



# THE DUGOUT

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT— JEAN DAVIDSON

Recently we attended the District “C” Convention in Elmira. We were given a Certificate from the Ontario Command congratulating us on our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

There were two others as well. The poppy seminar was quite informative and the speaker, the Provincial Poppy Chairman was quite humorous. Only one resolution got passed and that was to support the Dutch Children who light candles at the graves of Canadian soldiers on Remembrance Day. At the President’s meeting it was stressed that we need to bring our wheelchair accessibility up to code by Jan 1, 2012..

It was also stressed that we not put anything concerning the Legion on Face book. There has been some trouble misinterpreting things on Face book.

Dell Computers has now come on board as a sponsor of the Legion and you can get up to 30% off on all their items.

There is a new card game out called “Chase the Ace”. This is illegal and not allowed in the Branch..

There is a new book out called the “Highway of Heroes” available at Wal-Mart for \$17.00. We will get one for the Branch and if you want to see it you will have to sign it out.

We will not be going to the Salvation Army Church on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. They have cancelled it. Our Poppy Campaign will be soon underway and I hope each and everyone of you will do your part.

**WE WILL**

**REMEMBER  
THEM**

**I**

**Total Canadian  
casualties to date:  
158**


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

**Plus One Diplo-  
mat, a Journalist  
and Two Aid  
Workers.**



**LEST WE  
FORGET  
REMEMBER !  
IT'S NOT WHAT  
YOU PAY  
TO BE A  
MEMBER IT'S  
WHAT THEY PAID  
TO LET YOU.**

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 11TH  
REMEMBRANCE  
DAY PARADE  
FORM UP 10:15  
AT ONTARIO AND  
DUKE ST.  
KITCHENER**



**PAST PRESIDENT—PETER GARDINER**

Hello again

Here we are near the end of October with November 11th coming on in as hurry, so remember in your initiation to the Legion for helping with the Poppy Campaign.

Next is the Children's Christmas Party and we spend alot of time and money to have this for them.

Make sure they attend for the festivities.

I will cut this short because I know you are busy with your own Christmas ready.

All the best till the next Dugout

Yours in Comradeship

Peter Gardiner

**Branch 50 Executive-at-large**

**UPCOMING**

**Check website calendar for all upcoming events**

November 5th Fiddler's Jam Session
Nov 19th Melody Train
December 31st New Years Eve Bash

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 / Louis Kuntz
Seniors	Pat Ryan
Veteran Services	Jim Fraser
Sports	John MacDougall
Entertainment	Laurie Tomlinson
Sick and Visiting	Lynn Hohner / Jean Pickering
Ways and Means	Louis Kuntz
House and Building	Chris Mayhew / Gord Tomlinson
Dugout	Alf Ash/Darlene Davidson
Kitchen/ Honors & 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

The year keeps marching along and this time of year our focus is on the Poppy Campaign and our Remembrance Day Service.....this year being truly the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 2011. (11/11/11).

The eastern countries that follow numerical signs, believe the day to be a lucky one, and it bodes well that we might have good weather for our ceremony.

We are expecting a record number at the cenotaph, and the Remembrance Day committee are working hard making preparations.

Comrade Norma Ash is accepting donations of stew (please provide in an electric Crock Pot ) and if you are a willing donor, please sign the sheet at the bar or speak directly with Norma.

We are also accepting donations of dark rum for the annual "Grog" serving. Donations may be left with the Bar Steward.

We are expecting an unprecedented turnout from area schools and even a Scout Troop from Maryhill. Sang Thai will be leading a very large contingent of our Vietnamese Comrades, and we look forward to hosting them at the Branch following the parade.

Comrade Ed Gorniak is the Parade Marshall and will be directing the Parade and Cenotaph activities again this year. Form-up is at Ontario and Duke Streets at 10:00 hours and Ed will be expecting complete co-operation due to the expected large turnout.

In the past years, a few of our able bodied appeared at the Branch well before the conclusion of the ceremonies, so we expect they were hovering outside the door rather than attending the parade ! We would very much like to see them on parade with us, as all Legion members should participate if physically possible.

A short Committee meeting is being held at the Branch on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> , 2011 at 7:00PM and should you see this notice in time and wish to volunteer, please come out.

I know Comrade Alf is waiting for this report for the Dug Out, so I will keep it short in order to get it in on time.

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## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT/PRO —ALF ASH

We also have two new bar people who are being trained right now, so please be patient while the training is going on.

We visited Walmart store to talk about Juno Beach, Michael Fenton spoke about this event to the employees on our behalf.

Walmart Canada announced today that its recent "Give thanks! Give a dollar" campaign in support of the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy, France raised a record \$850,000. The Juno Beach Centre represents the war effort made by all Canadians, civilians and military alike, both at home and on various fronts during World War II.

During Walmart's national campaign, which ran from October 8 - 22 in all 313 stores across the country, customers were asked to purchase a \$1 icon. The campaign generated \$850,000 including \$260,000 from Walmart Canada's matching grants.

We have Rogers TV lined up for the November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Parade. So it should be a very busy day for the people who are in the parade and an interesting one for these people who view it on Rogers TV (Channel 20), [Jeff Allan of 570 News](#) will again be our MC for this Remembrance Day Event. We can always rely on Jeff for helping out on this and many other Legion Events that take place during the year.

We also have events happening around this time which we will have to attend or have someone else attend.

In Flanders Fields  
 the  
 poppies blow  
 Between the  
 crosses row on  
 row,  
 That mark our  
 place; and in the  
 sky  
 The larks, still  
 bravely singing,  
 fly  
 Scarce heard amid  
 the guns below.  
 We are the Dead.  
 Short days ago  
 We lived, felt  
 dawn, saw sunset  
 glow,  
 Loved and were  
 loved, and now we  
 lie  
 In Flanders fields.  
 Take up our quar-  
 rel with the foe:  
 To you from fail-  
 ing hands we  
 throw  
 The torch; be  
 yours to hold it  
 high.  
 If ye break faith  
 with us who die  
 We shall not  
 sleep, though pop-  
 pies grow  
 In Flanders fields.

By: Lieutenant  
 Colonel John  
 McCrae, MD (1872  
 -1918)  
 Canadian Army

## POPPY CHAIR— RANDY KUHN

By the time you receive this letter the 2011 Poppy Drive will have begun, starting October 28th

I would like to thank all of those persons who will have helped with this years cam-  
 paign. (Let's enjoy our task)

Special thanks to both Michael Fenton and Norma Ash for their work load; Michael  
 for his paperwork and phone calls; Norma for her feeding all who attended the  
 Poppy Dinner.

The city of Kitchener ( Region of Waterloo) transit has supplied us with (2) buses for  
 Remembrance Day. Tickets are \$3.00 and available at all (6) destinations on the  
 route. Let's use the buses Comrades; it's safe and everybody can have fun without  
 worrying about their driver's license.

Special prayers for our Veteran's and their families

## VETERAN'S VISITS (Eleanor Day)

Please contact the office if you are able to visit a Veteran on a monthly basis in a care facility or  
 in his/her own home. Contact her also if you'd welcome a visitor. I've thoroughly enjoyed the  
 telephone visits with so many Branch 50 Vets over the last year and plan to keep calling.

## MEMBERSHIP—PAM BARRAGER

Please remember to pay your dues for 2012 and get into the early bird draw.  
 Also if you have not paid for 2011 please do so at the bar. Thank you.

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

### Food Coordinator.

I would like to again thank the Ladies who help out at the various functions ( Ava, Audrey, Pat and Joy.)

Branch 50 will be very busy in the next few months with all the upcoming parties and agenda's and your help is truly appreciated for all the different functions that have been booked.

Keep your eye on the Calendar or Website for upcoming events.

### Special Events.

Saturday, December 31, 2011

New Years Eve Party

Time: 6:30pm.

Tickets will be \$25 Per Person and should made available mid November.

### Honours and Awards

**Please remember and pick up your service pins.**

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## JUST A FEW THANKS TO:

**Norma and Alf Ash for the "Welcome Veteran's" Sign  
And the two weed trimmers**

**David Davidson for the "TV Screen"**

**John Risenborough for the "grass seed"**

**A special thanks to:**

**All of you who helped throughout the summer with grass cutting and weeding**

**To all who have already donated Rum for the Grog and to the many others who will be contributing**

**L. Weinstein**

**C Powell**

**E. Rochejocquelin**

**For your cash donations to the branch**

**To everyone who helped make our "Corn Roast" and "Pig Roast"**

**A tasty and enjoyable day**

## WATERLOO REGION RECORD

**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**

**Monday's  
8 ball 6:30  
Darts 8pm**

**Tuesday's Shuffle-  
board 1pm  
Seniors Darts every  
other Tuesday**

**Wednesday's  
Bid Euchre 1pm  
KW Shuffleboard  
7pm**

**Thursday's  
Euchre 1pm  
9 ball 7pm**

**Friday's  
Solo 1pm  
Ladies Darts 8pm**

**1st Saturday of  
every month  
Crib at noon**

## TRACK & FIELD/YOUTH EDUCATION—AL HOHNER

### TRACK & FIELD (Al Hohner)

Although track & field meets are about finished for the year, I believe the athletes did a fantastic job and hope it grows for next year.

Plans are already being made for next years track meets.

The District Track & Field meet will be held on June 23 2012 – unknown where at this time.

The National Track & Field meet will be held August 15 – 17 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

### YOUTH EDUCATION

Our poster & literary competition is well on the way.

We hope it will be another great year.

ALL entries are to be in by November 14 – with the judging taking place on November 19 at 9:30 A.M. at Branch 530.

Thanks to all my assistant judges, I have asked ..- planning to be there.

If any more judges are needed, I will post a notice.

I would like to THANK Mitch O'DONNELL for his interesting and informative presentation, at the General Meeting, of his trip to France for the World Youth Championship in Track & Field in early July.

I would also like to THANK the other three athletes Neinkal PALJOLA, Chris GREEN, & Angela MERCURIO, for attending. It was a pleasure and honor to have ALL of them at the Legion.

We wish them "ALL THE BEST - FOR THE FUTURE" and hope they will continue to represent the Legion.

## ENTERTAINMENT—LAURIE TOMLINSON

NOVEMBER 19/11 8PM-CLOSING

MELODY TRAIN

COME OUT DANCE, SING AND ENJOY.

**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.**

Just a few words to say Sport Events are happening. Hope everyone that is participating in them are enjoying themselves with Comradeship, friendship and meeting new people. I would like to thank the Legion for sponsoring all the different sports activities we have.

Upcoming Zone Sports Events;

- November 12/2011 Darts; 4 Man Team New Hamburg
- November 19/2011 Darts; Mixed Doubles/Team N. H.
- November 26/2011 Cribbage; 4 Person Team Hespler
- December 3/2011 Shuffleboard; Polish Legion
- December 10/2011 5-Pin Bowling; Br. 50 Victoria Bowling
- December 17/2011 Darts; Singles/Doubles Elmira Legion
- January 14/2012 Euchre Hespler Legion.



**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

"Things turn out the best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

### FROM THE EDITOR / PRO —ALF ASH

Again I have many people to thank for getting this edition to you, thanks to all the Executive and Committee who sent me their reports to me, these people volunteer their time for your club so I must say a big thank you to them all, and keep up the good work in the future.

Important Information about The Poppy Campaign.

The Ontario Command of The Royal Canadian Legion is comprised of over four hundred (400) branches throughout Ontario. With a total membership of over 130,000 the Ontario Command of the Legion is the largest service oriented organization in Ontario.

The Poppy has been widely recognized as a symbol of Remembrance, since it was first adopted in 1921. By wearing the poppy, we demonstrate our gratitude to those who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy.

Each year, for two weeks before Remembrance Day, Legions throughout Ontario carry out our Poppy Campaign. The campaign raises awareness of the Poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

Funds raised during the Poppy Campaign are also used for the following:

- Comforts for veteran in hospital or hospitalized veterans
- Legion Service Bureau
- Community medical appliances
- Medical research
- Medical training
- Donations for disaster relief
- Educational Bursaries
- Prizes for the annual Remembrance Day Poster and Literary (Poem and Essay) Contests.
- Expenses of the Branch Veteran Services Chairman.

Any ex-serviceman or woman or dependent is eligible to apply for financial aid from the Poppy, whether they are Legion members, or not.

## PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL



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### Branch 50 Executive

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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 NOVEMBER 2011 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5
		1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - K-W Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	12pm - Cribbage Tournament 7pm - Party-Open(Fiddlers)
Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12
9am - Veterans Green Ceremony 2pm - Elmira Remembrance Day	6:30pm - Mixed Pool 8pm - Darts	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - K-W Crib	1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	11am - Remembrance Day Parade-Party	8pm - Party-Open(Amanda)
Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19
12pm - Seniors Bus Trip.	6:30pm - Mixed Pool 8pm - Darts	1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - K-W Shuffleboard 7pm - K-W Crib	1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	10am - Executive Meeting 8pm - Melody Train
Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26
	12:30pm - Lunch-MayCourt 6:30pm - Mixed Pool 8pm - Darts	1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - K-W Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	
Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30			
2pm - General Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Pool 8pm - Darts	1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - K-W Shuffleboard 7pm - K-W Crib			



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# ≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN DECEMBER 2011 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3
				1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	12pm - Cribbage Tournament 8pm - Party-Open (Rona)
Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10
	6:30pm - Mixed Pool 8pm - Darts	1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - K-W Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	10am - Executive Meeting 11am - Childrens Xmas Party
Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17
2pm - Seniors Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Pool 8pm - Darts	1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - K-W Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Cadets Dinner (Claude)	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	8pm - Party-Open (Latour)
Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24
	6:30pm - Mixed Pool 8pm - Darts	1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre	1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	12pm - 5pm - Christmas Eve
Dec 25	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31
- Closed - Christmas Day	1pm - 7pm - Boxing Day	1pm - Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard. 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre	1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	6:30pm - New Years Eve Party



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