

October 2017



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

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:30 pm. The next Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30 pm.

Look inside for the fundraising project we are eager to proceed with. Your Branch will need your support to make this endeavour a success.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Halloween to all.

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



It looks like we are finally getting some summer weather. As I write this on the 1st day of fall we are looking at 3 days of 30 degree weather. Here are some of the highlights of our month.

1. Our BBQ's went very well. Bob and Rhonda have picked up some helpers that come back time and again. Nice to see people stepping up.
2. The Zone Fall Convention was held in Hepworth with good attendance from our Branch. It is good to go to these Conventions as we always learn something.
3. Branch 340 hosted an unveiling party for the commemorative banners on September 19, 2017. The upstairs was packed with many interested members of the public. Also the local TV station and radio stations were there to document the event. The banners are of our WWI and WWII soldiers who gave their lives during those conflicts. I can't wait to see them on our light standards throughout Saugeen Shores.

I have 1 low light I would like to identify.

1. Our monthly General meeting was to be held September 5, 2017. We had to cancel this meeting due to the lack of participation from our general members. In order to have a meeting we need 12 members that are not part of the executive present. We had only 5 people show up. It is important to the Branch to have these meeting as it is where the business of the Branch gets approved. There were many donations we wanted to make (including \$1000 to the schools to help their breakfast program) but could not because you were not there to approve it. We cannot spend money unless the general members approve it. Our next General meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in October (October 3, 2017) starting at 7:30 PM. Come out and support your Legion.

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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How to Cook a Turkey

- Step 1. Buy a turkey
- Step 2. Have a glass of wine
- Step 3. Stuff turkey
- Step 4. Have a glass of wine
- Step 5. Put turkey in oven
- Step 6. Relax and have a glass of wine
- Step 7. Turk the bastrey
- Step 8. Wine of glass another get
- Step 9. Hunt for meat thermometer
- Step 10. Glass yourself another pour of wine
- Step 11. Bake the wine for 4 hours
- Step 12. Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 13. Tet the sable
- Step 14. Grab another wottle of bine
- Step 15. Turk the carvey

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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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



Honours & Awards



Honours & Awards is always pleased to receive nominations of deserving members.

Acknowledgement of members is key to this volunteer organization. Our Committee looks forward to any recommendations you put forth and members WILL BE RECOGNIZED.

Again on this Remembrance Day during lunch the Years of Service pins will be called out as well as some deserving Certificate of Merit awards.

The Committee is still awaiting a response from our #340 President/Membership Chairman regarding the 50+ year awards to our Fraternal Members. Fraternal Members have been overlooked and as of last year are now being recognized by Ontario Command via your Branch President. Hopefully, this priority issue will be clarified soon.

In Comradeship,
Cde Blair Eby
Honours & Awards Officer
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Teacher: "Answer this math problem: if your father earns \$500 a week and gives half to your mother. What will he have?"

Student: "A heart attack."



Hospital & Visitation



Greetings Comrades,

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,
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Leadership Development



The Royal Canadian Legion is unique in that it is a Canada wide non-profit Veteran's organization founded by Veterans for Veterans. Legion Branches are member oriented with a membership who believe in and promote the perpetuation of "Remembrance" and the welfare of our Veterans.

In 1926, the "Legion" in Canada was born out of a group of 15 Veterans organizations formed after WW1 to promote the welfare of its Veterans. The largest of this group was the "Great War Veterans Association" and the oldest was the "Army and Navy Veterans Association". Thirteen of these organizations, including the "Great War Veterans Association" joined together to form the "Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League".

In 1961, the "Act to Incorporate" was amended to change the name of the Canadian Legion to "The Royal Canadian Legion". The word "Royal" was conferred by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in recognition of the Legion's 35 years of dedicated service. Initially, the Legion was an organization composed entirely of Veterans. These members were ex-service men and women who came from all walks of life possessing the leadership skills and training learned as sailors, soldiers and airmen. As "Comrades-in-Arms" who shared a common background, they were part of a brotherhood who worked together over the years to improve pension benefits and living conditions for our Veterans and their families.

At present, there are 403 Legion Branches in Ontario, 988 Branches in the rest of Canada, 14 Branches in the USA, 5 Branches in Europe and 1 Branch in Mexico, for a grand total of 1411 Branches. In 2017 Legion Membership stands strong at nearly 300,000.

Today, there is no requirement to have a family link to a Veteran in order to become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Voting membership in the Legion is now open to any Canadian citizen of

Federal voting age who supports the purposes and objects of the Royal Canadian Legion. Non-voting membership is also available to any non-Canadian citizen who is of Federal voting age.

Dan Kelly
Leadership Development Chairman
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Membership Matters



This is a busy time of the year for membership. The Early Bird Campaign started September 1, 2017 and runs through to the end of November. Why not be an early bird and pay your dues before the end of November. We have a strong Branch due to you so let's keep it strong by renewing your membership.

Dues will be staying the same this year and are as follows:

1. Membership dues during the Early Bird Campaign September 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017 are \$50.00
2. Membership dues after November 30, 2017 are \$55.00

Many changes have occurred with the membership program with the Legion now having the program computerized. All transactions can now be done through the computer which helps us be better suited to support our comrades.

Renew early and become an Early Bird

Wishes for health and happiness in the future.

Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
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Last Post



*Vern Johnson
Christine Schenk*

*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



The 2017 Annual Poppy Campaign will commence on Friday, October 27th.

Volunteers will be needed to canvas poppies in different locations through-out Port Elgin. There will be a sign-up sheet downstairs from the Green Street entrance for you to select your time and location. If you see an open time slot and you have some time available, please sign up! You will be doing your Branch and our Veterans an invaluable service.

Remember your oath and commitment to support the Poppy Campaign when you joined the Legion and sign-up. Volunteers for various other aspects that make up the Campaign will also be needed and another sheet will be available for this in the Canteen.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss ways in which you can assist. Your time will be greatly appreciated to make our 2017 Campaign a great success!

Lest We Forget!

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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.

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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A zombie was roaming through the woods looking for something to eat. He came across two men. One was sitting under a tree and reading a book the other was typing away on his typewriter. The zombie quickly pounced on the man reading the book and started to devour him because even the brain dead zombie knows that readers digest and writer's cramp.



Ways & Means Report



I hope you are all enjoying our summer weather. It is a little late but nice to see it come.

Our many activities are being well attended. The Meat Draws and Bingo are the main stay of our activities so please 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 4:00 PM and will be held:
 - October 7, 2017
 - October 21, 2017
2. Thursday night Euchre are well attended and begin each Thursday night at 7:00 PM
3. Saturday afternoon euchre begins at 1:00 PM.
4. Bingo is held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30PM.

Dan Kelly
Ways and Means Chair
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Branch Barbecue/Dinner Committee



Friday BBQ.... What can I say? It's been fun!!!

We raised significant funds for the Branch which of course helps the community. This could not have happened without you. The many volunteers who help at each event and you the members who donated salads, desserts and many other items, or just showed up to participate.

Rhonda and I would like to thank each of you for all your help and without you this fun event could not happen. Any feedback as to what we can do – good or bad – would be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you at another event soon.

Robert Harrison
BBQ Chairman
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I went to the bank the other day and asked the banker to check my balance, so she pushed me!



The Ladies Auxiliary will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary on Saturday, October 14th from 1pm to 4pm at the Legion Hall. Many devoted Comrades have given countless hours of service to the auxiliary over the past 70 years.

Now is the time to honor the past, celebrate the present and look forward to the future.

Diane Mills, Treasurer
Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary
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It has been a big year for Canada, our 150th anniversary. Celebrations have taken place across our nation, and it appears that we have done that modestly, but well.

On July 1, I was in Ottawa with the Chantry Singers. We represented Saugeen Shores as part of a 600 voice choir with singers from across Canada. Performing on Canada Day was an awesome experience. We were proud of our country and all it stands for.

The other awesome experience was the half-day I spent at the Canadian War Museum. I was able to wander through the exhibit slowly, and had the time to read the information written for each of the displays. The Vimy room, which is part of the permanent display, had been enhanced for the 100th anniversary of the battle.

All of our military history is there from the war of 1812, through the great wars I & II, Korea, Bosnia and Afghanistan. As a nation we can be proud of the huge effort we have made with our allies toward the peace and stability of our world.

Before I left, I had lunch with two retired soldiers (museum volunteers for the day). One had served with the PPCLI and the other with the French regiment, "the Van Doos". Both continued, after retirement, with various branches of NATO. They asked what interest I had in the museum, and I told them that I had been in army cadets as a high school student and in the naval reserve as an adult. I added that I was presently Legion Chaplain in Port Elgin, that my duties were largely ceremonial, and that I was trying to keep in touch with our own veteran group, particularly the seniors. Their comment was to stay at it and encourage the Branch not to neglect the veterans we have in our midst. And I am working on that.

Canada's birthday year has almost passed. I felt very fortunate to be 'on the hill' for part of the celebrations. Most of all, my visit to the War Museum reminded me of the sacrifices made for us over the years. It was the lives of others who have made our celebrations possible.

Our Branch has lost two of our World War II Veterans:

Trevor Letang died in June 2017 at the age of 95. He served in the RCAF as an engine mechanic, stationed in the north of England with the 6th Group as a specialist on Halifax Bombers. He claimed that they were every bit as good as the Lancaster. Trevor volunteered for service in the Far East and was already in Canada when the war ended in May 1945.

Thank you for your service, Trevor.



Vern Johnson died at the age of 93. Recruited as part of the Canadian Army University course in 1943, he and most of his class left to join the ranks as privates. Vern was trained with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals and was seconded to the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. He saw action with the 3rd Division in the Netherlands and ended the war in Apeldoorn, Holland. Returning to Canada in December 1945, Vern resumed his studies at U of T.

Thank you, Vern, for your service to your country.

Canada Remembers

Lest we forget.

Rev. Chuck Beaton



Thursday Euchre Card Players Donation



The Thursday Night Euchre Card group present Branch 340 with a \$500.00 donation.

We thank the players for your on-going support to your Branch.

L-R: Friend of Thursday Euchre Cards, Cde Judy Hennessey, Coordinator and President Dan Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & 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."



**Town of Saugeen Shores &
RCL Branch 155 & 340**



**WWI & WWII Commemorative Banner
Project**

Around Saugeen Shores there will be Commemorative Banners hanging throughout Saugeen Shores prior to Remembrance Day each year beginning this fall.

The Town of Saugeen Shores' Municipal Heritage Committee, in collaboration with the local Royal Canadian Legions, have establishing a Commemorative Banner Program that recognizes those that have lived in our community and who made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our freedom.

The Group is collecting pictures of those that made the ultimate sacrifice in WWI and WWII that came from our communities. The cenotaphs in both Towns include the names of those from Southampton, Port Elgin, Saugeen Township and Saugeen First Nation who lost their lives during these wars. The Group hopes that family members will be able to provide pictures, confirm Christian names and possibly sponsor the banners of their family members.

For more information contact:

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Display of banners which will be flown in Southampton and Port Elgin.



L-R President Dan Kelly; Tracey Edwards, Deputy Clerk, Town of Saugeen Shores and Bill Streeter



President Dan Kelly addresses the audience to introduce Councillor Diane Huber and Bill Streeter.



Members of Southampton Branch 155
L-R Cde Stewart Shular and Cde Harry Mazmanian



**Royal Canadian Legion Zone C-4
Invictus Games Motorcycle Ride
Saturday, September 9, 2017**



The Invictus Games Motorcycle Ride organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Zone C-4 from Tobermory to Meaford, Ontario on Saturday, 9 Sept 2017 was a great success. A special thanks to Mr. Steve Rice and Legion members from across Zone C-4, for the outstanding planning and execution of such a great event.

The ride departed Tobermory at 10:00 hrs. and stopping at Hepworth Legion for lunch. Thank you to all the Legion volunteers for putting together a great meal, before we headed to 4th Canadian Division Training Centre, our final destination. We passed several cenotaphs along the route where Royal Canadian Legion color parties were standing at attention for our arrival, and salutes.

Various motorcycle clubs and individual riders supported our wounded Veteran's and those of 16 Allied and Commonwealth Nations by attending this special motorcycle ride, which is part of the Invictus Games Flag Tour, as it crossed our nation from Victoria BC to Toronto. Many dignitaries were in attendance along with the Commanding Officer and DSM, who greeted us on arrival at 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford.

Thank you to an amazing group of representatives from the Invictus Games who were in attendance at the start, middle and end of the ride. We cannot forget the Invictus Games Mascot who was a highlight for the motorcycle riders. The Canadian Veteran Freedom Riders Meaford Ontario Canada unit was honoured to ride in this special venue. Great job to you all and we wish our wounded warrior athletes participating at the 2017 Invictus Games in Toronto the very best.

Please visit our Face-Book and website link below to learn more about the Canadian Veteran Freedom Riders Meaford Ontario Unit or how to join us. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

<https://www.facebook.com/meafordcvfr/>
<http://www.cvfrmeafordontario.ca/>



**Mike Boudrias Aka Static Line, CD
Warrant Officer (Ret'd)
Canadian Veteran Freedom Riders
Meaford, Ontario
Unit Founder**





Branch 340 Fundraiser
Charity Committee



This year the Charity Committee will be selling raffle tickets for a 58" Samsung Smart TV and valued at \$1,400. The prize has been provided by Advanced Technologies. The Committee is encouraging all members to be involved with this project. Proceeds will benefit our local youth programs. Please contact the undersigned if you are able to sell tickets and your participation will make this a successful endeavour.

Robert & Rhonda Harrison
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Raffle Tickets

Christmas TV Raffle

Draw for a Samsung 58" Smart TV
Approximate value of \$1,400.

Tickets: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Tickets are available at Branch 340 or Legion Member

Lottery Licence # M756167

**Draw will be Saturday, December 23rd at
6:00 pm at the Legion Branch**

Television provided by Advanced Technologies

There is a senior citizen driving on the highway. His wife calls him on his cell phone and in a worried voice says, "Herman, be careful! I just heard on the radio that there is a madman driving the wrong way on Route 280!" Herman says, "I know, but there isn't just one, there are hundreds!"

You are cordially invited to attend a
Retirement Party
In honour of
Dan Rivett

Chief of Police - Saugeen Shores Police Service

Friday November 24th, 2017

Unifor - 115 Shipley Ave., Port Elgin, Ontario

Social Hour - 6:00pm

Dinner/Roast - 7:00pm

Celebration - 8:00pm

Business Attire - \$65.00/Person

For ticket information contact:

Ken McCulloch: 9@sspspolice.com or

Carole McColl 519-832-9200

Cheques payable to Saugeen Shores Police Service

Room Rates at Super 8 Motel 519-832-2058 under

Saugeen Shores Police Service

RSVP by October 30th, 2017

POLICE

**What are YOU
Thankful For?**

health home family friends food



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Remembrance Day Entertainment & Dinner

Saturday, November 11, 2017

**Entertainment by
Second Glance 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Dinner 6:00 pm

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

Fresh Rolls

Dessert

\$10.00 - Advance tickets on sale in the Club Room

Everyone is welcome

A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

Healing Invisible Wounds
PTSD Programs, Awareness & Advocacy



**PTSD
PROGRAM**

**OPEN TO
VETERAN AND FIRST RESPONDER PARTICIPANTS**

Promising new NON DRUG program for PTSD encompasses Mind, Body and Spirit. Group and individual therapies with proven success.

Innovative, interactive, and comprehensive with many components including FAMILY DYNAMICS!

The regular cost of this program is being waived for selected candidates during this pilot phase which is being evaluated by the University of Guelph on our behalf.

<http://missionbutterfly.ca>

Office: 226-979-2149 ☆ Program Director: 519-837-0507



Ontario
Trillium Foundation



APPLY TODAY!

A witch's werewolf has a problem so he takes him to the vet's. The vet looks at the werewolf and says that he'll have to take him to the examining room. In the examining room, he takes a black cat out of a cage and lets the black cat walk all over the werewolf, but the werewolf doesn't do anything. The doctor says "Your werewolf is dead." The witch goes out to the receptionist and asks for her bill. "That'll be \$666" says the receptionist. "What! \$666? How's that possible?" "It's \$66 for the consultation, and \$600 for the Cat scan."



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| 29 | 30 EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM | 31 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM | | | | |

❖ Please join us for our various events ❖

❖ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ❖