



THE DUGOUT

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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Total Canadian casualties to date:
157

(includes one Canadian serving in U.S. Military)

Plus One Diplomat,
a Journalist and
Two Aid Workers.

PRESIDENTS REPORT— JEAN DAVIDSON

Many Thanks to those of you who supported me in the election and have continued to do so. It is very much appreciated. Everything is going fairly well at the Branch and I hope it will do so for the summer. There are no further general meetings until September but the Executive will be still working hard to keep everything in order.

Have a pleasant and safe summer. See you in September

WELCOME HOME AND SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Our troops in Afghanistan have served with distinction and now, as the combat mission ends, it is time to say thank you. The Royal Canadian Legion is launching the Welcome Home and Thank You to the Troops Campaign. There are two phases to this campaign:

Phase 1: On 1 July 2011, Dominion Command will place advertisements in military base newspapers across the country thanking our troops and their families for their commitment and sacrifice. The artwork for this ad will be available at www.legion.ca/wethankourtroops.pdf should your branch wish to download it and insert it in your local paper or use it to promote your community event.

Phase 2: On or around 20 August 2011, branches in communities throughout the country will be encouraged to host an Appreciation Event for Afghanistan Veterans and their families. What a wonderful way to express your gratitude to our Comrades. Perhaps get your whole community involved and make it a special Welcome Home and Thank You event!

Dominion Command is also working with the Canadian Forces to ensure that an Afghanistan Veteran, upon invitation, is available to attend and speak at each branch Appreciation Event to share his or her experiences. This will be at no expense to the Legion. Confirmation and coordination details will follow.

Because of the singular nature of this unique welcome home opportunity, the use of Poppy Trust Funds for your branch's Appreciation Event is authorized as a one-time only Special Use Expenditure. The amount authorized is not to exceed 20% of the balance in a Poppy Trust Fund on the 30th day of September in the Poppy year preceding the expenditure. Note that Poppy Trust Funds must not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.



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**HAVE A SAFE
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SUMMER
NEXT GENERAL
MEETING WILL
BE
SEPTEMBER
25TH, 2011**



PAST PRESIDENT—PETER GARDINER

First I would like to congratulate Jean Davidson as the President, and the new Executives to their new positions. My new job will be another new adventure for myself to learn the ropes. I'll try to keep this as short as possible Comrades but remember July and August are our slow months for revenue. Please drop in if you have the time for some conversation and a libation because the bills don't slow down for those months. Have a great summer and a safe one

Yours in Comradeship
Peter Gardiner

Branch 50 Executive-at-large

<p>UPCOMING</p> <p>Check website calendar for all upcoming events</p>		
<p>July 10 Sandy Parker Entertainment</p>	<p>Padre (Catholic) Padre (Protestant) Padre (Protestant) Sergeant At Arms Membership Poppy Campaign Chairman Youth Education Public Relations Track and Field T.O.D. / Bursary Seniors Veteran Services Sports Entertainment Sick and Visiting Ways and Means House and Building Dugout Kitchen/ Honors & Awards</p>	<p>Father Terry McGuire Pastor Bill Schafer Maj. Dale Pilgram Ed Gorniak Pam Barrager / Gwenn Kirton Randy Kuhn Al Hohner Alfred Ash Al Hohner Jim Fraser Pat Ryan Jim Fraser John MacDougall Laurie Tomlinson Sarah Jane Dick / Eleanor Day Louis Kuntz Chris Mayhew / Gord Tomlinson Alf Ash/Darlene Davidson Norma Ash</p>
<p>July 24 Timothy Wilford Entertainment</p>		
<p>Everyday Comradeship</p>		

General Meetings are the fourth Sunday of each month except July, August and December and begin promptly at 2 p.m. Come out and take an active roll in your branch.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT — JIM FRASER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who supported me in the recent Elections, and hope I can live up to your expectations ! I will certainly try hard.

We have a great opportunity to build our branch at a time when others are facing difficulties with membership, building costs and lack of volunteers. We need to start looking forward to forsee our future wants and needs and develop the plan to meet those needs and it all starts with cooperation

Every once in awhile something occurs in the Branch that may not be popular with everyone, and that is the time to those who see the situation is not perfect to speak up, not as a complaint, but with an alternative suggestion or solution. We will quickly see things will move quickly and quietly to everyone's liking and as your new 1st Vice, I can assure you I will listen to all our members and their suggestions.

I have a suggestion myself...sometime ago; a lending library of VHS video tapes was instituted in the Branch to provide tapes for those who did not have the newer CD viewing capability. Almost immediately the storage racks were overflowing with VHS tapes and people were regularly borrowing and returning the tapes and often with additional tapes. I have been looking at the cabinet and I notice there are fewer tapes to be loaned. I would like to suggest another drive to bring in VHS tapes so more of our members can enjoy them...so please check your cupboards and bring in your VHS tapes to share with all members!!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT/PRO —ALF ASH

I have the wonderful job of being the Bar Chairman, and this entails me doing the monthly inventory with the Chief Steward (Gerry).

It also allows the customer to voice their complaints and concerns to me, and also the staff who have concerns and ideas for making this club a better place to be in.

They are all Smart Served, and as such they are all trained to observe what the customer is drinking and has had to drink.

We have to make sure that the Liquor Board Regulations are followed at all times, and as always the Bar Steward is In Charge, and they have to be allowed to issue orders ,stop serving customers who they know have had to much, but when other people buy drinks it gets them confused. So please if you know the person has had too much to drink alert the Bar Steward of this fact and he/she will make sure that their transportation needs are looked after.

We must all help each other in these situations, and letting the Bar Steward know is the wise thing to do, we have to protect ourselves against Lawsuits and Liquor Infractions.

Please do not Drink and Drive!

General Branch News

Ladies K-W
Darts League
plays every Fri-
day night from
September to
May at

Branch # 50
(Fred Gies).

This League is
open to all ladies.

This year they
held two

tournaments:
one for Cancer on
the 4th

December 2010
and they raised
\$500.00.

one for Pride
Stables on 8th
April 2011 and
they raised
\$200.00.

We thank these
ladies for their
efforts in raising
these funds for
these well de-
served projects.
Please keep up
the good work.

TREASUREERS REPORT—CHRIS PICKERING

Greetings Comrades, well the summer break is upon us and it is time to relax and unwind. This branch has had its share of upsets and at every turn it seems we take one step forward and two back and the bitching is never ending, but we weather these storms because we are a good branch who care about our members and are dedicated to our Veterans and youth. To all those who turned out for the backyard cleanup a profound thank you, a great deal was achieved in a short time, every one worked with great gusto seemingly venting their frustrations on the weeds and scrub trees we had the bin full in no time. So lets all take a time out and come back refreshed and ready for the end of summer programs and the build up to Remembrance day. Have a good and enjoyable summer and throw one on the Barbi for me.

MEMBERSHIP—PAM BARRAGER

Well I must say this is a very interesting position. I am doing the very best I can. Please be patient. I am glad to say that I have sworn in 12 new members and two transfers for the month of June. I look forward to the future. I hope you all have a great summer. See you in September.

**HALL RENTAL FORMS
AND INFORMATION
ARE AVAILABLE ON THE
BRANCH 50 WEBSITE**

www.rclbr50.ca

**Taking an active role to
remember our Veterans
is a great way to say
"thank you".**

KITCHEN REPORT—NORMA ASH

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS MAY TO DATE FIGURES

BUILDING FUND TOTAL	\$371.00
APPRECIATION DAYS	\$509.00
EQUIPEMENT	\$240.00
Total to date May	\$1120.00

THIS IS THE FINAL DOLLAR Figures for the month of MAY.

KITCHEN Report For MAY:

PURCHASES	\$2050.66
Sales to Date:	\$3593.00
Profit Sales to Date:	\$1543.00

THIS IS THE FINAL DOLLAR FIGURES FOR MAY

Note: Freezer is full

Note: Dollar figures for June will be at the next General meeting.

Food donated for our D.DAY celebration was very successful. Thanks to our Hall and table Decorator Jim Uhrig and to our servers, Audrey, Pat, Ava.

For our many food donations supplied by our member volunteers. Gwenn, Lucy, Barbara Lyne, Lyne Moore, Rose, Marguerite, Pam, Laurie, Diane, Jean. if I have forgotten anyone please forgive me, if you notice your name missing please notify me for your deserved recognition for our next report.

Just for info: The 85th Legion Birthday Celebration is not due until OCTOBER. For Legion week in September we will be holding a special event at our branch for this occasion, we will keep you posted. Hope you can join and support us for this event.

To everyone, thanks for your continued support, have a save and happy holiday. Please support us when you can.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT— LOUIS KUNTZ

MEAT DRAWS (after costs)

June 04	\$72.00
June 11	\$89.00
June 18	\$140.00
June 25	<u>\$187.00</u>
Total	\$488.00

DONATIONS

June 03	Solo	\$38.00
June 07	Bid Euchre	\$14.00
June 10	Solo	\$40.00
June 14	Bid Euchre	\$13.5
June 17	Solo	\$32.00
June 21	Solo	<u>\$34.00</u>
Total		\$171.50

Juke Box \$20.00

Pool Tables \$20.00

Shuffleboard \$65.00

Total \$105.00 Grand Total \$764.50

Zehr's Tapes – Jan 1, 2011 to June 21, 2011 Total \$180.22

WATERLOO REGION RECORD

Keep an eye on The Record's weekly entertainment guide, and the Branch website for schedule updates.

WATERLOO

AIR

SHOW

August 20th

&

August 21st

At the

Waterloo

Wellington

Airport

Colour Party will attend Aug 20th for 1:00

A VIP area, tent and washrooms

for our

Veterans will be

provided

**DROP IN FOR
FUN & GAMES AT
THE BRANCH**

**Summer Crib
July 9th 12:00**

**Horse collar every
Friday night at
7:00pm**

**Tuesday's
Shuffleboard and
Bid Euchre
At 1:00**

**Tuesday Night
BBQ & Karaoke**

**Thursday's
Euchre at 1:00**

**Friday's
Solo at 1:00**

**Come and join us
for a afternoon of
fun and
Comradeship**

TRACK & FIELD/YOUTH EDUCATION—AL HOHNER

On Saturday 18 June, the District Track & Field meet was held at St. James High School in Guelph.

The following youth from Supreme Athletics, sponsored by Branch # 50 earned the medals beside their names.

Danielle GUNSCH – gold - u 17 triple jump

Bronze - 110 m.

Leah DeLos Santos – silver – u 17 triple jump

Chris GREEN - silver - u 17 - 110 hurdles

Silver - 200 m.

Angela MERCURIO - gold u 15 – triple jump

Gold - long jump

Sam MARTINELLO - silver – u 17 – 300 m hurdles

Riley FLANAGAN - bronze u 17 – triple jump

bronze - long jump

Jermaine STEVENSON - gold - 400 m.

- gold 200 m

Joey DANIELS - gold u 13 -200 m.

-gold - 300 m.

- gold or silver 100 m

Nienkal PALJOLA – gold – u 17 – boys triple jump

- silver - 400 m.

Mitch O'DONNELL - gold u 17 – 110 m hurdles

-gold -100 m

-gold –long jump

A donation of \$1,000.00 from the Legion and a further \$200.00 from the Seniors Group, was agreed to be made to Mitch O'DONNELL for his trip to France, in participation in the WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS in July.

WE WISH HIM ALL THE BEST!

ENTERTAINMENT—LAURIE TOMLINSON

July 10/11 3-7 Sandy Parker entertainer country and 50s music

July 24/11 3-7 Timothy Wilford entertainer 50's , Country & Rock N Roll

Did you know that Branch 50 is a private club and as such, the outer doors are to be closed at all times. As a member you can purchase a key from the bar staff and therefore enjoy the convenience of entering the building without buzzing to get in. The gate off the patio is also to remain bolted at all times unless it is needed for special deliveries. The patio is governed by our liquor license and is to be entered only through the door inside the legion.

SPORTS—JOHN MACDOUGALL

We had three senior teams and one regular team advance from Zone golf to District. District is being held in St. Mary's on July 9th, but two of the senior teams are playing somewhere else that day. Kevin Klein and Terry Churchill advance for Regular and Peter Whitehall and Barry Boehmer advance for seniors. They won the Seniors Zone and Branch 50 will be hosting next year Zone in June/ 2012. Congratulations.

Nick and Joe Vinski have advanced to Provincial 8 ball which was held in Owen Sound on June 25th, Unfortunately the brothers did not win but put up a great fight. Congratulations to Hespler on their win...

We are have a " Fred Gies Branch 50 Open " golf tournament on August 13th Shotgun start at 10am. At Doon Valley Golf Course. Cost to play is \$30 without Golf Cart and with it is \$46.75. We will head back to the Branch for BBQ and handout prizes. Flyer will be up this week.

Cribbage Tournaments will be at Branch 50 on July 9, August 6. 2011

Sports Officer
John MacDougall

POPPY REPORT— RANDY KUHN NO REPORT



Why Remember?

We must remember. If we do not, the sacrifice of those one hundred thousand Canadian lives will be meaningless. They died for us, for their homes and families and friends, for a collection of traditions they cherished and a future they believed in; they died for Canada. The meaning of their sacrifice rests with our collective national consciousness; our future is their monument.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yester-days.

FROM THE EDITOR / PRO —ALF ASH

I guess I am back as the Editor.

I have to thank many people who helped me during my term over these past 4 years, this time I was up for election as 2nd Vice-President of the branch and I thank everyone who voted for me, I will do all I can to make this a better Branch to be a Member, and I encourage members to bring their friends in for some music and entertainment when we have some, and Tuesday Nights are still going strong with the BBQ and Karaoke.

I thank everyone who volunteers for the many events that take place during the year; we appreciate them and always need these dedicated people to help us out.

I must tell you that when I was asked to help out a few years ago because of resignations, I did not intend to stay this long, but it seems to grow on you.

As I told you in the last edition that I am a behind the scenes type of guy not looking for any medals to be given out to me, but I do like the members to appreciate the work that goes into the Legion Branch #50 Website by Trevor and Myself, it takes a lot of time to keep the Calendar and Events up to date which I do on a very regular basis, and I try to make sure that the latest news is posted as it happens.

Again I would like to thank my trusted assistant Darlene for all the work she puts in every day keeping things running as normal as possible, and for taking on the added responsibilities for this and every edition of The Dugout.

Please keep me informed of any information you would like changed on the Calendar or the Website.

PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL



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Secretary : **Connie McKie**


















Sergeant at Arms : **Ed Gorniak**

Chief Steward : **Gerry Devost**

≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN JULY 2011 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Jul 1	Jul 2
					1pm - Solo 📺 7pm - Horse Collar	
Jul 3	Jul 4	Jul 5	Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8	Jul 9
🇺🇸 - Branch #50 Closed - Veterans Picnic		🇺🇸 1pm - Euchre-Shuffleboard 📺 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 📺 7pm - Horse Collar	🇺🇸 9:30am - Executive Meeting 📺 12pm - Summer Cribbage
Jul 10	Jul 11	Jul 12	Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15	Jul 16
🎵 3pm - Entertainment-Sandy Parker		1pm - Euchre-Shuffleboard 📺 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 📺 7pm - Horse Collar	
Jul 17	Jul 18	Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23
		1pm - Euchre-Shuffleboard 📺 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 📺 7pm - Horse Collar	
Jul 24	Jul 25	Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30
3pm - Entertainment-Timothy Wilford		1pm - Euchre-Shuffleboard. 📺 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre 6:30pm – Police Dinner	1pm - Solo 📺 7pm - Horse Collar	
Jul 31						

≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN AUGUST 2011 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6
		1pm - Euchre-Shuffleboard  1pm - Seniors Darts  5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre	- Solo  7pm - Horse Collar	 12pm - Summer Cribbage  8pm - Party-Open (Aubin)
Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13
		 1pm - Euchre-Shuffleboard  1pm - Seniors Darts  5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre	- Solo  7pm - Horse Collar	 10am - Executive Meeting Fred Gies Branch 50 Golf Open 10am Doon
Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20
		1pm - Euchre-Shuffleboard  1pm - Seniors Darts  5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		 1pm - Euchre	- Solo  7pm - Horse Collar	 - Waterloo Air Show  8pm - Party-Open(Deriu)
Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27
- Waterloo Air Show		1pm - Euchre-Shuffleboard.  1pm - Seniors Darts  5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner	- Solo  7pm - Horse Collar	
Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31			
		 1pm - Euchre-Shuffleboard.  1pm - Seniors Darts  5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke				