



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

Welcome back Comrades and to those who didn't get away, I hope you have had a good summer. The Branch was fairly busy especially with the Tuesday night dinner and Karaoke and all the card players in the day time. September will be a busy month with Veterans week and the official day of our 85th anniversary. The Zone convention is coming up on September 17th at 1:pm at Cambridge Hespeler Legion.

A special welcome to our returning soldiers. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and many events that will be taking place.

Many thanks to Marjorie Gardiner, Norma Ash and Debbie Yawney for sprucing up the ladies washroom.



LEST WE FORGET

**REMEMBER !
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU PAY TO BE A MEMBER**

IT'S WHAT THEY PAID TO LET YOU.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2011

At 2:00



PAST PRESIDENT—PETER GARDINER

I hope you have had a good summer this year. The Legion provides a place for members to play games and cards, but the bills for the air conditioning, gas and staff wages still have to be paid. So come in and spend a little money and buy something from the Legion when your there, every little bit helps.

Branch 50 Executive-at-large

UPCOMING
Check website calendar for all upcoming events

Sept. 15th Veteran's Dinner 5:00 pm
Sept. 25th Corn Roast 4:30 pm
Oct. 2nd Pig Roast 3:00 pm

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| Padre (Catholic) | Father Terry McGuire |
| Padre (Protestant) | Pastor Bill Schafer |
| Padre (Protestant) | Maj. Dale Pilgram |
| Sergeant At Arms | Ed Gorniak |
| Membership | Pam Barrager / Gwenn Kirton |
| Poppy Campaign Chairman | Randy Kuhn |
| Youth Education | Al Hohner |
| Public Relations | Alfred Ash |
| Track and Field | Al Hohner |
| T.O.D. / Bursary | Jim Fraser |
| Seniors | Pat Ryan |
| Veteran Services | Dave Davidson |
| Sports | John MacDougall |
| Entertainment | Laurie Tomlinson |
| Sick and Visiting | Eleanor Day |
| Ways and Means | Louis Kuntz |
| House and Building | Chris Mayhew / Gord Tomlinson |
| Dugout | Alf Ash/Darlene Davidson |
| Kitchen/ Honours & Awards | Norma Ash |

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

Where did the Summer go ? First it was here than before you know it Fall is upon us as noted by the sales of school supplies for the Kids getting ready for school.

And speaking of Kids....we have to address the issue of the Children's Christmas Party !

The Party will be held on Saturday, December 10th this year, and in case you haven't noticed, there has been a list at the bar for members to sign up their children or grandchildren up to and including age 12. As we must confirm the gifts early in October the list MUST be filled out no later than the end of September, at which time the list will be removed and there will be no additions. The cost to the member is \$10.00 per child to a maximum of \$30.00 per family.

You may not be aware, but the Children's Party is almost a year round endeavor, with the pre-ordering of gifts in May, obtaining entertainment and setting up the lists of children by age and sex. Many are not aware, but Louie and Diana Kuntz and my wife Carol have been faithfully fulfilling the tasks since inception, and I truly wish to thank them along with the many individuals who support the expense through the donation of Zehr's tapes and the penny jar !!! Thank you all for helping make the Children's Christmas Party such as success.

Due to the summer Veteran's activities have been few and there is nothing to report at this time, however I will be looking for volunteers for Remembrance Day...don't try to hide...I'll find you !!!

In closing, I am looking forward to the resuming of Fall and Winter activities, such as the K.W. Cribbage League which starts at Branch 50 on Wednesday, September 7th – 7:00PM and the monthly Cribbage tournaments which begin on Saturday, October 1st, with a 12:00Noon start (applications are on the bulletin board).

2ND VICE PRESIDENT/PRO —ALF ASH

The bar sales are down a bit because some people are away to the trailer or cottage, we hope they had a good holiday, and I would like to welcome everyone back to the Branch. We hope you come in real soon and get back into your routine, and get involved in the many things that members get involved in.

As you all know that we always need volunteers, there is never too many of people who volunteer, you can help in many ways just ask.

Some people don't like to serve on committee's, and that is ok, but there has to be something that you like to do for The Legion.

Do not sit around and complain about things, try to help to correct these things, what ever they may be, have a positive attitude and be polite.

Lets make this Branch a happy place to be in, and also make our visitors Welcome.

General Branch News

Friday, September
30, 2011

Service Officer
Visit
Time: 11am

Randy Groundwater will visit Branch #50 to discuss Information, advice or assistance, regarding Veterans Problems at 11am, Friday, Sept 30, 2011.

1. War Disability
Pension

Applications

,Reviews, and Appeals.

2. Treatment for
Entitled Veterans.

3. Applications for
Benefvolent Funds.

4. War Veterans
Allowances, including Widows

Please phone Dave Davidson (Branch Service Officer) for an appointment to speak to Randy.

Dave can be

contacted at

519-896-6466

TREASURERS REPORT—CHRIS PICKERING

Well Comrades Labour day is fast approaching and with that the summer will soon be winding down and our branch activities gearing up. In Sept and Oct we have many events and your attendance and participation would be most appreciated. The Exec and our faithful volunteers make great effort to try and put on events and entertainment for your pleasure and enjoyment, coming out to these functions helps our bottom line and the survival of the branch. Many branches are in financial trouble because their members are complacent and think their attendance is not required and wouldn't make a difference, if the faithful few had that attitude we would be closing the doors within a week. It looks like we may have lost one of the new trees we purchased, hopefully its not our fault and it will be replaced under the warranty. The grass and plants have suffered under the long drought but they are resilient and should recover. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and please support your branch.

MEMBERSHIP—PAM BARRAGER

I would like to say to all comrades of Branch 50 that when you see a new face in the Legion please do not be rude or disrespectful. Walk up and say hello and get to know them. There was an incident that happened at cards and the person that transferred here was treated very badly. To the point of wanting to give up their membership. This is not acceptable. Please before you judge someone else look in the mirror first !

**HALL RENTAL FORMS
AND INFORMATION
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Belva Williams

KITCHEN REPORT—NORMA ASH

Many thanks to Pete & Marg Gardiner for their cooking skills on the BBQ Aug 27 for our Branch 50 Return of the Afghanistan Veterans.
 Many thanks to the kitchen committee consisting of Audrey, Pat, Ava and Joy for serving the food also Jim for providing the window decorations, and to our members who contributed with food donations.
 The event went very well and was appreciated by our returning vets and attending dignitaries.

Thank you so very much.

When people work and come together, great things happen.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT— LOUIS KUNTZ NO REPORT

“WELCOME HOME THE TROOPS OPEN HOUSE”

We held a Parade for the returning Afghanistan Veterans at Branch #50 (Fred Gies) on Saturday 27th August 2011.

We had Colonel Paul Scagnetti, Sergeant Bjarne Nielson, Corporal Lee Willcocks, Corporal Andrew Knisley could not be here but his father Ken Knisley said a few words.

Sgt at Arms Ed Gorniak presented each of them with a gift bag, with a special gift presented to Sergeant Nielson's daughter.

Attending: Deputy Commander Bob Berg, MPP John Milloy, Superintendent Adrian Darmon of the Waterloo Regional Police, Councillor Zyg Janecki on behalf of Mayor Zehr. RCR President of the Waterloo Wellington Branch Ron Gross, and with him was Cpt. R.T. Walsh representing the Association Headquarters in Petawawa.

Our President Jean Davidson welcomed everyone to the Branch and thanked the Soldiers for their attendance, and for all that they have done in the past for their Country. She also thanked all of the dignitaries for taking the time to be here. The Volunteers did a fantastic job with supplying the food to all our guests, we thank everyone who took part in this event. We would also like to thank the The Kitchener Fire Department for being a part of this parade and supplying a fire truck for this event.

This Event was well attended and pictures are in our Picture Gallery.

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

LEGION MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to serve veterans

Which include

Serving

Military

and RCMP

members and their families

To Promote

Remembrance

And to serve our

Communities and Country

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

**9 Ball starts Friday's at
7:00 beginning Sept. 16th**

**8 Ball starts Monday Sept.
12th at 6:30**

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

**Tuesday's
Shuffleboard at 1:00**

**Now on
Wednesday's
Bid Euchre
1:00**

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

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

**Sept. 10th
Hamilton Baseball
In St Agatha**

**Oct 1st @ Noon
Cribbage Tournament**

**Oct 15
Hamilton Euchre**

11:30 am

Oct 29th

10 am

Zone 8 ball

TRACK & FIELD/YOUTH EDUCATION—AL HOHNER

Track & Field - has been fantastic this year, with many youth, representing Branch # 50 winning lots of medals, going through the different levels, starting at District in June, the Provincial in July and the National in August.

Five of our youth won medals at the National (August 5 - 7/11).

One youth (Mitch O'Donnell) who was financially assisted by Branch #50, was able to go to the World Youth Championships in France at the beginning of July. Because of an injury during practice, he was unable to capture any medals. We hope to soon have Mitch at one of our General Meetings to talk about his trip to France.

This event was well attended and we still have to **congratulate ALL** our youth in their attempts.

I have found reporting this as fun and rewarding, I think, as the youth have had in doing the track & field events.

Youth Education:

It will soon be time to look at the poster/literary competition coming up, in mid - late October.

ENTERTAINMENT—LAURIE TOMLINSON

NO REPORT

THANK YOU TO THESE DONATOR'S

Michael Cassidy for the Remembrance Book Cabinet

Al Hohner for the Remembrance Book Cabinet

Gord Tomlinson for the Wooden Pins

Sarah Jane Dick for Sound System Fundraising

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

KW Cribbage League Schedule

These are the dates we will be at Branch 50 @ 7pm.

Sept. 7 and 14

Oct. 26

Nov. 9, 16 & 30

Jan. 4 & 18/2012

Feb. 29/2012

Join us on September 10th as we invite Hamilton up for our annual baseball game in St, Agatha at noon

October 1 is our Monthly Crib Tourney starts at 12noon.

October 29th is Zone Legion 8- Ball Tourney here, Registration starts at 10:30am.

Please look at the board for our rescheduling of the Fred Gies Golf Open coming in October

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

NO PERSON IN THE WORLD EVER LOST ANYTHING BY BEING NICE

FROM THE EDITOR / PRO —ALF ASH

I would like to thank the volunteers who have helped us out of the past few months, Audrey, Pat, Ava, Joy, for helping Norma during the various functions,

Like the Afghanistan Veterans Event held on Saturday 27th August 2011, and the Branch #50 Veterans Dinner coming up on Saturday 17th September 2011 at 5pm.

To Darlene who helped big time to put the Afghanistan event together, A Very Big Thank You to her for everything that she did, from organizing this event to last minute changes to contacting the Piper etc. She did a fantastic job and we were glad that things turned out the way they did, we also got very good coverage from The Record with a full story appearing in the Monday Edition. I also had a chance to be involved in the Jeff Allan (570 Talk) Red Friday Show, I was contacted by phone by his Producer and asked to say a few words about this event. We can always rely on Jeff Allan to help us out for these kinds of events.

Also thanks to Jim Uhrig for everything he has done for us like the window displays and table setups, and generally helping out wherever he is needed.

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Chief Steward : **Gerry Devost**

≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2011 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3
				🎲 1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 🏇 7pm - Horse Collar	
Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 7	Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10
	🌐 - Branch Open 1pm to 7pm	🎲 1pm - Darts 🏇 1pm - Shuffleboard. 🍷 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 🏇 7pm - K-W Crib League	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 🏇 7pm - Horse Collar 🎲 8pm - Ladies Darts	👥 - Tri-County Warriors 👥 10am - Executive Meeting 🏈 3pm - Ball Game(Hamilton) 🎲 8pm - Party-Open(Dennis)
Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17
👥 2pm - Seniors Meeting	🍷 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	🎲 1pm - Darts 🏇 1pm - Shuffleboard. 🍷 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 🏇 7pm - K-W Crib	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 🎱 7pm - 9 Ball Pool 🏇 7pm - Horse Collar 🎲 8pm - Ladies Darts	👥 10:30am - Zone 'C' Convention 🍷 5pm - Veterans Dinner
Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24
👥 - Legion Week 🎱 12:30pm - Battle of Britain 🏆 3pm - Honours and Awards	🍷 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	🎲 1pm - Darts 🏇 1pm - Shuffleboard. 🍷 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 🎱 7pm - 9 Ball Pool 🏇 7pm - Horse Collar 🎲 8pm - Ladies Darts	🎉 2pm - End Of Legion Week-85th Birthday Celebration Party. 🍷 8pm - Party-Open(Bryce)
Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30	
👥 2pm - General Meeting 🍷 4:30pm - Corn Roast	🍷 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	🎲 1pm - Darts 🏇 1pm - Shuffleboard. 🍷 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre	1pm - Euchre 🍷 6:30pm - Police Dinner 🎱 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	👥 11am - Service Officer Visit 1pm - Solo 🎱 7pm - 9 Ball Pool 🏇 7pm - Horse Collar 🎲 8pm - Ladies Darts	

≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2011 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Oct 1 12pm - Cribbage Tournament 8pm - Party-Open (Terry)
Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8
2pm - Seniors Meeting 3pm - Pig Roast	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 7pm - 9 Ball Pool 8pm - Ladies Darts	10am - Executive Meeting 12:15pm - Firefighters Memorial
Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15
	Octoberfest Parade 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 7pm - 9 Ball Pool 8pm - Ladies Darts	11:30am - Euchre-Hamilton
Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22
	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 7pm - 9 Ball Pool 8pm - Ladies Darts	8pm - Party-Open (Alana)
Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29
2pm - General Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - K-W Crib	1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner	1pm - Solo 7pm - 9 Ball Pool 8pm - Ladies Darts	10am - Zone 8 Ball Tournament 8pm - Party-Open (Gloria)
Oct 30	Oct 31					
	Happy Halloween					