your continued support. Our next BBQ is September 30<sup>th</sup> as part of Pumpkinfest. Come and enjoy our hospitality.
2. Legion Week was completed with our Volunteer Appreciation night. Although the participation was light all that attended enjoyed the comradeship and good food. I feel bad that the LA was working and could not attend as they are an important part of our success. Hopefully Brenda and her ladies understand that they were missed.
3. The Zone Fall Convention was held in Owen Sound with good attendance from our Branch. It is good to go to these Conventions as we always learn something.

We are preparing for our Pumpkinfest Breakfast and look forward to supporting our Branch and Town during this weekend. If you are available to support please sign up and help us be successful.

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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## CHARITY, VISITATION & SENIORS



Hi Comrades,

Thank you for electing me to this year's Executive. I have been given the duties of Seniors, Visitation and Charity Chairs.

As the Seniors Chairman, I will be keeping you informed of any goings on in the Branch, Zone and District. If you have anything to share with the membership in this regard please channel it through me and I will see that it is addressed.

As the Visitation Chairman, I can only help when I know someone is in need of assistance or when they are hospitalized. If you know of any Member who needs my assistance please bring it to my attention.

As the Charity Chairman, I have been working with President Dan and Norma to set up this year's Annual Donation Budget and will be monitoring any incoming requests for donations over the summer months.

I can be contacted through Norma in the Branch Office or through my contact information below.

Yours in Comradeship

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### **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.

Students can receive \$500.00 a year while in college or university. If you need any help with the paperwork please feel free to contact me.

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A little kid was out trick-or-treating on Halloween dressed as a pirate. He rang a house's doorbell and the door was opened by a lady. "Oh, how cute! A little pirate! And where are your buccaneers?" she asked. The boy replied, "Under my buckin' hat."

Members are reminded to ensure their current information is up to date such as addresses and phone numbers. If you have recently had a change of address or changes please leave the particulars with the Bar Steward and the Membership Register can be updated; or contact the undersigned.

The Early Bird Campaign is in effect until November 30th. Due to the increase by Ontario Command the Membership Fees will be \$50.00 until November 30<sup>th</sup> and \$55.00 as of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Affiliate members can get their previous years they paid, added to their current years with no cost to them. I will be glad to help with the paperwork. Please contact me.**

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.

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On September 24, 2016, Branch 340 held a Volunteer Appreciation get together. All the participants enjoyed themselves and the comradeship.

Volunteers are the life line of any Legion and our Legion is blessed in having many people that support us time and time again. The Euchre Tournaments, Meat Draws and Bingo are all well organized and supported due to our many volunteers that go out of their way. These mentioned are only a few of the many events that happen during the course of any year.

Our Ladies Auxiliary is second to none in our Zone. Time and time again they go out of their way to support the needs and wants of our community.

I would like to thank all that help support Branch 340 throughout the year. Your support is invaluable and I as President appreciate all you do. Thank You

President Dan Kelly  
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You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop off, and on your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is another galloping horse but your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the horse in front of you.

What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation? Get your drunken \*\*\* off the merry-go-round!

## REMEMBRANCE and POPPY

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 maintain today!



We continue to support our Veterans of past and present with many benefits and this is due to the determination of our thousands of dedicated volunteer members at all levels of the organization.

Legion Remembrance programs commemorate the men and women who died in the military service of Canada during war and peace. Maintaining the tradition of Remembrance is a sacred trust and the Legion's most important role.



The Poppy has been widely recognized as a symbol of Remembrance, since it was first adopted in 1921. By wearing the poppy, we demonstrate our gratitude to those who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy.

Each year, Legions throughout Ontario carry out our Poppy Campaign from the last Friday in October to Remembrance Day. The campaign raises awareness of the Poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

The basic purpose of the poppy funds is to provide immediate assistance to ex-servicemen and women in need. This may include food, shelter or medical attention for them or their families.

Funds raised during the Poppy Campaign are also used for the following:

- Comforts for veteran in hospital or hospitalized veterans
- Legion Service Bureau
- Expenses of the Branch Veteran Services Chairman
- Community medical appliances
- Medical research
- Medical training
- Donations for disaster relief for disasters declared by Federal and Provincial Governments
- Educational Bursaries
- Prizes for the annual Remembrance Day Poster and Literary (Poem and Essay) Contests.

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Dear Friends & Comrades

Our Branch has been hit hard this year with the deaths of several of our World War II Veterans. We are sorry to see them go, but we are proud to have known them.

**Eric Eastwood** was an active and dedicated member of the Legion for many years. He was well-known in the community and was respected for all his charitable work. Eric served in the British army in the Royal Mechanical and Electrical Engineers. Although a very young man at the time, he was proud that he had served.

Eric died in May at aged 89.

**Andy Haggins** served in the RCAF as a Gunner. He survived a crash at sea in a Wellington and a crash in a Lancaster over his home field.

He died in May at the age of 94.

**Charlie Ellis** was a veteran of both the RAF and the RCAF. He joined the air force in England before WWII broke out and was sent to the Far East as a mechanic. He returned to England when Singapore and Burma fell to the Japanese. After the war he immigrated to Canada and joined the RCAF as a machinist, and stayed there until he retired.

Charlie died in August at age 94.

**Jack Gross** was not a member, but definitely a friend of the Legion. We have 'kept tabs' on Jack for the past few years. He was a highly decorated soldier, serving in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. He saw action on the Normandy beaches on D-Day, and later in the mud of Holland.

Jack died in April at age 97.

Our Legion held the Legion Tribute Service for our members prior to the funeral. These servicemen were remembered for what they did for their country and honoured in our ceremony by the placing of poppies, the playing of the Last Post and the lowering of the Colours.

In each case, the families of our Veterans were very grateful to the Legion for such a sincere remembrance of their loved one. These men were a part of a generation that changed the world. Each one was important no matter what he did.

This next year in Branch 340, we hope to stay 'in touch' with our remaining 10 WWII Veterans who live in this area. We will invite them to as many Legion events as possible, in the hope that they can be with us.

Terry Mills, Visitation Chairman and I will be making home visits whenever we can. We do that because all our Veterans are valuable to us.

The task of the Royal Canadian Legion over the years has been to help our nation remember the sacrifices made on our behalf. It is our privilege to do so.

#### **Lest We Forget**

Rev. Chuck Beaton, Chaplain Branch 340

Hello Comrades.

I hope this edition of our Branch newsletter finds you all well and that you had an enjoyable summer.

Fall is here and Poppy season is upon us in a few short weeks. Our campaign begins on Friday October 28 this year and continues through until Remembrance Day. This is a very busy time meeting with all the businesses downtown for poppy boxes and the purchase of wreaths for Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Over the last few years our campaign has grown exponentially with the support of our community and volunteers. We thank each of you for your continued support for this most important project.

The sign-up sheet for canvassing will be posted next week in the members lounge at Branch if you can spare a few hours. There are always lots of extra jobs to do during the campaign and if you can lend a hand, please call me.

Blair and I have found in the past many would like to canvass but may not want to go alone or may feel they need a Legion uniform for this. We have red volunteer ribbons that you can pin to your jacket and I can always find a Branch 'buddy' to team you up with. Our local businesses are happy to let our volunteers stand indoors for inclement weather. This national campaign is of most importance to us as Canadians. It is paramount that we continue setting a global standard in recognizing the meaning of Remembrance Day by giving full respect to our fallen Veterans and serving members of our Canadian Forces.

On Remembrance Day this year please take time to reflect on those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

In Comradeship,

Elizabeth Eby, Poppy Chairman

Blair Eby, Vice Poppy Chairman

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#### **SAUGEEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Evening

Thursday, September 29, 2016

The Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation hosted an evening at the Bruce County Museum to recognize all volunteers and donors whose contributions has made a difference.

The evening program consisted of the following:

- ER/Lab Construction Progress
- How the new ER/Lab will improve patient care
- Presentation of Volunteer Certificates
- Presentation of Donor Certificates



Port Elgin Branch 340 was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation – Donor Wall Level: Builder.

L-R Cde Blair Eby, Vice-Poppy Chairman; Sally Kidson, Executive Director; Jonna Ebel, Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation Chairman and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Robert Harrison.



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



This year the Air Cadets would like to start a new feature for the Branch newsletter. We'll be introducing you to a new Cadet each month. You'll get to hear first-hand how these Cadets have benefitted from 340 Branch's sponsorship of the Air Cadets. Our first Cadet for this year is Maddie Hobson. She is 15 years old, in Grade 10, is the Flight Commander of the Flag Party. Here's Maddie in her own words:



My name is Maddie Hobson and I've been fortunate enough to be a part of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets for three years. I was promoted last fall to Flight Corporal and I am hoping to move up in the ranks as I learn and grow within the program.

Squadron 340 has taught me many skills, not only to do with aerospace and technology in aircrafts but also in leadership and citizenship. That is really why I joined Cadets in the first place; I saw an opportunity to grow as an individual and become more confident.

I am learning constantly about the development and inner workings of planes and airports which will serve to help me in whichever career path I choose to take and is also an incredible skill to have.

It is with the Air Cadets that I have made intelligent, life-long friends at summer camps and training exercises. The past two years, I have been lucky enough to attend summer training courses at the Blackdown Cadet Training Centre in the field of military band. In these courses I practiced and performed plenty of exciting pieces of music.

As Flag Party Commander I have worked on vocal projection and calling proper commands which has added to the positive experience. I am excited to go gliding again this year and continue to work towards my Glider Pilots licence. I also look forward to teaching classes and improving the drill of our squadron.



**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Saturday August 20, 2016**



Pictured are some of the teams that were involved in our annual golf tournament. Mark your calendars for next year – always held on the third Saturday in August. Open to the public and no experience necessary. Join us and tell your friends.



	
Thanks for joining us guys!	Congratulations to Craig Bell and Rhonda Harrison as winners for the Men and Ladies Divisions.

## Legion Seeking Submissions for Virtual Wall of Honour and Remembrance for 2016

OTTAWA, ON, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – For the fifth consecutive year, The Royal Canadian Legion will be hosting a [Virtual Wall of Honour and Remembrance](#) here in the nation's capital.

"We are pleased to provide Canadians with an opportunity for a very personal expression of Remembrance," says Dominion President of The Royal Canadian Legion, Dave Flannigan. "We invite you to share a photo of a deceased Veteran and be a part of this memorable tribute." adds Flannigan.

Photos received will be added to the more than 1,800 photos already collected. They will be shown on November 11<sup>th</sup>, just prior to the National Remembrance Day Ceremony held in downtown Ottawa. Following the Ceremony, these photos will be posted on the Legion website.

### **Background:**

Relatives or friends of a beloved Veteran may make this memorial tribute by sending a photo, either a high resolution digital image or a hard copy, to Dominion Command, 86 Aird Place, Ottawa, ON, K2L 0A1 (no originals please as they cannot be returned) or electronically to [rememberingthem@legion.ca](mailto:rememberingthem@legion.ca) or [aleurmemoire@legion.ca](mailto:aleurmemoire@legion.ca).

The photos submitted are to include the name of the deceased, years of service, element or force to which the departed belonged or regiment/unit.

In order to process all of these photos that have been amassed over the past years and incorporate these new photos to have the virtual wall ready for the Remembrance Day Ceremony, we ask that submissions be received no later than 28 October.

For further information please contact Bruce Poulin at Dominion Command, at (613) 591-3335 ext. 241 or by cell at (613) 292-8760 or [bruce.poulin@legion.ca](mailto:bruce.poulin@legion.ca) .





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# Pumpkifest Breakfast



**Saturday, Oct. 1      Sunday, Oct. 2**  
**7 a.m. – 12:00 noon    8 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Adults - \$10.00**  
**Children Under 12 - \$6.00**  
**Children Under 3 - Free**



**The Royal Canadian Legion**  
Branch 340 Port Elgin



Join us on Saturday for the Meat  
Raffles in the upstairs Hall at 4:00 pm  
Entertainment by "Silver River Band"  
from 7 - 11 pm in the canteen.

**Pumpkifest  
Breakfasts**  
**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**7 am - 12 noon**  
**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**8 am - 12 noon**

Welcome and hope you enjoy our hospitality  
630 Green St. Port Elgin – 519-389-9917 for enquiries

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Paddy and Murphy are havin' a pint in the pub, when some scuba divers come on the TV. Paddy says, "Murphy, why is it them deep sea divers always sit on the side of the boat with them air tanks on their backs, and fall backwards out of the boat?" Murphy thinks for a minute then says, "That's easy. It's 'cos if they fell forwards, they'd still be in the friggin boat!"



# October 2016



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2 <b>PUMPKINFEST BREAKFAST</b> <b>8 AM - NOON</b>	3 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM	4 <b>LADIES CARD GROUP</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> <hr/> <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	5 <b>BINGO</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	6 <b>EUCHRE</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	7 <b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	8 <b>EUCHRE</b> <b>1:30 PM</b>
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❖ Please join us for our various events ❖  
 ❖ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ❖