



THE DUGOUT

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President's Report, Dave Davidson

It has been an honour, but not always a pleasure to have been elected the President of the Branch and to have served until the end of the mandate which the members gave me for the past two years. It has been the most demanding time in my life except for when I was under fire in Korea. I was much younger then, just 19 years old and could handle stress more easily.

Because of failing health I will not be seeking re-election. The many, meetings, convention and other functions which the President must attend as part of his duties is very demanding and takes it's toll on an aging body which has trouble getting around at the best of times.

I have tried to maintain the Principles of Leadership which are to be:

FAIR, FIRM AND FRIENDLY. I have been on various executives and committees in different organizations for the past 62 years covering a wide range of different people, and I have found there is little difference between any of these organizations. There are the people who take a genuine interest in the club and there are those who sit back, do little, and cause as much trouble as they can.

As I step down as President I leave with sense of accomplishment, and thank my executive for a job well done. They have worked hard to fulfill the wishes of the membership. We have increased membership in the Branch. Many of the new members are young and they will form our life line for our continuation into the future. I urge them to get involved as soon as they can. Bar sales are at an all time high. Activities are well attended with sell out crowds. The monthly Crib Tournament organized by Jim Fraser on the first Saturday of each month is an example. More recently the ABBA Tribute was sold out two months in advance. That is testimony to the excellent job Norma has done as entertainment chair while not forgetting to visit those who have been sick.

Marguerite who, without a kitchen, puts up meals that are beyond believe. She and her membership committee, Carley and Jean have worked hard to keep the membership file up to date and have received three certificates during the past two years. One for early bird and two for signing up more that a 100% of he members from the previous year

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**THANKS
TO
ALL
EXECUTIVE
MEMBERS**



**PARADE
NOTICE**

Ed Gorniak

Sunday, May 03

**Battle of the
Atlantic- Parade**

Time: 12pm

**form up behind
Waterloo City
Hall at 12:15pm.**

**Sunday, June
14, 2009**

**Decoration Day-
Woodland
Cemetery**

Time: 1pm

President's Report Continues, Dave Davidson

Louie, our Ways and Means Member worked hard and was always there generating much needed funds. Good job Louie. Thank you..

Chris and his tool box always has the interest of the branch at heart. He is a professional who gives freely of his time.

Alf our PRO, works hard to get the DUGOUT published and mailed out. Thank you Alf and also a special thank you to Trevor German who's expertise in website design, provides the Branch with the best web site on the net .

I'd like to thank Jean Davidson, she was recently voted in for another term as the Chair of the Seniors and automatically has a seat on the executive. She has also done a fantastic job as Honours and Awards Chair. Thanks Jean for your support which is always 100% plus

Peter Gardiner has worked hard as our Veterans Affairs member. Peter wanted this job from the onset and was one of two members at large to seek this position. He was selected by the executive committee to hold this position and has gained a lot of respect from his peers on the executive.

Raymonde Hachey, our Sport Officer and Track and Field Representative, has given her fullest to the Branch. She worked for Canada Post, walked ten miles a day delivering mail, now she drives a School Bus and teaches the kids, to be smart, don't walk to school. DRIVE. Raymonde, thanks for your service on the executive and the privilege of knowing you.

Thanks also to Deanna McCormick. When the untimely death of Reg Bie-

laski occurred I asked Deanna to take over Youth Education as she had been the Youth Education Officer prior to Reg. She agreed and although she is a very busy Mom involved in Hockey, Soccer etc, she done an excellent job in that portfolio. Thank you Deanna.

Thanks to Belva for taking on the duties of secretary, and to Ed for his contribution as Sgt-at Arms. They have brought youth to the executive and it shouldn't stop there, I urge all young members to get involved.

Praise goes to Gord Ross for stepping in as Second Vice. I have found Gord to be a faithful and dedicated member of the executive.

Praise also to Michael Fenton for moving up to 1st Vice. Michael chaired our poppy committee and I am very pleased with the excellent showing by the branch which has made us the major contributor to fund. Mike also chairs the improvements committee who has, along with Chris Pickering, Blaine Hamilton and Chef Claus working on a plan to improve our facilities. These plans are only in the preliminary stages and will require Notice of motions to proceed further.

Finally to past President Laurie, who, despite ailing health for many years, has continued to offer advice and guidance to the executive.

Elections are at the next General Meeting.

Yours in Comradeship.

David Davidson

A Word From The First Vice-President, Mike Fenton

Comrades I would like to inform you that we have found another Poppy box in the safe and there will be another deposit in the Bank.

However I will wait for Walmart to do so. Currently they have added a new store and are preoccupied with getting the new one up and running.

Thanks to all that helped with the Bowling on Sat it was very competitive and our (boys) came in second. The Branch was packed and

we could never get as great a crowd of people. Marguerite fed them all and we did not know how many would return to the Branch .Thanks to Peter for some last minute cooking to make sure no one went hungry.

Plans for a possible extension to the building are in the Branch and I would appreciate everyone's comments or suggestions. Please put forth in writing and pass to our bar staff to my attention

A Word From The Second Vice-President, Gord Ross

Hello Comrades,

I hope this finds all of you in good health.

Well the nice weather is back and I hope you all can come down to the branch for a cool one and some comradeship.

This Dugout Report will be my last one for this term and executive.

In this term I held two positions Sgt. at Arms and 2nd Vice President.

The first part of the term I was used to since I had a couple of years under the belt. I must admit I was nervous to take on the position of 2nd

Vice.

I enjoyed working with this executive. Though there were ups and downs, we came through. I hope the next executive has all the support from the membership to keep running smoothly.

As bar chairman I tried my best to keep the bar staff and members happy when issues came up. Our bar staff always had my 100% support and they will continue to have my support 100%.

Finally, and in advance, I'd like to wish the best to the newly elected executive.

Sports, Raymonde Hachey

I wish to thank Judy Littlefield for all the hard work she has done on Monday night pool, and the money collected by doing the 50/50 draws.

Thanks also to Jean Davidson for her work on Thursday afternoon Euchre, Charlie Newman for Tuesday afternoon shuffleboard, Jim Meyer for Wednesday night K-W

mixed shuffleboard league, Audrey Weido for Tuesday afternoon darts, and to Jim Fraser for Monthly Cribbage Tournaments.

There is free pool on Sundays when there are no Meetings.

Have a happy and safe summer.



The Proceeds of the Poppy Drive assist everyone in the community.

The Poppy House has a stock of walkers, canes, crutches, wheel chairs etc.

For more information Call the Branch Office at 519-745-5101

**FREE
POOL
ON
SUNDAYS**

Veteran Services, Peter Gardiner



Good News for all Veterans. Canadian Forces personnel and veterans will be able to get free, unlimited rail travel during the month of July.

Each active or retired Canadian Forces member or veteran may bring up to five immediate family members with them, at a 50% discount off the applicable Comfort class fare.

In addition this year, VIA is offering a 50% discount to all personnel and their family members off the regular

adult fare in Business, Sleeper and Touring classes.

For more information, go to viarail.ca/forces2009.

To reserve, call VIA's special toll-free number 1-800-661-6791 (or 1 800 268-9503 for the hearing impaired).

And all veterans older than 65 years will be able to get free bus passes on Grand River Transit.

Membership, Marguerite McNeelands



Thank you to our members for paying for your membership cards on time.

Once again we received an award

for 100% paid membership for 2008 & 2007. We also received the early bird award.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kitchen News, Marguerite McNeelands



Sales for the month of March for food was \$2,269.00, Cost of food was \$1,008.00, resulting in a net profit of \$1,061.00.

The food was for BBQ'S, Sports Events, Sandwiches, Lunches. The cost of food also covers food specials that were purchased for the month of April

A Fitting Tribute, Trevor German



Thanks to a donation by our esteemed president, the electronic picture frame has been replaced by a 19" flat-screen TV behind the bar.

It now shows a continuously running DVD movie of pictures of the fallen intersperse with pictures of Canadian Soldiers interacting with Afghan children.

The new video is available on the branch website and we are proud to report has been picked up by many Legions across the nation.

Further, the video was also requested to be used by the Canadian Military during the recent Welcome Home Gala at Bingeman's.

Ways & Means, Louis Kuntz

We have a Wheel of Fortune draw every Friday Afternoon, so come on out buy your tickets for this event, and see the Wheel Turn and enjoy

the fun and maybe win some prizes.

We also have Grocery Day each Saturday at 4pm for the Meat Draw, maybe you will win some meat.



Seniors, Jean Davidson

At our last meeting the following were elected to the executive for the following two years:

Chair- Jean Davidson, Co-Chair: Pat Wyman,

Secretary- Linda Moore, Treasurer- Rita Luker,

Social Director- Eric Johnston.

The new executive will take over in June, our next meeting is Mother's Day May 10th. Lindsay Morgan will be there entertaining from 4pm to 8pm.

Thanks to all who bought tickets for the Easter Baskets, and special thanks to Ginny Mosser for her work getting them ready.

We are having a bus trip on Sunday June 14th, 2009, to the Elora Casino and the Guelph Legion for supper.

(each to pay for own Supper approx \$6.00)

Cost is \$8.00 for Senior Members, \$12.00 for Non-Members.



Entertainment, Norma Ash

The Abba show was a success! A big thank you to every-one who supported the entertainment event.

103 tickets were sold at \$20 each for a total of \$2060 plus \$68 collected during the ABBA 50-50 draw. Expenses were \$847.75 so we made a

profit of \$915.75. This not including the \$1893.00 in bar sales that night.

We hope to have more of these events starting in the fall, and all the Entertainment has been booked for May and June 2009.

**ABBA SHOW
MAKES OVER
\$900
PROFIT**

Sick & Visiting, Norma Ash

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer, and hope you all stay

healthy and happy.

Benefit For Vivian Berkley. Alf Ash

Jim Fraser reported to me that we raised over \$2,000.00 for this event.

Thank you to all the people who helped make this a great success.

Vivian will go onto Australia with our love, and the hope that she wins a medal in these games.

Thanks to all the volunteers.

**BENEFIT
RAISES
OVER
\$2000**

Branch Sponsored Basketball Team Wins Gold Medal



Pool League Men's and Women's High Score Champions

Fall 08

Peter Whitehall
Paula Mahoney

Spring 2009

Peter Whitehall
Marj Gardiner

The KW Lightning Major Atom Girls #1 team entered their first tournament of the season in early December. The first game saw an energetic group of athletes hold their opponents scoreless for the first half of the game, pulling off a 33-10 win over the London 86ers. The game saw an amazing 22 steals.

In their second game the Lightning defeated Durham City 57-24, another solid team effort, with a half-time score of 26-7. On Sunday, the third game of the round-robin was played against the Caledon White team. Our girls lost a heart-breaker 28-34. It was a well fought game having Caledon 14-15 at the half. With a 2-1 re-

cord we advanced to the semi-finals.

In a MUST win situation the Lightning faced off against the Niagara Falls Red Raiders. The girls went out strong and by half-time were up 23-6. Final score being 36-17... on to the gold medal game!

The match up for the championship - KW Lightning vs Caledon White. The Lightning took the lead from the start and never looked back, solidly winning the game 43-31. Incredible team effort, a well deserved gold medal.

Coach Janine Bender

Branch 50's "HANGERS" Advance To Provincials

Comrades LARRY LEISKAU and WAYNE MORGAN of the KW League 'BRANCH 50 HANGERS' are advancing to the Provincials in Bath on May 30th, 2009 After placing amongst the top teams at District in

Elora in April.

We would like to congratulate them both, and wish them well in the Provincials.

Alf Ash/Jim Meyer



NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED FOR NEW EXECUTIVE

It has now been two years and it is that time again when the Branch must elect a new executive board to watch over our Branch.

At the General Body meeting on Sunday the 19th of April, nominations were held and the names of those nominated and their willingness to stand for the various positions is listed below.

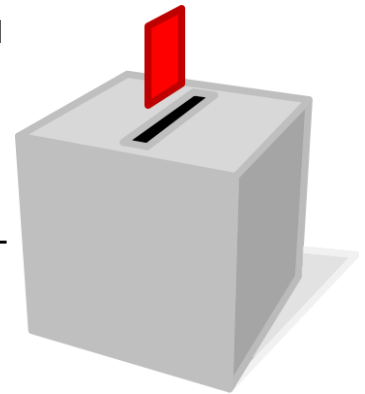
The executive elections will take place at the next General Body Meeting to be held on **MAY 24TH**. At that time a call will be made for any further nominations before the electoral process is initiated. If you wish to nominate someone whom

you believe to be a good choice, and that person is willing to run, you should both be present at the May meeting.

Over the next month please take the opportunity to meet with the prospective executive members to find out more about what they bring to the table.

PLEASE Remember. The Royal Canadian Legion is a DEMOCRATIC organization which relies on the rights of all members to express their feelings and be heard.

It is very important that you come in and exercise that right at the May Meeting.



ACCEPTED AND DECLINED NOMINATIONS

PRESIDENT

- Mike Fenton,
- Jim Meyer.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

- Alf Ash,
- Gerry Capling,
- Mike Fenton,
- Raymonde Hachey,
- Jim Meyer.
- Declined: Jim Fraser

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

- Gerry Capling,
- Peter Gardiner,
- Chris Pickering.
- Declined: Jim Fraser

SECRETARY

- Connie McKie.
- Declined: Jean Davidson, Belva Christner.

TREASURER

- Dave Ross-Robertson,
- Peter Whitehall.
- Declined: Jim Fraser, Chris Tardiff.

SGT @ ARMS

- Ed Gorniak
- Declined: Chris Mayhew, Gord Ross, Chris Pickering

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Marguerite McNeelands, Peter Gardiner, Pat Wyman, Norma Ash, Alf Ash, Raymonde Hachey, Chris Pickering, Dave Ross-Robertson, Chris Mayhew.
- Declined: Louis Kuntz, Bob Westonan, Judy Littlefield, Vince McQuabbie.

**Branch 50
Now Has
Three Padres**

Catholic
Father Terry McGuire

Protestant

Pastor Bill Schafer
Maj. Dale Pilgram

**ELECTION
DAY**

**SUNDAY
MAY 24TH**

WATERLOO REGION RECORD

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



Editors Note, Alf Ash

We will be including advertising in the Dugout next issue to help us pay for the printing and postage costs.

We will start off with small business card size adverts for various businesses. We hope that they will be helpful to our readers, and that they have a chance to use some of them in the future.

Any business interested in advertising in the Dugout can get more information on rates etc, from the Office Manager or contact me.

Richard Schmidt (Owner/President) of All Weather Air Systems Inc. has already signed up for a one year

contract, to have his business card in each issue of the Dugout.

We hope that other businesses do the same thing as Richard, so please get on board with this for the next Edition of the 'Dugout'.

Again a big thank you to Trevor German for doing a fantastic job as the Webmaster for the Legion Branch #50 site and for helping prepare the Dugout.

Remember to Support our Troops in Afghanistan.

Have a very safe and happy summer.

K-W Shuffleboard League 08/9 Final Standings , Jim Meyer



TEAM	TEAM NAME	PLAYED	WON	LOST	POINTS	PCT
2	NKOTB	154	117	37	117	75.97%
7	Br 50 Hangers	154	109	45	109	70.78%
1	All Stars	154	102	52	102	66.23%
9	Hardrocks	154	101	53	101	65.58%
5	Brenda's Devils	154	98	56	98	63.64%
10	Sea Dogs	154	97	57	97	62.99%
6	TNT	154	61	93	61	39.61%
3	Pucksters	154	60	94	60	38.96%
12	Taylor-Made	154	53	101	53	34.42%
11	Shufflebroads	154	52	102	52	33.77%
8	Wannabees	154	52	102	52	33.77%
4	Chicklets	154	24	130	24	15.58%

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Branch 50 Executive

President : **David Davidson**
 Past President : **Laurie Pollock**
 1st Vice-President : **Michael Fenton**
 2nd Vice-President : **Gordon Ross**
 Treasurer : **Jim Fraser**
 Secretary : **Belva Christner**
 Sergeant at Arms : **Ed Gorniak**

Chief Steward : **Gerry Devost**
 Office Manager : **Debbie Springall**

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BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN MAY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					May 1 7pm - Party	May 2 12pm - Crib Tournament 4pm - Grocery Day
May 3 12pm - Battle of the Atlantic- Parade 3:30pm - CN Workers.	May 4	May 5 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	May 6	May 7 1:30pm - Euchre	May 8	May 9 4pm - Grocery Day 8pm - Party- Open
May 10 2pm - Seniors Meeting-Mothers Day 4pm - 8pm - Lindsay Morgan	May 11 6:30pm - Pool	May 12 1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	May 13	May 14 1:30pm - Euchre 7pm - Executive Meeting	May 15 8pm - 1am - Birthday Party- 75th-(Roy)-Open	May 16 4pm - Grocery Day 6pm - 10pm - Randy Kuhn
May 17 1pm - 7pm - Victoria Day - Hours 1pm to 7pm	May 18	May 19 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	May 20	May 21 1:30pm - Euchre	May 22	May 23 12pm - Euchar- Open 4pm - Grocery Day 6pm - 10pm - Sandy MacDonald
May 24 2pm - General Meeting	May 25	May 26 1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	May 27 6:30pm - Shuffleboard	May 28 1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Retired Police Supper.	May 29 7pm - Horse Collar / Fun Darts	May 30 4pm - Grocery Day 8pm - 1am - Stag and Doe Party- Closed
May 31						

BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN JUNE 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Jun 1	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4	Jun 5	Jun 6
		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke		1:30pm - Euchre	7pm - Horse Collar	12pm - Crib Tournament 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - 11pm - Entertainment- Michael Kelly
Jun 7	Jun 8	Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 13
	6:30pm - Pool	1pm - Seniors Darts-Last Day 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	6:30pm - Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 7pm - Executive Meeting	7pm - Horse Collar	4pm - Grocery Day 8pm - 1am - Stag and Doe Party- Open
Jun 14	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20
- Seniors Bus Trip 1pm - Decoration Day- Woodland Cemetary		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke		1:30pm - Euchre 6pm - Casino - Games?	7pm - Horse Collar	4pm - Grocery Day 6pm - 10pm - Entertainment- Locomation
Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27
		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	6:30pm - Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Retired Police Supper	7pm - Horse Collar	4pm - Grocery Day 6:30pm - Wedding Reception- Belva-Ed- (Closed)
Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30				
2pm - General Meeting		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke				