



# THE DUGOUT

MAY / JUNE 2011

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## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Total Canadian  
casualties to date:  
155

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

Plus One Diplomat,  
a Journalist and  
Two Aid Workers.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT—Peter Gardiner

Comrades as President I have had good times and bad times dealing with some people in the branch. It takes all kinds to make up this world and I have met a few here during my term.

My time is coming to an end and I want to thank those who supported me..... and to those that did not, I wish you the very best.

It has been a real roller coaster ride with all the ups and downs.

Remember life is too short to go around and hold grudges, so let's get on with our lives. You can't win them all.

Thank you again,  
Your President and  
Hopefully your comrade in friendship,

Peter Gardiner



LEST WE FORGET

REMEMBER !

IT'S NOT WHAT  
YOU PAY  
TO BE A MEM-  
BER

IT'S WHAT THEY  
PAID  
TO LET YOU.

**REMINDER  
OUR GENERAL  
MEETING WILL BE HELD  
ON MAY 15TH  
DUE TO THE  
VICTORIA DAY LONG  
WEEKEND  
PLEASE COME OUT  
AND VOTE FOR YOUR  
NEW EXECUTIVES**



**EDITOR—ALF ASH**

This maybe my final edition, so I want to thank all of the people who helped me during the last few years.

To the past executive members present and past, thanks for getting your reports to me mostly on time.

To the many people who contributed articles on the many sports events, and other items that happen at our Legion.

It has been very interesting and sometimes frustrating time at our Branch, I am a guy who does things behind the scenes most of the time, the website has to be maintained and I spend a lot of time on this, also the Calendar needs constant updates, and people have to keep me in the picture when new events are taking place. Like to thank Trevor German for all his help, Darlene Davidson for getting the Dugout ready, so as these can be sent out to the printer.

I would also like to give a BIG Thank You Jim Uhrig for all he has done for the branch, he has done a wonderful job at decorating the hall for many events, and we appreciate that, also he is very helpful with doing many things he is asked to do for us.

The cost of printing this Dugout is expensive, so if you have an e-mail address please let us know, we will send it to you at this address, which means there will be no paper involved.

Remember to check our Website for up to date News and Events at Branch #50, (<http://www.rclbr50.ca/index.aspx>)

**Branch 50 Executive-at-large**

**UPCOMING**  
  
**Check website calendar for all upcoming events**

Sunday June 5th  
At 11am  
D Day Service

Sunday June 5th at  
1pm following D Day  
our 85th Anniversary  
Celebration

June 12th 1pm  
Decoration Day

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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              | Jean Davidson/Gwenn Kirton    |
| Poppy Campaign Chairman | Vince McQuabbie               |
| Youth Education         | Al Hohner                     |
| Public Relations        | Alfred Ash                    |
| Track and Field         | Al Hohner                     |
| T.O.D. / Bursary        | Jean Davidson                 |
| Seniors                 | Pat Ryan                      |
| Veteran Services        | Dave Davidson                 |
| Sports                  | Don Walter                    |
| Entertainment           | Laurie Tomlinson              |
| Sick and Visiting       | Sarah Jane Dick / Eleanor Day |
| Ways and Means          | Norma Ash                     |
| House and Building      | Gord Tomlinson                |
| Dugout                  | Alf Ash/Darlene Davidson      |
| Kitchen                 | Legion Volunteers             |

**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 — JEAN DAVIDSON**

The District C Convention in Owen Sound was well attended. Stewart Taylor was elected as the new District commander and Derek Moore was elected as the new Deputy Commander.. A video was shown on Vimy Ridge that might be worth getting. to show at our Branch. Owen Sound Legion has started a campaign to welcome the soldiers returning from Afghanistan in July when their mandate is up. They have tied yellow ribbons around their branch and asked that other Legions take up this campaign

**SENIORS** The Seniors next meeting is May 29th at 2:pm . There will be some entertainment by Randy & Friends a ventriloquist, a BBQ and the draw for our three baskets. A bus trip is being planned for June. The Seniors will take on the yellow ribbon campaign.

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## **PAST PRESIDENT — DAVE DAVIDSON**

As I wind down as the Immediate Past President of Fred Gies Branch 50, I leave with some reservations as to the status of the Royal Canadian Legion.

I wonder whatever happened to Branch Autonomy ( Autonomy means, the wishes of the members) ?

Not to mention the Rules and Regulations for conducting a Legion Meeting.

I draw your attention to Article 1 Para f. of the Rules & Regulations for conducting a Legion Meeting, which states:

Parliamentary law is common sense used in a gracious manner, and the four basic principles are:

- I,      **Courtesy and justice for all;**
- ii.     **Consider one thing at a time;**
- iii.    **The minority must be heard; and**
- iv.     **The majority must prevail.**

This seems to have gone by the way in Branch Fifty, and I seriously wonder if I truly wish to remain a member of an organization which professes, comradeship, but seems to have Article three complaints on other members on an almost weekly basis.

**There need to be changes, before it's too late**

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MOTHERS  
DAY SUNDAY  
MAY 8TH 2011  
ENTERTAIN-  
MENT  
BY  
KING &  
FRIENDS

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible

To the world you might just be one person, but to one person you might just be the world.

## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, PRO—Aif Ash

The Branch #50 Hall Rentals are going very well, with a few Saturdays in the summer months booked.

Rentals are very important for extra revenue for our branch; these events are always open to members,

But please always respect that they are rented and paid for by someone else, who may not be a member.

Welcome them to the club, and they may want to become a member one of these days. I would like to bring to your attention that the Branch #50 Website is always kept up to date with all the Branch News, including the events listed on the calendar.

The Calendar is very important as it runs the Web, so it's very important to keep me informed at all times on all dates for any event that takes place in the Branch.

If I do not know what date an event is on, it will not be on the calendar or the Website.

I would like to thank Trevor German for all his help in keeping this site up to date with the Afghanistan Soldier Updates, and his help being the Webmaster.

Also my thanks go out to Darlene Davidson for all her help in the past for helping with the Dugout, and for her general nice attitude and everything she does in the branch for the Members. She is always friendly to everyone and that is good customer relations. Thank you

## TREASURERS REPORT— CHRIS PICKERING

Greeting Comrades.

There is little to report on the financial front, our year end is coming up at the end of May and considering the upheavals we have been through in the last year our report to command will be on time. Nothing has come back on last years reporting so I must assume there have been no red flags or errors. Elections are coming up and I cannot express how important it is to vote wisely. This is not a popularity contest as any one who has held an office will attest to. The branch has been through some trying and troubled times during the last Executive but that is behind us, lets pick the best team to keep us on the road to bringing this branch back to full recovery and financial stability.

**HALL RENTAL FORMS  
AND INFORMATION  
ARE AVAILABLE ON THE  
BRANCH 50 WEBSITE**  
  
**[www.rclbr50.ca](http://www.rclbr50.ca)**

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

## KITCHEN REPORT—NORMA ASH

## WAYS AND MEANS REPORT—NORMA ASH

THE APRIL DOLLAR FIGURES WILL BE GIVEN AT THE NEXT EXCEC MEETING in MAY for KITCHEN. / WAYS AND MEANS

Please note:

There are a number of cooked meals for sale at the bar for seniors or people living alone, the cost is \$6.00 and consists of two meals in a container. Menu is posted at the bar.

The sale of sandwiches is going very well at the bar, there is now a few different varieties made for our members enjoyment.

Tuesday BBQ and dinner started in April and is going very well. Now if we could just get the weather co-operating we will be having an opening patio get-together in May TBA look for postings at the Branch. Patio flower displays will be put to use very soon.

Again thanks to our Volunteers for their help and those that support our branch thru food donations and attendance.

The following venues are supported by our Volunteers.

Bar Sandwiches.

Trinity Village Dinner

Tuesday BBQ Dinners.

Police Dinner.

Entertainment Events.

Banquets

General Meeting.

## WATERLOO REGION RECORD

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

FATHERS DAY  
SUNDAY JUNE  
19TH 2011

ENTERTAINMENT  
BY

KING & FRIENDS

Any fool can be a Father, but it takes a real man to be a Daddy!!

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

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

**DINNER AND KAR-  
AOKE EVERY TUES-  
DAY NIGHT**

**8 BALL POOL  
LEAGUE ON  
MONDAY NIGHTS**

**SENIOR DARTS  
TUESDAY  
AFTERNOONS**

**SHUFFLEBOARD  
TUESDAY  
AFTERNOONS**

**EUCHRE THURSDAY  
AFTERNOONS**

**SOLO FRIDAY  
AFTERNOONS**

**LADIES DARTS  
FRIDAY EVENINGS**

**CRIBBAGE TOUR-  
NAMENTS FIRST  
SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH**

## **TRACK & FIELD/YOUTH EDUCATION—AL HOHNER**

Not much going on now.. but still need help on June 18 at the T & F meet in Guelph. Please contact me if you can help.. even for a little while.. need people to rake, shovel, measure and lots of other tasks..

### **YOUTH ED**

All done until the fall.. LOTS OF VERY TALENTED, ENERGETIC & GOOD YOUTH OUT THERE.

REMEMBER, THE ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE IS FAST APPROACHING.

COME OUT & VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE YOU BELIEVE WILL DO THE JOB FOR THE LEGION..

GOOD LUCK TO ALL

## **ENTERTAINMENT—LAURIE TOMLINSON**

May 3 & 10 – Lorna Hall

May 17, 24, 31 ---Carl's Music

May 8 --King & Friends

June 19 --King & Friends

**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—DON WALTER

Congratulations to Larry Lieskan, Charlie Neuman, Chris Lesperance, & Tim Davidson for winning the District Shuffleboard in Elora. They now advance to the Provincial Championship to be held at Branch #412 Polish Legion, Kitchener. Good Luck Guys!

Men's 5 Pin Bowling—The Branch 50 Team placed 4th, and the Branch 50 Doubles Team placed 2nd in Provincials on April 30th.

Congratulations to all of them

## POPPY REPORT—VINCE MCQUABBIE

We have come to the end of our term; I wish to thank the great volunteers that made our poppy campaign a super success.

With the branch's election a month away, I would like to remind all members you have a voice on who will operate the branch for you, come out and vote.



### 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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IT'S WHAT THEY PAID TO LET YOU.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.**

**FROM THE EDITOR—ALF ASH**  
 Sunday, June 05, 2011  
 D-Day /85th Celebrations.  
 Time: 11am

**D-Day details:**

10.30 am form up 11am service and food available afterwards, WW11 Veterans will have the food free. Gage and Belmont will be closed as per previous year.

I have invited the Hon Mr. Blackburn Minister of Veterans Affairs to attend. Michael and Murray will be serving a free issue of our 1926 rum- ——— donations of dark Lambs rum would be appreciated

Also RCMP, Two motorcycles from WRP and OPP.

Lloyd will play drum and added this year Gregory on flute  
 Jim will play and Nigel on pipes  
 Father McGuire will do the service

The 85th Birthday Celebrations take place at Branch # 50,  
 June 5, 2011  
 1:00 pm following the D-Day parade.

**Guest Speakers:**

Dominion Command 1st Vice President - Gord Moore  
 American Legion Past Commander - Russell Reuthe, Retired  
 Royal Canadian Army Cadet 1596 Corp, Commanding Officer - Capt. Claude Bolduc, CD

Entertainment - Randy Kuhn/Sarah-Jane Dick  
 Food

Anniversary T-Shirts will be available for purchase, shortly at a cost of \$17.00 each and will continue to be available throughout the rest of this year.

Due to the flags being on parade throughout the ceremony, the bar will not be opening during this time frame.

## PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL



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### Branch 50 Executive

**President : Peter Gardiner**

**Past President : David Davidson**

**1st Vice-President : Jean Davidson**

**2nd Vice-President : Alf Ash**

**Treasurer : Chris Pickering**

**Secretary : Connie McKie**

**Sergeant at Arms : Ed Gorniak**

**Chief Steward : Gerry Devost**

## ≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN MAY 2011 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>May 1</b> 1pm - Battle of Atlantic 2pm - Wedding Show-Open	<b>May 2</b> 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool Dinner	<b>May 3</b> 1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	<b>May 4</b> 6pm - Victoria Bowling League	<b>May 5</b> 1pm - Euchre	<b>May 6</b> 1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts and Banquet	<b>May 7</b> 12pm - Mixed Cribbage 8pm - Cancer Benefit (Jason)
<b>May 8</b> 3pm - Mothers Day-King & Friends.	<b>May 9</b>	<b>May 10</b> 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	<b>May 11</b>	<b>May 12</b> 1pm - Euchre	<b>May 13</b> 1pm - Solo	<b>May 14</b> 10am - Executive Meeting 8pm Party-Open Sylvia
<b>May 15</b> 2pm - General Meeting	<b>May 16</b>	<b>May 17</b> 1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	<b>May 18</b>	<b>May 19</b> 1pm - Euchre	<b>May 20</b> 1pm - Solo	<b>May 21</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>May 23</b> - Victoria Day 1 - 7pm	<b>May 24</b> 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	<b>May 25</b>	<b>May 26</b> 1pm - Euchre 6pm - Police Dinner	<b>May 27</b> 1pm - Solo 7pm - Horse Collar	<b>May 28</b> 8pm - Party-Open (Andrew)
<b>May 29</b> 2pm - Seniors Meeting	<b>May 30</b>	<b>May 31</b> 1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke				



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## ≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN JUNE 2011 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Jun 1	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4
				1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 7pm - Horse Collar	12pm - Mixed Cribbage 8pm - Party Open Pam Siep
Jun 5	Jun 6	Jun 7	Jun 8	Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11
11am - D-Day 1pm 85th Ann.Celebrations.		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 7pm - Horse Collar	10am - Executive Meeting 7pm - Party-Open (Jerry)
Jun 12	Jun 13	Jun 14	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17	Jun 18
1pm - Decoration Day		1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 7pm - Horse Collar	8pm - Party - Open (Candi)
Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25
11am - Seniors Bus Trip 3pm King & Friends Father's Day		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 7pm - Horse Collar	8pm - Party- Open (Wendell Martin)
Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30		
2pm - General Meeting		1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre 6pm - Police Dinner		




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