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Branch 50 Elects New Executive.

The bi-annual elections were held at Branch 50 on Sunday the 24th of May, 2009.

It was standing room only as 138 members crowded in to participate in this important event.

After the normal initial and brief, execution of Branch business, the elections proceeded in an organized and formal manner with the following results.

Comrade President

Michael Fenton.

Comrade 1st Vice President

Jim Meyer.

Comrade 2nd Vice President

Gerry Capling,

Comrade Treasurer

Chris Pickering

Comrade Executive Secretary

Connie McKie (Uncontested)

Comrade Sargeant at Arms

Ed Gorniak (Uncontested)

Comrade President David Davidson now automatically becomes Comrade Past President.

Elected by default to the committee of eight were Comrades Jean Davidson, Peter Gardiner, Marguerite McNeelands, David Ross-Robertson,

Laurie Tomlinson, Gord Tomlinson, Nick Vinski, and Pat Wyman.

Subsequent to the elections and following the unavailability of Pat Wyman and David-Ross Robertson, Trevor German, Sandy Glover and Jerry Ranger and Raymonde Hachey were added to this list at the Presidents discretion and were accepted at the June Executive and General Body Meetings. Their respective responsibilities are as follows.

PRO/ Webmaster/Dugout

Trevor German

Membership / Kitchen

Marguerite McNeelands

Sick & Visiting/ Youth Education

Sandy Glover

House & Building/Patio

Gord Tomlinson

Entertainment

Laurie Tomlinson

Veterans Affairs

Peter Gardnier

Sports Officer

Nick Vinski

Track & Field

Raymonde Hachey

Ways & Means

Gerry Ranger

POP QUIZ

There are many rumours and misconceptions about North Waterloo Elderly Persons Homes.

How Much Do YOU Know About NEWPH?

TRUE OR FALSE

1. NWEPH is a big corporation.
2. Branch 50 has no majority vote on the NWEPH board.
3. NWEPH is a Corporation which makes money out of Branch 50.
4. NWEPH keeps changing the rent at random.
5. NWEPH does not provide Branch 50 with meeting minutes and financial statements.
6. NEWPH is not a consensus organization, it is only the opinion of the Secretary-Treasurer.
7. The existence of NWEPH is illegal according to Legion

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President's Report, Michael Fenton

I do not think I have to tell you that the Branch has been very busy in June.

D-Day was a success and I personally thank all that turned out.

Plans are in the works for next year.

Decoration Day- no rain- went extremely well and thanks for the colour party from ANAF, 530, 412, 404, Navy Club and Elmira Legion.

I can not believe how eventful Tuesday nights have become - thanks to all- It is nice to know that Br50 is a fun place and THE place to come!

Our membership keeps increasing and believe it or not the average age of our members has decreased!

Doesn't that make you feel younger?

Our thoughts go out to Pat Wyman and Chris Pickering at this time and we need to see their smiling faces in the Branch.

There are a lot of people that I need to thank for working together so we as a Branch can put our best foot forward but Trevor told me to keep this short as I would need 15 pages to do the job properly.

Thank you Carlie for retrieving and presenting a piece of Branch History at the General Meeting.

Last week, the senior members of the executive had an informative and informal meeting with North Waterloo to discuss, advise, inquire and set aside some differences that have added up over the years. In general I think North Waterloo is good for the Branch and our members.

However, we have discovered a number of problems at the Branch that have aggravated what can only

be described as a delicate relationship.

Over the summer we intend to continue to discuss and resolve these problems for the betterment of the Branch.

We will of course be reporting our findings and proposed motions to you when we resume in the fall.

I hope to see you all of you at the Veteran's Picnic on July 5th at the Foreman's Club.

Jim and Judy are Slicing and dicing and the Branch supplies the eggs for the egg toss.

Tis a lot of fun and where can you go for \$4.00 and eat all you can.

PS Beer is only \$2.75 A bus is also provided for you to be picked up at Branch 50 at 11:30 a.m. for a \$5.00 round trip. Thanks to Raymonde Hachey.

Have a good summer - don't be a stranger and do not forget that the Branch is you and it can always use your help

Yours in Comradeship
President Michael Fenton

A Word From The First Vice-President, Jim Meyer

I've been pretty busy the first month of the term, with the Air Cadet review, a Veterans' Council meeting, our D-Day Ceremony, and Decoration Day. I apologize for missing the Army Cadet review, but I was busy running the summer shuffleboard here at the Branch.

Regarding by job as Bursary Chairman, I've contacted Zone Bursary Chair Comrade Bob Berg, and we now have Bursary Application forms in the office. I will attend the Zone Bursary seminar at Br 530 in August to learn the rest of my job.

As TOD chairman, I've contacted Zone TOD chair Comrade Brent Yantzi. The Provincial TOD committee is producing a seminar to train new Executive members, and Comrade Brent has suggested I present this here at the Branch in October. I will attend the Zone TOD seminar in Stratford in November to learn the rest of this job.

One more thing I'd like to mention is the annual Veterans' Council Picnic

coming up Sunday July 5th at the Foreman's Club. This picnic is hosted by a different Veterans' club every year, this year the host being Br. 530 Waterloo. This picnic is a very affordable way to enjoy an afternoon – your \$4 admission includes hamburgers and sausage on a bun pretty much all afternoon, and both shots and bottles go for just \$2.75. There are also horseshoes, horse races, and I'm hoping to convince Comrade Gord Ross to run his famous egg toss contest. Comrade Raymonde Hachey has kindly volunteered to supply and drive a bus to and from the picnic, but Raymonde needs 48 seats filled by July 1st. The bus tickets are just \$5 for the round trip, and are available at the bar. Please note that Fred Gies Branch will be closed on July 5th to allow our bar staff to attend the picnic also. Please join us at the Foreman's club on July 5th – you'll be glad you did.

Yours In Comradeship,
Jim Meyer

A Word From The Second Vice-President, Gerry Capling

As 2nd VP, I've been entrusted with the positions of bar chair, and security overseer. Our bar committee consists of myself, along with comrades Chris Pickering, and Peter Gardiner.

"Due Diligence", is the keyword in dealing with both my positions, and I must commend the bar and office staff, in making my life easier by helping in every way to bring bar and security matters up to date.

A course in "Smartserve" will be held in the near future, Those interested can keep an eye on the bulletin board. A cost of \$40/person will be involved, for members. Non member participation will be considered, at a \$5 premium.

Everyone have a great summer, and remember to drink responsibly. Enjoy the barbecues and activities at the branch!

Yours in comradeship,
Gerry Capling

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by-laws.

8.NWEPH could go broke and we would loose the building.

9.NWEPH could sell the building or evict us.

10.NWEHP is sitting on a pile of cash that was left from the sale of property.

11.NWEHP does not communicate with, or involve, the Branch 50 executive.

12.NWEHP has no corporate by-laws.

13.NWEPH has saved Branch 50 a lot of money.

14.NWEPH is unwilling to work with Branch 50.

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DECORATION DAY

Small Canadian Maple Leaf flags fluttered in the sunshine alongside each Veterans grave marker in Woodland Cemetery in Kitchener during the annual Decoration Day Ceremony on June 15th

Decoration Day is an often forgotten remembrance day dating from the war of 1812. After the War, grieving citizens around the nation began holding memorial ceremonies, decorating the graves of soldiers with flags and tributes.

The graveside nature of this particular ceremony makes it particularly poignant.

Sports, Nick Vinski

A big thank you to the Midland Legion for hosting the Provincial 8-Ball championships.

Branch 50 had two teams participating in this event and both made a good showing.

The format made for a very long day and the Provincial Sports Office is looking at changing this in the future.

They have also found that Pool is a very popular legion sport and are also looking into adding 9-Ball as a competitive sport.

Branch 50 will be hosting the Zone 8-Ball tournament on September 26,

2009 and has also been selected to host District next year.

Two teams from Branch 50 have qualified for District Golf on July 4th in Owen Sound. They are Dennis McArdle and Tom Furhman, and Kevin Klein and John Penrose.

District Track and Field were held in Kincardine on June 20th.

I will be attending a meeting for District sports in St. Mary's on July 18th.

Yours in Comradeship,
Nick Vinski

Membership, Marguerite McNeelands

We now have close to 730 members. Have a happy and safe summer.

Our 1st Vice President Jim Meyer will be working with me with initiation of new members. It is always a pleasure to see you in the Branch.

Kitchen News, Marguerite McNeelands

Month of April

Food sales were \$1,814.00
Money spent, \$800.00
Profit \$1,014.00

Month of May

Food sales were \$2,528.00
Money spent, \$1,400.00
Profit \$1,128.00

It's great to have Gwenn back selling the plates. A member asked her if the plates sell for \$4.00 then how much is the food. Our Gwenn replied "no problem, the food is free!"

Food for thought. A larger kitchen would be wonderful!

Our Tuesday Night BBQ's Salad Bar will be increased to \$4.00 a plate.

All is well!
Marguerite McNeelands

Entertainment, Laurie Tomlinson

Sunday July 12th, 3pm-7pm
Krunher Show
Spagetti Dinner \$6.00

Friday July 24th, 7pm-11pm
Michael Kelly
Hot hamburger Dinner \$6.00
at 5:30 pm

Sunday August 9th, 3pm-7pm
Krunher Show
Corn Roast & BBQ Beef on a Bun
!\$6.00

Sunday August 30th, 3pm-7pm
Michael Kelly
Newfie Dinner \$6.00

WATERLOO REGION RECORD

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

Seniors, Jean Davidson

The Seniors had a successful bus trip on June 11th. Thanks to Raymond Hachey for getting us there an back safely. Another bus trip is being planned for November.

The next meeting of the Seniors is

Sunday September 13th. Come out and enjoy the horse races and a barbeque.

Anyone over 55 is welcome.

Honours and Awards, Jean Davidson

The Honours & Awards Ceremony is set for Thursday September the 17th, 2009 at 7pm.

At the end of August letters will be going out to those who are to receive awards and service pins.

If you know of anyone who should receive an award for outstanding work around the Legion, please let the office know.

Sick & Visiting, Sandy Glover

On June 1, 09 I visited Pat Wyman at St, Mary's Hosp. and called her last week to see how she was doing, but she was not up to company at that

time. On June 3, 09 I visited Douglas Farrow at Sunnyside Home. He is doing well.

Youth Education. Sandy Glover

I received a report from Ontario Command regarding the Provincial Public speaking competition. The re-

port will be posted on the bulletin board.

SORE FEET?

The foot clinic will continue at Branch 50 for at least another year from July 2009 to May 2010.

Since the clinic has become much smaller, it will only be provided every two months, but may increase back to monthly if the need arises.

The currently schedules dates are.

July 8th,
Sept 9th,
Nov 18th

and

Jan 13th,
Mar 10th,
May 12th.

Ann Moore RPN.
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Saturday, June the 6th, 2009, President Michael Fenton presents a cheque to the #80 K-W Spitfire Squadron Cadets at their annual ceremony at the Armouries in Kitchener.



Wednesday, June the 10th, 2009, Branch 50's President Michael Fenton presented the 1596 Waterloo Regional Cadet Organization Police School Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps with a cheque during the organizations Annual Ceremonial Review held at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium

Answers to NWEPH Pop Quiz

- 1.FALSE: NWEPH is a small non-profit company constituted in Ontario.
- 2.FALSE: Six of the seven NWEPH directors are members of Branch 50. Two are the incumbent branch president and treasurer; four are long-time members and mostly former officers.
- 3.FALSE The bulk of rent remitted by the branch covers exterior property maintenance and repairs. Surplus funds are allocated to a "rainy day" account in preparation for the inevitable large expense maintenance items such as roof replacement and parking lot/curb maintenance.
- 4.FALSE The annual amount of the lease is intended to cover normal maintenance costs that continue to escalate and to provide a modest capital reserve. Rent was last increased in 2005 at a board meeting at which all members concurred, including the incumbent Branch 50 president and treasurer. In the fiscal year ended 31 Dec 08 approximately \$29,000 was expended in property repairs, maintenance and professional fees.
- 5.FALSE: Minutes of meetings and financial statements have always been in the hands of the incumbent Branch 50 president and treasurer.
- 6.FALSE: Other than the directors having granted dispensation to implement immediate and urgent repairs, expenditures by NWEPH are authorized by the board.
- 7.FALSE: Because of the significant funds that could be lost through taxation, the branch appealed to its governing body, Ontario Provincial Command, to allow all its assets to be vested in NWEPH. The OPC granted special dispensation for this arrangement and so, although inconsistent with the customary application of the provincial by-laws, there is nothing illegal.
- 8.FALSE: Other than professional costs, NWEPH's only expenses are associated with the care and maintenance of the property at 524 Belmont Ave., and since the rent paid by the branch is intended to cover those costs, it is not possible for NWEPH to be bankrupt before Branch 50 is bankrupt.
- 9.FALSE: With one exception the directors of NWEPH board are long term members of Branch 50. It is most unlikely that this thought would occur, let alone be implemented.
- 10.FALSE: Some \$1,100,000 was expended on property acquisition and renovations at 524 Belmont Ave. This consumed all but \$100,000 of the funds generated by the sale of the Ontario St. property and the veterans' apartments on Spadina Ave. This residual amount was divided evenly, half to the branch and half to NWEPH to establish a reserve for capital repairs.
- 11.FALSE In so far as all board discussions and decisions include the incumbent president and treasurer of Branch 50, full disclosure to and involvement of the branch executive committee is assumed to be automatic.
- 12.TRUE. Due to a misunderstanding, corporate by-laws were not produced when the corporation was continued as a none-profit entity. NWEPH has committed to rectify this situation forthwith.

13.TRUE. The NWEPH arrangement saved some \$350,000 in taxes that would have been paid to the federal and provincial governments upon the sale of the veterans' apartments and the purchase of 524 Belmont Ave. Without these funds, the purchase and renovation of the Belmont property would not have been possible.

14.FALSE. Legally, NWEPH is an arms-length, stand alone organiza-

tion. However, since a majority of the board of directors are branch members, and since the incumbent president and treasurer serve automatically on the board, NWEPH can do little more. However NWEPH is committed to do whatever it legally can to maintain healthy communication channels with Branch 50.

Condensed from NWEPH : MYTHS AND FACTS posted on the Bulletin Board.

Past President's Report, David Davidson

I know that you are not used to having a Past Presidents Report in the DUGOUT . . .

However, in taking the oath of office of the Past President, I took an oath to be an advisor to the President and newly elected executive. I consider this oath or for that matter of fact , any oath, that anyone has ever been taken to be very important. The oath of the Past President is taken just prior to the oath of the President, after all other executive members have been sworn-in, so I have a sense of responsibility that I must advise the New President and Executive, so hopefully they will stay on a straight and narrow path and not go asunder

As a baby must learn to creep, then walk, and eventually run, I will caution the new President and Executive that they must do the same. There are a couple of rules, I have learned though more than fifty years of experience. Rule ONE is . . . Don't make snap decisions before you have brought the thoughts of the Executive to the floor of a General Meeting and the members have

given their approval. Rule TWO. . . When in doubt, refer to Rule ONE ..

The job of President is a difficult one, which requires dedication, patience and a thick skin. I ask that you give your NEW President your support, be cognizant that he is on a learning curve, needs your help and is probably saying "what did I get myself into".

I can't stress enough, my advice to your New President and Executive is, pay attention to what the members say, they are the ones who put you in the position which you hold.

One last remark from me, to all members in Branch 50

Being happy ,doesn't mean that everything is perfect.

It means, that you have decided to look beyond the imperfections!

Yours in Comradeship,
Dave Davidson



JUNE 6TH

The Memorial at Branch 50 was encircled by flying colours and watched over by some of KW's oldest Veterans in remembrance of one day 65 years ago when 21,400 Canadian troops landed on the shores of Juno Beach in Normandy.

340 Canadians died that day in June 1944, and many more were wounded. In the weeks and months to come, 18,000 young Canadian men would become casualties in the battle to free France from Hitler's tyranny.

Perhaps most touching of all, following the formal part all present placed their poppies in a silent salute to the fallen.

Editors Note, Trevor German



PARADE SCHEDULE

July 18th,
Cambridge Highland
Games.

Aug 9th,
Peace Keepers
Parade.

Aug 29th.
100 Year Canadian
Air Force, Breslau.

Sept :
Battle Of Britain

Colour Party
Practice Dates
July 14th, 16th
6:30pm

Ed Gorniak

In this edition of the Dugout you will notice that we have included four advertisements for local companies on the calendar pages. The companies listed have paid a fee to include their business card in this publication. This fee is used to offset the production and mailing cost of the Dugout.

If you wish to advertise your company or business in the Dugout for a year, please contact Debbie in the office for details and supply her with an appropriate business card.

The calendar itself is, to the best of our knowledge, correct at the time of publication. However, scheduled

events are added or changed daily. Please keep an eye on bulletin boards, the Record, or the Website for the latest information.

As always, in order to keep costs to a minimum, please let Debbie know if you receive a copy of the dugout by mail and can make do with picking one up from the Branch or receiving it electronically.

Have a healthy, safe and happy summer.



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BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN JULY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Jul 1	Jul 2	Jul 3	Jul 4
				1:30pm - Euchre	7pm - Horse Collar 7pm - Party-Open	12pm - Summer Cribbage 4pm - Grocery Day 6pm - 1am - Party-Open
Jul 5	Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10	Jul 11
- Branch Closed for the Day. - Veteran's Council Picnic		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	6:30pm - Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 7pm - Executive Meeting	7pm - Horse Collar	3pm - Saturday Horse Races 4pm - Grocery Day
Jul 12	Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17	Jul 18
3pm - 7pm - Kruhner Show	6:30pm - Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke		1:30pm - Euchre	7pm - Horse Collar	8am - Cambridge Highland Games 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - Party (Libby - Dan)-open
Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 25
3pm - 7pm - Comrade Laurie Pollock's Farewell Party		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	6:30pm - Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre	7pm - Horse Collar 7pm - 11pm - Michael Kelly	10am - Ladies Pool 4pm - Grocery Day
Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	
FREE POOL		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke		1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Retired Police Supper	7pm - Horse Collar	



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BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN AUGUST 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Aug 1
						4pm - Grocery Day
Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8
FREE POOL		5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	6:30pm - Shuffleboard		7pm - Horse Collar	12pm - Cribbage 4pm - Grocery Day
Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15
12pm – Peace keepers Parade 3pm - 7pm - Corn Roast Kruhner Show	6:30pm - Pool	5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke		11am - Service Officer Visit 7pm - Executive Meeting	7pm - Horse Collar	4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - Party Open
Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22
FREE POOL		5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke	6:30pm - Shuffleboard		7pm - Horse Collar	3pm - Saturday Horse Races 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - Party Open
Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29
FREE POOL		5:30pm - BBQ 7pm - Karaoke		6:30pm - Reired Police Supper	7pm - Horse Collar	9am - 100th Anniversary of Aviation in Canada 4pm - Grocery Day
Aug 30	Aug 31					
3pm - 7pm - Michael Kelly- Newfie Dinner						



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