



**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

We wish all the Fathers a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 16! Lots to celebrate this month, and the first day of summer is scheduled for Sunday, June 21st.

Saturday Euchre will resume in September. We thank Cde Jim Mahon for his many years of service in coordinating this program for our members and friends.

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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President's Report



Branch 340 was busy this past month with all our Ways & Means activities keeping us active.

Along with that there was a Provincial Convention held in Niagara Falls. This event was well attended by your Legion Executive. Provincial elections were the main topic of this Convention and below is a result of these elections:

- Provincial President – Garry Pond
- Provincial 1st Vice President – Derek Moore
- Provincial Vice Presidents – Brian Harris, Lynn McClelland, Pam Davidson
- Provincial Hon. Treasurer – Terry Jacobs
- Provincial Chairman – Ron Goebel
- Provincial Vice-Chairman – Ron Crown

Congratulations to those elected.

June is the start of our new fiscal year and our new Executive take over for the next year. First off, I would like to congratulate Bob Harrison for becoming our incoming President. I am sure you will support Bob as you have supported me these past 5 years. Good luck Bob and your new Executive.

There are many people returning to support our Branch Executive again which is nice. These people have a wealth of knowledge and it is good to be able to depend on them. Also, we have new and returning faces. Congratulations to Patty Kelly, Gord Kelly and Tom Jacques for stepping forward to help keep our Branch strong.

I would like to thank the outgoing Executive for your support over the years. It was a pleasure working with you and I hope to work with you again in the future.

Many activities continue on at the Branch and we appreciate all our Comrades who help support these activities.

- Bingo is held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 6 PM. Come and enjoy a night out with many of our supporters.
- We have 3 Meat Draws coming up and the dates are June 1st, 15th and 29th.
- The Belmont Stakes will be held on June 8, 2019. The race is around 6:30. Come out and enjoy the race with you fellow Comrades.
- Our Saturday afternoon Euchre will be taking a rest for the summer starting in June and will return in September.
- Our Thursday night Euchre will continue with the games starting at 7 PM.
- Our popular Friday night barbeques have started for the summer. Bob, Rhonda and their crew are ready to serve up some delicious food. See our June calendar for the dates and times so you can come on out and enjoy some good home cooking.

I hope you all enjoy a happy summer and maybe I will see you at the Branch this month.

We will remember them

Yours in Comradeship
Dan Kelly
Past President, Branch 340





Hello all, my name is Robert (Bob) Harrison and I am your newly elected President for the 2019-2020 term of office.

I have held various positions on the Branch 340 Executive over the years which have given me the knowledge to serve in the position as your President. I look forward to the coming term and being able to keep our Branch as strong and formative as in the past.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge our Past President Dan Kelly for his years of service to Branch 340 and the high standard in which he held the position to serve our membership. We, Branch 340, thank you.

Also, I would like to recognize the past Executive Committee for your dedication, enthusiasm and support in your term of office.

I look forward to working with the incoming Executive and to the new elected members which have joined the Team. Your Executive is in place to serve the membership in all ways possible.

Please feel free to contact me with concerns, suggestions or ideas you may have to make our Branch the best it can be.

Yours in Comradeship

President Robert Harrison
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**Your family is
the best team
you could
ever have.**



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



Honours & Awards



Comrade Elizabeth Ann Eby received a Life Membership in presence of family from Legion Branch #340.

Presenting the award was Comrade Michael J. Atkinson, District C Chairman and Chaplain C.P. Beaton, Veteran.

Best Regards,
LAC, Eby Brock
340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin

Photo provided by Eby Family



Leadership Development



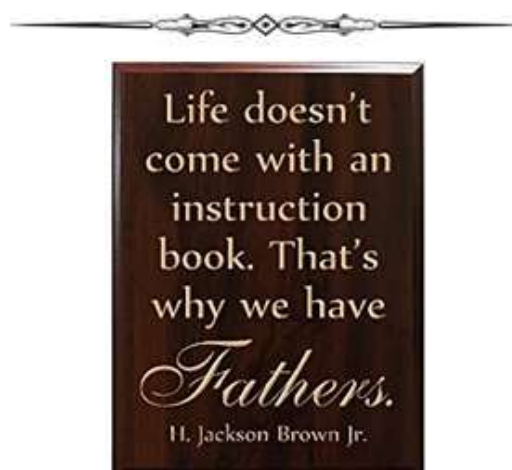
The Ontario Command of The Royal Canadian Legion is comprised of over four hundred (400) Branches throughout Ontario. With a total membership of over 100,000 the Ontario Command of the Legion is the largest service oriented organization in Ontario.

Although our main focus continues to be remembering those who gave their lives for freedom, and looking after the needs of Veterans, their dependents, and those still serving in the Canadian Forces; Legions throughout Ontario Command are also contributing to the well-being of our neighbours by sponsoring community programs. Support for the communities we live in is one of our main beliefs.

Legions sponsor sports, youth programs, senior's programs, as well as supporting other organizations both financially and by supplying meeting rooms and halls for events. In some communities, the Legion Hall is the main meeting place for community and social events. Branches, Zones and Districts also raise funds to assist local organizations and regional organizations and facilities such as medical centres, medical research facilities and communities affected by natural disasters.

In partnership with the Ladies Auxiliary of Ontario Command, the Legion operates a charitable foundation which brings the collective strength of our Branches together to fund medical equipment and educational bursaries throughout Ontario Command. Funds to support this foundation are raised by Legion Branches through Poppy tagging campaigns and various fundraising events.

Cde Robert Harrison
Leadership Development
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USGA 2019 RULES OF GOLF: RULE CHANGES IN EFFECT FOR GOLFERS AGE 62+

Rule 9.k.34 - If a tree is between the ball and the hole, and the tree is deemed to be younger than the player, then the ball can be moved without penalty. This is so because this is simply a question of timing; when the player was younger, the tree was not there so the player is being penalized because of his age.

Rule 1.a.5 - A ball sliced or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 - A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree, and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.B.3 - There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7 - If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5. - Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game.

Rule 6.a.9 - There is no penalty for so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior player deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.G.15 - There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalized for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.

Rule 8.k.9 - Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior players, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes and keep multiple copies in your golf bag. Those not following the rules need to be provided a copy.

Golf is...above all...a game of integrity.





Membership



In order to maintain a strong Branch, we depend on a healthy membership. There is strength in numbers, so if you know anyone who would be interested in joining the Legion, bring them by and let them see our Branch. All forms for membership can be obtained from the Bar Steward.

Cde Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
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Poppy



On May 11th we held our yearly Veterans' Dinner with close to 60 Veterans, Branch Members and Guests in attendance, including Mike Pepe, at 101, the longest living RCMP Veteran in Canada.

Three modern-day Veterans, Mike Hobson, Private (Ret). 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment; Ryan Eyre, L. Col (Ret), Commanding Officer, 437 (Transport) Squadron and Steven J. Shute, rmc, Lt. Commander (Ret) RCN Multiple Units/Ships shared their personal experiences in war torn areas such as Afghanistan, Iraq and the Congo. The Canadian Navy's role in combating pirates in the Sea of Aden or chasing down drug runners in the Pacific. The RCAF's role as part of a UN effort to airlift Haitian residents to safety following Hurricane Matthews devastation.



L-R Cde Alex Taylor, Poppy Chairman; Ryan Eyre, L. Col (Ret), Commanding Officer, 437 (Transport) Squadron; Mike Hobson, Private (Ret). 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment; and Steven J. Shute, rmc, Lt. Commander (Ret) RCN Multiple Units/Ships

As Poppy Chairman for 2019, again, I want to get an early start so that we can hopefully have greater success for our Veterans with our 2019 Poppy Campaign. **Our 2019 Poppy Campaign will run from Friday, October 25th to Monday, November 11th.**

Our 2018, Poppy Campaign successfully raised over \$25,700, a 9% increase over 2017. Our current Trust Fund balance as at April 30, 2019 is \$25,904.76. To April, 30, 2019 we have donated \$14,700.00 in support of Veterans.

A campaign this large could not come off without Legion member volunteers who donated over 100 hours of in store canvassing. Air Cadet volunteers provided close to 90 hours of canvassing support organized by their leader Capt. Rob Herboth. Close to 30 Branch member volunteers helped prepare the Poppy boxes, with canvassing and audit, in the office and counting the money. Again, many thanks to all our volunteers for their devotion.

Why are personal canvassers so important? First, donations doubled to quadrupled when a live canvass volunteer was present vs. an unattended Poppy Box. In cases, where corporate policy will not allow us to put a Poppy Box(es) in a store, it increases our collections from that location from 0% to 100% when a canvasser is present.

When you joined the Legion, one of the key commitments you made, as a member, was to actively support our Poppy Campaigns. The success of any Poppy Campaign relies heavily on you, our Volunteers, especially canvassers. Please send me an email expressing your interest in volunteering and your contact details. I look forward to hearing from you. I will ensure that you

will be personally contacted and offered a role. Your time will be greatly appreciated to make our 2019 Campaign an even greater success!

Lest We Forget!

Comrade,
Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman,
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Sports



Hello Comrades,

The start to our new fiscal 2019/2020 year is upon us. Below is a list for the sporting events held for Zone C-4 sports. The activity, date of event and location are identified so you can review your availability. Come out and enjoy some comradeship with our fellow Zone C-4 Branches.

Zone "C- 4" - 2019/2020 Sport Events			
Event	Date		Location
Cribbage	September 29/19	C-4	Chatsworth
Senior Darts	October 27/19	C-4	Southampton
Mixed Team Darts	November 3/19	C-4	Chatsworth
Mixed Double Darts	November 3/19	C-4	Chatsworth
Team Darts	November 17/19	C-4	Hepworth
Single & Double Darts	December 8/19	C-4	Owen Sound
Snooker	December 15/19	C-4	Owen Sound
8-Ball	January 5/20	C-4	Port Elgin
Euchre	January 19/20	C-4	Paisley

As your Branch Sports Officer I am looking forward to serving on the Executive again and being involved with many of our members as they participate in the various events scheduled for the coming year.

Yours in Comradeship

Gord Kelly
Sports Chairman
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Ways & Means



Hello Comrades,

I joined Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 in 1986. I served as Canteen Chairman and Ways & Means Chairman from 2000-2002. I joined the Executive 2002-2006 holding positions as Executive member and Canteen Chairman and Ways & Means Chairman as well as 2nd Vice President. I have had the pleasure of running the Meat Raffles from 2000 to present.

Join us for the scheduled Friday Branch Barbecues and the ongoing Meat Draws during the summer months. Check your calendars in the bulletin as it would be unfortunate if you were to miss an event.



I am looking forward to serving on the Executive again and continuing to provide the Branch with the support that is needed to make it one of the more respected in our Zone.

Tom Jacques
Ways & Means Chairman
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Youth Education



Hello Comrades,

In this upcoming Legion year I am looking forward to working with President Bob Harrison and the Executive Committee members while taking the lead on the Youth Education Standing Committee.

The Poster & Literary Competition and the Public Speaking Competition are rewarding and thought provoking programs for children and youth. In collaboration with the local schools, Branch 340 will once again offer these programs in our community. Already I have received kind offers to assist with these programs which all are greatly appreciated. A sincere thank you is extended to Stacey Hobson for her contributions to the Youth Education and with her willingness to share.

Patty Kelly
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Branch 340 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Part-Time Position)



The Royal Canadian Legion Port Elgin Branch 340 is currently accepting applications for the position of Part-time Bar Steward for the main hall functions and includes nights and weekends.

Candidates must be Smart Serve certified.

We invite candidates to forward their resume and cover letter via fax at 226-453-3005 or email to branch340@eastlink.ca no later than **Friday, June 14, 2019**.

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



Have You Seen A Doctor?

Patient: Nurse, I keep seeing spots in front of my eyes.

Nurse: Have you seen a doctor?

Patient: No, just spots.

Differences between Men & Women

NICKNAMES: If Gloria, Suzanne, Debra and Michelle go out for lunch, they will call each other Gloria, Suzanne, Debra and Michelle. But if Mike, Phil, Rob and Jack go out for a brewsky, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla, Peanut-Head and Useless.

EATING OUT: And when the check comes, Mike, Phil, Rob and Jack will each throw in \$20 bills, even though it's only for \$22.50. None of them will have anything smaller, and none will actually admit they want change back. When the girls get their check, out come the pocket calculators.

BATHROOMS: A man has six items in his bathroom—a toothbrush, shaving cream, razor, a bar of Dial soap, and a towel from the Holiday Inn. The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 437. A man would not be able to identify most of these items.

GROCERIES: A woman makes a list of things she needs and then goes out to the store and buys these things. A man waits till the only items left in his fridge are half a lime and a soda. Then he goes grocery shopping. He buys everything that looks good. By the time a man reaches the checkout counter, his cart is packed tighter than the Clampett's car on Beverly Hillbillies. Of course, this will not stop him from going to the 10-items-or-less lane.

SHOES: When preparing for work, a woman will put on a Mondri wool suit, then slip on Reebok sneakers. She will carry her dress shoes in a plastic bag from Saks. When a woman gets to work, she will put on her dress shoes. Five minutes later, she will kick them off because her feet are under the desk. A man will wear the same pair of shoes all day.

CATS: Women love cats. Men say they love cats, but when women aren't looking, men kick cats.

DRESSING UP: A woman will dress up to: go shopping, water the plants, empty the garbage, answer the phone, read a book, get the mail. A man will dress up for: weddings, funerals.

LAUNDRY: Women do laundry every couple of days. A man will wear every article of clothing he owns, including his surgical pants that were hip about eight years ago, before he will do his laundry. When he is finally out of clothes, he will wear a dirty sweatshirt inside out, rent a U-Haul and take his mountain of clothes to the Laundromat. Men always expect to meet beautiful women at the Laundromat. This is a myth perpetuated by re-runs of old episodes of "Love, American Style."

OFFSPRING: Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and soccer games and romances and best friends and favorite foods and secret fears and hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.





Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Greetings from Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary.

We are patiently waiting for the arrival of summer and some warmer weather for the flowers and veggies to grow.

The Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary held their joint installation so everyone is ready to get to work.

We had 6 ladies attend our Zone Convention which was held in Chesley on May 29, 2019. There was a good turn out from our Zone and we heard many reports of all the activities that the ladies do within their communities to raise funds for their specific charities and organizations. The common thread was that the Auxiliaries need new members as we are an aging group.

Marilyn Noble was sworn in at our May meeting.

The Volunteer Fair has been rescheduled to September, so I will have further information on that at a later date.

We currently have 3 bookings scheduled for June: the PROBUS Lunch on June 4th, a wedding reception on the 15th and a Funeral lunch.

The Veteran's Day Dinner was a success with 3 speakers representing the 3 major services Army, Navy and Air Force. We enjoyed their presentations and got a taste of what it is really like for these brave individuals who serve and protect our freedoms.

The ladies will be holding their end of season Awards & Honours Dinner at the West Links Golf Club on Thursday, June 13th. Please mark your calendars.

Wishing all the Daddy's out there a Happy Father's Day, enjoy some time with your families.

Vicky Taylor
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Presentation to Branch 340

LA Branch 340 Sports Officer Diane Mills presents Branch President Dan Kelly with a donation of \$500.00 to be used for the purchase of any necessary equipment for the kitchen or new card tables if needed.



Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary Liaison



Hello Comrades,

As the newly appointed L.A. Liaison I look forward to meeting all the members and being the liaison to the Branch Executive Committee.

Patty Kelly
L.A Liaison
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Chaplains Corner

C W H M (Canadian Warplanes Heritage
Museum)



In the early 1970's a small group of dedicated airplane enthusiasts began searching for a flyable World War II aircraft. They found one in the USA, a Fairy Firefly, still in good condition, which they brought to the Toronto area, and the four pilots took turns flying it.

One thing led to another and they acquired other aircraft: Harvards, a Tiger Moth, and a Fleet Finch, all of them trainers. These pilots became collectors, who searched for vintage aircraft and carefully restored them to pristine flying condition. Their group grew, and so did the collection which found a new home at the Hamilton airport, in Mount Hope, Ontario, where they took over a couple of WWII Air Force hangers.

I joined CWHM in 1982 when I was a new minister in Hamilton, and soon found that the museum needed someone to assist at ceremonial occasions, mainly to introduce the newly restored airplanes and to say prayers of dedication at their inaugural flight. Over my 25 years as Chaplain at the CWHM, I have had the honour of dedicating some remarkable aircraft. The Lancaster, after 10 years of work, was dedicated to the memory of F/O Andrew Mynarski. He was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross for heroic action in trying to free his tail gunner as the aircraft was going down.

The Canso (Flying Boat) was dedicated to S/L David Hornell who was awarded a VC for sinking a German submarine and saving his crew, but died from his wounds.

The B25 was dedicated to 98 Squadron, an RAF unit which many Canadians flew with during the war. The losses of this Squadron were the highest of all, but their bombing records were excellent.

All of these planes and many more are flying, having been brought back to life by skilled hands and volunteer labour. Now that we have a new 60,000 sq. ft. hanger, we are one of the few museums in the world where more than half of the collection of 35 vintage planes still take to the air. The President likes to say that "Every day is Remembrance Day" at CWHM, and every plane a reminder of the sacrifice of 150,000 Canadian airmen.

I continue to visit the museum just to stay 'in touch'. I love to pat the airplanes and talk to the men and women who flew them. It's a small way to say "thank you" for their remarkable service.

On Saturday, July 6, our Branch will be taking a bus trip to visit the CWHM on Air Force Day. The RCAF will be bringing in aircraft from Trenton, to be on static display for a few hours. We'll have a chance to see our modern Air Force up close, and visit with their crews. In addition, another distinguished aircraft will be dedicated. A DC - 3 (C47 in Air Force terms) has been fully restored and painted in her D-Day colours. She is one of the few still around after flying over the beaches of Normandy on July 6, 1944.

It should be quite a day and we'd be glad to have you along if you can join us.

Rev. Chuck Beaton (Chaplain)





Commemorative Banner Program Irvin Emery Reinhart



Irvin Emery Reinhart was born on March 27, 1894 in Berlin Ontario, now known as Kitchener. He was a middle child to Andrew and Elizabeth. An older brother Melvin was born in 1891 and a younger sister came along in 1896. The family followed the Mennonite religion.

Sometime after 1901 the Reinhart family moved to a farm in Saugeen Township, on part of Lot 48 Lake Range near the 10th Concession. By 1911, 17-year-old Emery, as he had become known, was an apprentice brakeman for the Grand Trunk Railway. His work, soon after, took him to Northern Manitoba and the town of Dauphin.

It was here, on February 3, 1916 that he enlisted in the 226th Overseas Battalion (Men of the North) of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Once formed, the group moved on to Camp Hughes in the south of Manitoba close to the city of Brandon. This large training camp was designed for training in trench warfare and today is a Manitoba Historical Site. Training continued here until December 1916 when they travelled by train to Halifax and sailed for England on December 13th arriving at the Bramshott Canadian Military training camp, South of London on the 26th.

Field training continued and in April 1917 the 226th was absorbed into the 14th Reserve Battalion. Emery became a member of the Machine Gun Reinforcement Pool and orders to sail to the front in France were given on September 13, 1917. It was months later, March 1918 before his group was moved to active duty as part of the 3rd Battalion. They were called the Canadian Machine Gun Corps and were commanded by Raymond Brutinel who was a geologist, journalist, entrepreneur and a pioneer in mechanized warfare. He commanded the Canadian Automobile Machine Gun Brigade. There were a variety of motorized vehicles used to transport machine gun crews against the enemy. Emery Reinhart was promoted to Corporal in May of 1918.

The war took a major turn in August 1918, with the launch by the allies, of what became known as the 100 Days Offensive. This involved a series of major offensives by the allies along the Western Front that the Germans had an insufficient response to, and which resulted in them being pushed back to their homeland across the river Rhine by November of 1918.

By late August the Canadian Army had been involved in a series of successful battles from Amiens. A major battle at the end of the month was the Battle of the Scarpe and it was here that Brutinel's Brigade, the first fully motorized brigade in the British Empire Armies, made its mark.

Unfortunately, it was near the end of this most important battle that Emery Reinhart was severely wounded with a gunshot wound to the back. After a short stay in the field hospital, he was transported to the larger hospital, at the coast, in Le Treport, on September 1st. The

diagnosis was that he was suffering paraplegia of the lower body and legs meaning that there is no motor function of that portion of his body. His medical sheet indicates that he is “dangerously ill”. The next entry says, “may be visited”. And, then on September 16th in large dark capital letters, DIED OF WOUNDS.

The September 25, 1918 Port Elgin Times front page had this very short report.

Corp. E. Reinhart

Dies of Wounds

The Times received word on Monday night of the death of Emery Reinhart.

He was wounded on September 1st and died on September 16th.

His parents are now living in Stratford where Mr. Reinhart is in the hospital suffering a broken leg.

Sympathy from the people here will be extended to the family.

Emery is buried in the Mont Huon Military cemetery near the city of Le Treport in North West France. May He Rest in Peace.



Brutinel Brigade Machine Gun Vehicle

We Shall Remember Them

Researched and written by: G. William Streeter





Port Elgin Legion Joint Installations Branch and L.A. Executives



Branch 340 held their annual Joint Installation of Officers on Thursday, May 9, 2019. Zone C-4 Commander Kathryn Eastwood conducted the Branch installations and L.A. Zone Commander Marg Smith completed the L.A. installations.

Welcome to the new incoming Executives and thanks are extended to the past Executive members for their years of service.



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 Executive members:

Back Row L-R: Tom Jacques, Executive; Rhonda Harrison, 2nd Vice President, Patty Kelly, Executive; Gord Kelly, Executive

Front Row L-R: Dan Kelly, Past President; Robert Harrison, President; Norma Dudgeon, Secretary-Treasurer; Alex Taylor, 1st Vice President

Absent from photo: Mike Hobson, Executive and Padre Chuck Beaton



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary members:

Back Row L-R: Meryl Cramp, Executive; Bernice Ellis, Executive; Trisha Frizzell, Executive; Linda Virgo, Executive; Betty Earnshaw, Executive; Diane Mills, Treasurer & Sports Officer

Front Row L-R: C-4 LA Deputy Commander Marg Smith; Sharen Maas, 2nd Vice President; Diana Tripp, President; Annemarie Kinsman, Sgt-at-Arms; Vicky Taylor, Secretary.

Absent from photo is Marg Esplen, Past President and Valerie Grieve, Executive



Comrade Mike Atkinson receives his 50 Year Service Medal. Port Elgin Branch 340 appreciates your years of service to Legion.



A lawyer and an engineer were fishing in the Caribbean.
The lawyer said, "I'm here because my house burned down, and everything I owned was destroyed by the fire. The insurance company paid for everything."
"That's quite a coincidence," said the engineer. "I'm here because my house and all my belongings were destroyed by a flood, and my insurance company also paid for everything."
The lawyer looked somewhat confused. "How do you start a flood?" he asked.



Military Service Recognition Book Program



Do you know of a person that has served or is still serving, if so, we would like the names and information of those that have served our country so they can be honoured in the upcoming Military Service Recognition Book.

It is imperative that we have all those who have served or still serving included in the upcoming publication.

Please Contact Mike Atkinson 832-5542 for more information on this project or leave your name at the Legion.



Barbecue / Dinner May – September 2019



Friday BBQ dates for June are on the 7th and 21st starting at 6:00 pm.

The pricing format has changed since the last event. Adults at \$10.00, children 10 & under for \$6.00 and children under 3 are Free. This change will allow our members and guests to partake in any of the food items which are available for the evening. If you feel so inclined to donate a salad or dessert, please let us know. We thank those who have donated in the past. Your support is especially appreciated.

Event dates are available in this bulletin and on our website or you can pick up a business card in the Club Room with all the dates of events for the year.

The BBQ Team looks forward to seeing you, your family and friends at our upcoming events. Everyone is welcome.

Robert Harrison
BBQ Chairman
bnrshow@eastlink.ca
519-389-4806

What did the blonde say when she saw the Cheerios box? "OMG, donut seeds!"



Royal Canadian Legion
 Port Elgin Branch 340
 630 Green Street, Port Elgin
 519-389-9917



Friday BBQ & Dinners 2019

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

May 24 June 7, 21
 July 12, 26 August 9, 23
 September 6, 20

**Mark your calendars and join us for a
 delicious meal and camaraderie.**

Tickets will be available on the day of the event.

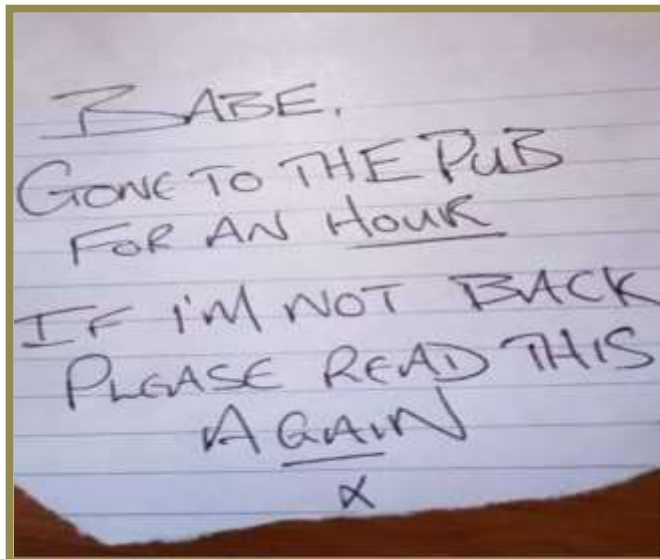
Adults / \$10

Child 10 & Under / \$6

Child 3 & Under - Free



Everyone Welcome





Branch 340 Entertainment



SATURDAY JUNE 22ND @ 3:30PM TO 6:30 PM



Provincial Convention May 4-7, 2019



Branch 340 was well represented at the Provincial Convention held last month. Many hours were spent listening to the various reports from the Provincial Chairmen and pleasure in witnessing the amount of donations that were presented to the various Provincial Committee Chairmen. This was also an election year for our Provincial Officers and I am pleased to say that we will have two Officers from our District C to represent us at Provincial level in the future. Congratulations are extended to Cdes Derek Moore, Provincial 1st Vice President and Lynn McClellan, Provincial President.



District C Sergeant-at-Arms Colin Hodson reads the District C Colour Party to prepare for the parade and wreath laying for the opening of the Provincial Command Convention.



**Royal Canadian Legion Tara Branch 383
2019 Events – June**

**Friday Night BBQ
5:30 – 7:00 pm
June 7**

**Meal Deal (Major Dinners)
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Friday, June 21 – Fish & Chips**



Finally, the good-natured boss was compelled to call Sam into his office.

"It has not escaped my attention," he pointed out, "that every time there's a home game at the stadium, you have to take your uncle to the doctor."

"You know you're right, sir," exclaimed Sam. "I didn't realize it. You don't suppose he's faking, do you?"



**District "C" – Track & Field Meet
Saturday, June 22, 2019
Davidson Centre, Kincardine**



**Volunteers Needed In The Following Areas:
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Results Personnel

Photo Timer Assistant

Starter's Assistants

First Aid

Hurdles Crew/Block Crew

Discus/Hammer

Lunch Persons

Timers

Set-up/Runners

Announcers

Awards Notification

Long Jump

Shot Put

Food/Water Personnel

Starters

Track Referee

High Jump

Extras

Triple Jump

Javelin

Field Referee

Dress code is casual. Wear comfortable shoes; bring a lawn chair, umbrella, sunscreen and a **huge smile**. Lunch provided for volunteers.

Many Thanks for Your Help for This Great Legion Program for Our Youth

Crystal Taylor, Chairman email: jctaylor@tcc.on.ca

Brenda Funston, Assistant

Pat Smith, Assistant

WHEN SOMEONE
ASKS ME WHAT I
DID OVER THE
WEEKEND, I
SQUINT AND ASK,
"WHY? WHAT DID
YOU HEAR!?"

Port Elgin Legion Branch 340



Toronto Blue Jays
vs
New York Yankees



Sunday, August 11, 2019

Tickets \$149. per Person (A+ Game) (No Refunds & Returns)

Seats are in Section #233 - 2nd level on 3rd base line

**Includes Motor
Coach & Game
Tickets**

**Bus leaves Branch
Parking Lot at 8 am**

-SHARP -



First Come - First Served
Space is Limited
Please pay in advance



Tickets available in the Legion Club Room or Eby's Barbershop

Don't be disappointed and secure your ticket early

It's a great day for ALL AGES.















More Information: Blair & Elizabeth Eby @ 519-832-3133

bizebys@gmail.com



June 2019



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
2	3	4 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	5 BINGO 7:30 PM 	6 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	7 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM BBQ - 6:00 PM 	8
9	10	11 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM LA GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	12 BINGO 7:30 PM 	13 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	14 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	15 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
16 <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	17	18 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	19 BINGO 7:30 PM 	20 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	21 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM BBQ - 6:00 PM 	22 VIDEO DANCE PARTY 3 - 6 PM 
23	24	25 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM	26 BINGO 7:30 PM 	27 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	28	29 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
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♣ Please join us for our various events ♣

♣ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ♣