



Port Elgin Branch 340

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

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

On behalf of my husband Bob and our family we would like to wish you and your family the beauty and love of the holiday season. May warmth fill your home and may blessings fill your life in the upcoming year.

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President's Report



Hello Comrades,

Another year has flown by and we are now entering 2018. Seems like this year was shorter than last, I guess that is part of growing old.

Branch 340 has been strong this year. Your executive has been very busy this year. Many activities they have supported were:

- Full complement of members attended the Provincial Convention in London. Each of the Executive took in all the activities and the lessons learned were used throughout the year to support our Legion.
- There are 5 Branch 340 members on Zone Council which gives us a strong voice in the working of the Zone.
- There are two executive members supporting the District and Ontario councils.

Branch 340 had a prosperous year and continues to grow. Thanks to all our Comrades for making Branch 340 as strong as it is.

The past year has seen:

1. January come in like a lion as our New Year's Eve Levee was another big hit. Many people enjoyed the music of "The Danns".
2. Our winter was pretty tame and mainly quiet at the Legion as many of our people enjoyed the sunny south.
3. The spring and summer were fun and eventful at the Branch as our BBQ's were another big hit. Along with our weekly bingo and bi-weekly meat draws there were many comrades coming into the Branch to enjoy the activities.
4. Our Remembrance Day ceremony was another huge success even with the cold weather we had to endure. This years' service included an afternoon of music and a sit down dinner in the evening. This made it a full day event at the Branch. There were many people that participated and I would like to thank you all for your continued support.
5. The meat draws and bingo continue to be part of the mainstay for our Legion and have a strong following for each activity.

On a sad note we continue to lose our veterans as we are all getting older. "We will remember them". But on a happy note there was a 100 year birthday party at the Branch for veteran and Past President Mike Pepe. Many people came in to enjoy the celebration with Mike. Congratulations Mike.

I hope all you snowbirds have a great holiday down south and look forward to seeing you all back at Branch 340.

We will remember them.

Yours in Comradeship
President Dan Kelly
Dankelly@bmts.com



RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



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, 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



1st Vice President



A new year will soon be upon us so at this time I would like to thank each and every volunteer who helps to keep our Branch one of the best in our Zone. With your help we have been able to raise significant funds to help our veterans and our community.



I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

In Comradeship,

Robert Harrison
1st Vice President
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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 a \$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 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 & 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



Recognizing valued members for their contributions at our Legion is an important part of the Honours & Awards Chair.

When you nominate volunteer members, based on their efforts of ensuring our Branch functions continue, we build strong and continuous relationships, and we build a stronger Branch.

If you know anyone whom you feel should be shown appreciation, please contact me with this members particulars and confidentially the H&A Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Blair Eby
Honours & Awards Chair
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A man speaks frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor queries. "No, you idiot!" the man shouts. "This is her husband!"

A New Year's Wish

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living.

Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck - the bartender was almost crushed to death.



Hospital & Visitation



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.

Cde Elizabeth Eby
Branch Visitation/Hospital Chairman
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Leadership Development



Comrades, below is the training session our Dominion Council received in the formal Legion Dress Code. I thought I would share it with you so we could better understand the requirements of being properly dressed.

LEGION DRESS TRAINING SESSION TO MEMBERS
OF DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 24, 2017

Thank You President Dave for the opportunity of addressing the members of D.E.C. here today regarding Legion Dress.

Comrades, in your Public Relations Training Day yesterday, one of the things that was included in the training was that Public Relations provides value to an organization by helping it manage its reputation and image with internal and external publics. And this is so true in our organization in helping our reputation and image through what we wear.

As we all know, our rules, regulations and guidelines within the Royal Canadian Legion have been crafted over the years through various resolutions and motions passed and approved through various Dominion Conventions or by the members of D.E.C. This is also the case with our current Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual regarding the wearing of Legion Dress.

We as members of The Royal Canadian Legion project an image when wearing our distinctive dress. It is a positive image that recognizes our organization and demonstrates pride in our country and ourselves. In order to ensure that this image is reinforced, it is of utmost importance that we wear our distinctive dress in the appropriate manner. And in particular, it is important that we, as members of Dominion Executive Council set the example by wearing our Legion Dress in the appropriate manner as set out in our RAP manual.

What constitutes proper Legion Dress is all described in Chapter 1 of our manual and I would like to briefly review some of the important factors in this chapter with you at this time.

In Section 101, we mention when Legion dress is recommended to be worn while attending various formal functions. One of those formal functions is our DEC meetings which you are attending this weekend. And at our Executive Council meetings, Standard Legion Dress is the dress of the day.

This includes the wearing of a navy-blue blazer, complete with the appropriate Legion blazer crest on the left-hand breast pocket and Legion buttons on the front and on the sleeves. A Regimental Service Blazer Badge of the regiment, unit/or service being served or was served or an RCMP Blazer Badge may be worn on the lower right side pocket of the Legion Blazer. If for any reason the wearing of the Regimental Badge or RCMP Badge on the lower right side pocket would bring discredit to the regiment/unit or service, then and only then, would the Badge be allowed to be worn on the lower left side pocket of the Legion Blazer.

A Veteran sew on scroll may also be worn on the Legion Blazer by all Legion members who qualify as a Veteran as described in Section 101 2 of our GBL's and may be worn directly below the Legion Blazer crest.

Black shoes, black socks, grey trousers for males, dark grey hose, grey knee length skirts or slacks for females. Black shoulder strap purses may be carried on parade and small stud or keeper earrings are appropriate for females. A plain white shirt and the official Legion long striped tie.

Legion headdress also forms a part of Standard Legion Dress, although it is not normal practice for headdress to be worn indoors with the exception of course of the Sgt.-At-Arms, Colour Bearers, members of the Ladies Auxiliary, and by Officers presiding at official functions, such as Installations and may also include those who are being installed.

Legion headdress is of course to be worn at all outside ceremonial events when Legion dress is worn. While gloves are also worn by comrades participating at ceremonies.

So, that is your basic Legion Dress. Then we get into the wearing of accoutrements. And what is currently authorized for wear on standard Legion Dress is as follows:

- A Legion name tag may be worn on the right side of the Legion Blazer
- Only one Legion lapel badge of choice shall be worn on the left lapel of the blazer. A Canadian Armed Forces Service lapel pin may also be worn to the left of the Legion lapel badge. A Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation lapel badge may be worn as well on the left lapel to the left of the Legion Lapel Badge or to the left of the service discharge button or a Canadian Armed Forces Service lapel pin
- From time to time, commemorative or celebratory pins may be authorized for wear on Legion Dress for a specified time. At the present time, the only commemorative pins authorized for wear on Legion Dress is the We Support Our Troops lapel pin and the Vimy pin. The Vimy pin was only authorized for wear for a one-year period and that is until the end of this year. The We Support Our Troops lapel pin is authorized for wear on Legion Dress with no time frame in place. The We Support Our Troops lapel pin is worn at the top parallel to the Legion badge.

So Comrades, if you are wearing anything else other than underwear and a belt and what I have mentioned, all I can say is that you are improperly dressed.

I mentioned earlier that Standard Legion Dress is the dress of the day to be worn at Executive Council Meetings. There is also of course the wearing of Legion Dress with medals. As members of DEC, we wear our Legion Dress with medals for Convention parades and the ceremonies held at cenotaphs. We also wear Legion Dress with medals at the opening and closing of a convention. In addition, Legion medals should also be worn on **such Legion occasions** as described in Section 113 of our manual. But I am not about to review all of these occasions with you.

Now of course there are other forms of Legion Dress as well. There is the wearing Summer Dress that is described in Section 103 of our manual and this has not been changed since it was first introduced in 2010. Summer dress is worn on occasions where, in the opinion of the body issuing the invitation or instruction, the wearing of Summer Dress would be appropriate. And again, Summer Dress has not changed and is the same as for the standard Legion dress except that blazers are not worn. Ties are optional, a Legion shirt badge is displayed on the shirt pocket, and **no epaulettes, shoulder badges, or medals are to be worn**. Undress Service Ribbons only may be worn.

And then we have Formal Legion Dress. Although not many of us ever have the opportunity to wear Formal Legion Dress, from time to time, some of our officers are called upon to attend formal military or civilian events. And while our Standard Legion Dress would be apropos, there are times when some invitations call for Black Ties and others call for White Tie and the wearing of blues and greys with standard medals with a long Legion tie, pocket badges and name tags etc. just does not fit the normal requirement of “formality” for these occasions.

Therefore, an optional Legion Formal Dress for all “formal” occasions, military or civilian, where black tie or white tie is called for, has been authorized by DEC. And what the makeup of Legion Formal Dress consists of, can all be found in Section 104 of our manual. Other pertinent information concerning the wearing of Legion Dress, the wearing of medals, medal precedence, accoutrements, and the wearing of the Poppy on Legion Dress, can all be found in Chapter 1 of our manual.

Although another topic that I would just like to mention that does not form as a part of Legion Dress is Legion Saluting. And I am not about to go on and on about who and when saluting should take place while wearing headdress, I would suggest that everyone reads Section 1016 through to and including Section 1021 of our manual as I have seen incorrect saluting taking place on a few occasions by elected officers.

Comrades, I could go on and on, but was asked by our President to speak for about 15 minutes about the wearing of proper Legion Dress and I believe my time is up. But as we all always remind our members, if in doubt, ‘Read the Book’, as everything that anyone needs to know about the wearing of proper Legion Dress can be found in Chapter 1 of our Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual.

Dan Kelly
Leadership Development Chairman
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“Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best.”
— H. Jackson Brown Jr.



Membership Matters



Membership continues to be strong with many of you updating your membership already. Thank you to all our early birds. If you have not paid your membership dues why not drop in next week and get up to date. As of December 1st our dues are \$55. We have a strong membership. Let's keep it strong by renewing your membership.

The addition of automating the membership program on to the computer has allowed us to process your requests faster. I have updated our membership cards as of December 22, 2017 so if you have paid your dues, your membership card should be at the bar.

Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
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Poppy



Hoping everyone had a **Happy Holiday Season**, Vicky and I wish you all the **Best for the New Year, 2018!**

Poppy is a year around endeavour to help our Veterans at home and abroad in their time of need. Supporting Elizabeth and Blair Eby's Coffee and Popcorn drive, we hope their boxes of holiday cheer help our overseas Veterans enjoy the Holiday Season and remind them of their family and friends at home in Canada.

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,

Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
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- To kick start my New Year, I took an IQ test and the results were negative.
- The trouble with jogging is that the ice falls out of your glass.
- When I thought about the evils of drinking in the New Year. I gave up thinking.
- Definition of a hangover: Wrath of Grapes.

“Instruction for Life”

- Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
- When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
- Follow the three R's: Respect for self.
Respect for others.
Responsibility for all your actions.
- Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
- Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.”

H. Jackson Brown,



**Sergeant-at-Arms
Colour Party**



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
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



Ways & Means Report



We had another great Ways and Means month for Branch 340. Thanks to everyone that helped make it a success in December. The Legion was hopping all month with all events being well attended.

I would like to thank our team of volunteers that continue to make us successful. Activities completed last month are:

1. We had a Friday night dinner party on December 2, 2017. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal put on by Bob and his crew.
2. The 4 Turkey raffles were all well attended. We ran out of meat in a couple of the sessions and all turkeys have been spoken for.
3. Thursday Night Euchre continues to go well with 9 to 10 tables each night.
4. Saturday Afternoon euchre has the same effect as the Thursday night with a continuous support of many people.
5. Bingo continues strong with approximately 60 supported each night.

This month we will continue with these events (except for dinner). We will have two meat draw this month – on January 13th and January 27th. Let's keep our Branch active.

Dan Kelly
Ways and Means Chair
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Toonies for Troops



A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year project of cheer is headed for serving troops in Iraq and Latvia.

Last Thursday 23 large boxes containing Tim Horton's coffee, popcorn, hot chocolate, granola bars, school artwork and letters to soldiers as well as signed Canada Flags were shipped to CFB Trenton. By 0730 the next morning an efficient Sgt called to say "Mrs. Eby, packages received, crated and enroute overseas". WOW!!

Our community and Legion is to be thanked for all the donations. Our collections of \$1600.00 expanded into a truer value of \$2700.00. Our corporate sponsors, David from Tim's and Scott at Independent deserve a round of applause and extraordinary thanks for that. Please ensure the next time you meet them, to say thank you from our Legion.

23 boxes takes a mile of wrapping paper and tape, address labels and declaration forms for each is a project in itself. Thank you Rhonda & Bobby for as usual being right there by our sides, to bring yet another Legion project together. From an H & A perspective, there is an expectation of continuing to live up to the merits we received through our Branch Service Medals, and I'm very PROUD to say "we are doing exactly that".

By sending our serving Veterans a 'piece of home', it not only unites us as Comrades, but it also solidifies our volunteer commitment of 'WE REMEMBER THEM TOO'.

In Comradeship,
The Ebys
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519-832-3133 Home



L-R: Scott Rowland, YIG; Dave Falconer, Tim Horton's, Linda Falconer; Cde Elizabeth Eby, Project Manager; Mayor Mike Smith, Saugeen Shores; MC Matt Patterson, 3rd Battalion RCR and Cde Blair Eby.



L-R Berry Biederman, Iota Phi Sorority; Cde Stacey Hobson, Meridian Credit Union; Cde Robert Harrison and Cde Rhonda Harrison.

To Branch 340:

Thank you very much for all the beautiful gifts that you obtained for the Toy Drive. I was really impressed when I saw how many gifts were under the tree. Also, with the care the Meridian ladies put into noting the sex and age for each gift. Even the tree seemed fuller...maybe some new ornaments!!

Wishing you a great Holiday Season and Good Health and Happiness for the coming year!

Berry Biederman
Iota Phi Sorority

* We also acknowledge the Liv-a-Little Foundation for the toys that were collected at Carey Optical.

Another WWII Veteran Has Died

Rod Avis lived in Southampton near the mouth of the Saugeen River across from Pioneer Park. In the summer he sat on his porch watching the activities in the harbour, all the while tending to his many geraniums.

Rod was an infantry soldier who was seriously injured in a training accident at Camp Ipperwash, which was a finishing school for the army during the war. The injury sidelined him. His group went overseas but he was shuttled between hospitals in London and the camp.

When he was discharged he received a small pension which enabled him to train as a watchmaker and jeweler. In due time he opened a shop on Port Elgin's main street.

Rod was a faithful member of our Branch, appreciated what the Legion stood for, and the help that it gave him over the years.

Rod passed away quietly at the age of 95.

LEST WE FORGET

(Rev. Chuck Beaton, Chaplain)

The Ladies Auxiliary were Santa's helpers this week and delivered Christmas gifts to several veterans who are members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340 Port Elgin. The lap blankets were knit and donated by Veteran Knit Appreciation Apparel group and a box of Mill Creek chocolates was added as a special Christmas treat. We honor these veterans Tom Steel, Bob Maas, Chris Kemp, Alice Winter and Mike Pepe and sent a Christmas card greeting to Rita Hough in Kitchener.

Several of our senior Ladies Auxiliary members were also given special Christmas treats for the years of service they have given in the past. These comrades kept our Auxiliary strong and prepared and served many Christmas dinners at the Legion and for that we truly thank them.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and may you and your family have a happy and healthy new year.



A Bad Dream?

Jemima was taking an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve before the festivities. After she woke up, she confided to Max, her husband, 'I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?'

'Aha, you'll know tonight,' answered Max smiling broadly.

At midnight, as the New Year was chiming, Max approached Jemima and handed her small package. Delighted and excited she opened it quickly. There in her hand rested a book entitled: 'The meaning of dreams'.





At the time of writing this 2017 is just about over and what a great year we had at our Branch. From Bingo, Meat Draws, Friday Night BBQ's, Pumpkinfest Breakfast and most recently the Christmas TV Draw.

Congratulations to Darryl Cooper, London ON who won the Samsung 58" Smart TV.

The funds raised from the TV Draw will be donated to the various youth programs that Branch 340 supports. Special thanks to the Saugeen Shores Pee Wee Minor Hockey Team for a great job of helping us sell tickets. All the funds raised could not happen without you.

Volunteers who go above and beyond to help us raise money. Please keep up the good work.

We have been asked and we see a need to raise more money for the school breakfast program so we will be having a breakfast on Sunday, February 4th. Same format as the Pumpkinfest breakfast that we serve. It will run from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers will be needed and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Club Room. If this is successful we will host more events to help out our schools. Please mark this date on your calendar and try to attend.

Rhonda and I wish you all a Happy New Year and hope to see you soon.

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



The 340 Air Cadets have had a great start to the year. In September they went to Wingham airfield to experience gliding. With fellow cadets from our region as pilots, each attending cadet had 2 flights in the gliders. Also in September the cadets had a fall exercise at the Griffin in Southampton, learning about building shelters, starting fires and how to survive in the outdoors. The Cadets went out tagging in October and also had a costume bowling night on Halloween instead of their usual drill night. The Cadet Range Team has started training again this year with plans to enter the regional competition in early 2018. As well we have a group of cadets interested in learning more about flight through radio controlled planes on Thursday evening using simulators, planes and drones to hone their skills.

As mentioned in an article last month, cadets participated in the Poppy Campaign as well as the Remembrance Day services in both Port Elgin and Southampton – always an honour. Then it was on the Christmas Parades in both Port Elgin and Southampton, marching with the Legion.

And a special thank you the Ladies Auxiliary for preparing and serving our Squadron Dinner in November.

Legion Liaison
Steve Pellow



Zone C-4 Elimination Draw



Tickets are being sold in the Club Room at Branch. Please support our Zone Ways & Means fundraiser.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. # 383 TARA LA
The Elimination Draw will be held on April 7, 2018. The total prizes awarded are \$3,200.00. The cost of the tickets is \$10.00 with only 500 tickets sold.
(Schedule dependent on number of tickets sold).

1st	\$100.00	150th	\$50.00	300th	\$50.00	450th	\$50.00
25th	\$50.00	175th	\$50.00	325th	\$50.00	475th	\$50.00
50th	\$50.00	200th	\$50.00	350th	\$50.00	498th	\$150.00
75th	\$50.00	225th	\$50.00	375th	\$50.00	499th	\$500.00
100th	\$50.00	250th	\$50.00	400th	\$50.00	500th	\$1500.00
125th	\$50.00	275th	\$50.00	425th	\$50.00		

Ticket #225 Lic#M765163

Apr. 7, 2018, at 6:00 PM
Ticket #225 Lic#M765163



Zone C-4 Youth Education



Zone C-4 stats for the Youth Education Remembrance Day Contest say that: Branch #340 is the shining star in C-4 with 4 First Place Winners moving onto the District level of competition. In total 7 students from #340 received a Zone award of excellence!

Superb job by all the students and all that helped to bring this project together.

In Comradeship,
Cde Elizabeth Eby
Zone C4 Youth Education Officer



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Legion Breakfast

Sunday, February 4, 2018
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ham, Sausage, Potatoes & Eggs
Toast, Juice, Tea & Coffee

Adults \$10.00
Children 10 & Under \$6.00

**Proceeds to support our local School Breakfast Club
Programs**

**Mark your calendars and join us for a delicious meal and camaraderie.
Tickets will be available on the day of the event.**



Everyone Welcome





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What's Happening

2018 Meat Draws

Saturdays starting at 4:00 pm























January 13, 27	February 17
March 3, 17, 31	April 14, 28
May 5, 19	June 2, 16, 30
July 21	August 4, 18
September 1, 15, 29	October 13, 27
November 10, 24	
Friday, December 7	December 8, 15, 22

starting at 8:00 pm



🔊 Event dates are subject to change 🔊

January 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	<p>1</p>  <p>LEVEE 1:00 – 7:00 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>BINGO 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>EUCHRE 1:30 PM</p>
7	<p>8</p> <p>DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>LA GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>BINGO 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>EUCHRE 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM</p> 
14	<p>15</p> <p>DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>BINGO 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>EUCHRE 1:30 PM</p>
21	<p>22</p> <p>DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>BINGO 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>EUCHRE 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>EUCHRE 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM</p> 
28	<p>29</p> <p>DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM</p>	<p>31</p> <p>BINGO 7:30 PM</p> 			

☞ Please join us for our various events ☞

☞ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ☞