

July, 2018

Royal Canadian Legion, Orillia, Branch 34
215 Mississaga St. E., Orillia, Ontario L3V 1W2

Vet's Gazette



In Flanders Fields

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 quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow In Flanders Fields.

Col John McCrae

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President's Report

Comrades:

Things have been running fairly smooth at the legion these past months.

The kitchen is finally opened. It opened May 22. The new cooks name is Kaitlyn. Come down for lunch and say hello. The kitchen is open from 11:30 to 2:00 each day. To start with we have a limited number of items available for lunch. But once we get up and running and find out what members want, we will add to our menu.

The kitchen is not available to be rented. It is only available for the legion cook, legion volunteers, and for the Ladies Auxiliary.

There has been a lot of complaining lately. It seems some people are not happy if they aren't complaining about something. Legion members, and Legion staff, should not have to put up with complaining all day long. If you don't like how something is being run, volunteer so that you can try to change things. The Executive and volunteers and staff are doing their best to do things for you, the member.

BOTTOM LINE: IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOMETHING POSITIVE TO SAY, PLEASE KEEP IT TO YOURSELF.

We are hoping that a number of baseball teams will be coming into the legion for beer and wings a couple of nights a week. This will bring in additional revenue for the legion and allow more hours for our staff. Baseball teams can be classed as a special event, so we shouldn't be as quick to ask teams to take off their baseball hats.

There are a couple of dances planned over the next few months.

And the Scottish Festival is approaching. The Scottish Festival Committee is working on putting on a successful Scottish Festival. Volunteers are always needed to help if you can put a few hours in. The Scottish Festival is Friday July 20 to Sunday July 22.

. The Scottish Festival is

honoring First Responders this year as well as honoring the NEW Orillia Tartan. Orillia Tartan products can be purchased at the office. There is a display just outside the Tri-Service doors.

June was our last General Meeting and dinner for the summer. We don't have General Meetings for the months of July and August. We will start General Meetings up again in September.

The Legion Executive wishes everyone a safe and fun summer. Don't forget to drop in for a lunch or drink and enjoy the patio.

Yours in comradeship:

Rick Purcell

President. Branch 34

Watch the bulletin boards for details of upcoming

**Steak
BBQ's**

**July 13,
September 14**

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Membership

At the June 6 2018 Branch Executive Meeting Estelle Ness was appointed as the Membership Chair. The position was ratified by the general membership on June 13.

Thank you for having the assurance in me to appoint me as your membership chairman.

Earlier this year we received an Early Bird award from Ontario Command for the 2017 year. We attained 60% or more renewals based on total membership of 1046, making the early bird renewal approximately 680. Hopefully we can make this happen again in 2018.

I am looking for volunteers to help in the 2019 Early Bird Membership Campaign. Volunteers should be available for a three hour shift once a week during the Early Bird Campaign from September 1 through November 30, 2018.

The three hour shifts will be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Please call me at 705-325-8698 to sign up as a volunteer and choose a shift for you.

Welcome to all new members,
Estelle Ness
Membership Chairman

Ways and Means

The last three months were very successful. Our first steak BBQ for the Scottish Festival was a huge success. We had a dance on April 27th and we had Kevin Joslin sing and play for us on Friday, May 4. Another successful BBQ was held on May

11th. The branch hosted Dr. Krane on May 12—a complete sell-out. Kevin Joslin sang and played again for us on May 25 and donated all of the proceeds to the Ride for Dad—thanks Kevin. The Ride for Dad and steak BBQ was a huge success. Another BBQ was held on June 22,

Our next BBQ is July 13th and a dance with music by Bob Taylor will be held on July 28. There will be a dinner show on August 17 - watch for details.

Our final steak BBQ will be held on September 14.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make these events a success.

Respectfully submitted

Ralph Bernard

Ways and Means chairman

Air Cadets

The Air Cadets recently enjoyed a camping weekend. They had good weather and accomplished a lot. Their annual inspection was held on June 10. The cadets are basically finished their training year now and will start up again in September. However, they do participate in the Canada Day Parade.

Navy League

The Navy League recently held their annual inspection at ODAS Park. They also had a successful fund raiser, their annual spaghetti dinner and several of the cadets enjoyed a trip to visit the HMCS Haida. Like the Air Cadets they will resume training again in September.

Ladies Auxiliary President's Report

Comrades,

It is with great honour and gratitude that I accept the position as the Ladies Auxiliary President. I am committed to do all that I can to keep the organization a success. I am humbled and appreciative to all the ladies who have faith in my abilities. I take my oath very seriously and promise to fulfill their expectations. My presidency will be made more comfortable with the exceptional support that I have in the awesome members of the Ladies Auxiliary and The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 34.

Our new and enhanced kitchen is proving to be much more efficient and easier for our dedicated and productive ladies to execute the numerous, highly profitable functions for the legion. Although there are a few bugs to iron out and things to settle, the kitchen is still a big improvement. An enormous **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who was involved in the gigantic but successful task.

My first order of business is to introduce the Ladies Auxiliary to the world wide web via Facebook.

This in turn will assist with getting the word out more effectively about our events and other important information about our organization.

I have other ideas that I hope to put into place

during my presidency. I look forward to the future with excitement and great anticipation.

Yours in comradeship

Theresa Bernard

Branch 34 Ladies Auxiliary President

Kirkin' of the Tartan

*Will be held at
St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 22
at 10 a.m.*

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special service
to bless the tartan.**

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Legion wants more details on regulations for Veterans

June 20, 2018

The Royal Canadian Legion recently noted [planned changes to regulations](#) under the *Veterans Well-being Act*. We understand that overall, they will provide recognition, income support and stability for Canadian Armed Forces members and veterans experiencing a service-related illness. This appears to be a positive move.

Unfortunately, there's something missing: details. The Legion is not in a position to tell the Veterans we serve, what the changes are exactly. We cannot give Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) a true assessment and whether the changes will truly benefit Veterans and their families. Why? We have not seen a draft of the regulations. This is very concerning, as we are well positioned to provide important advice.

A similar lack of detail exists in the wake of the Pension for Life plan announced last year. The sample scenarios presented to date by VAC focus on Veterans who are eligible to receive the highest amount of support. While we had heard of a formula and calculator to help individual Veterans determine eligibility, no such tool has been shared. Veterans deserve better and more timely information.

To be blunt, we find VAC policies to be extremely complex, despite our repeated advice to provide simple, clear communication so Veterans can understand the impact of any changes on their lives. While we had hoped that streamlining benefits would make life easier for them, we are hearing about increased confusion and anxiety.

The Legion is hopeful VAC will provide us – and others – with the new draft regulations as soon as possible so that we can help ensure any new benefits actually result in a positive outcome for Veterans.

Some thoughts on marriage by Red Skelton:

We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.

I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was "Always".

We always sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California, mine is in Texas.

The last fight we had was my fault. She asked me what was on the T.V. I said "dust".

I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been before," she said. So I suggested the kitchen.



The Orillia Carpet Bowlers made a donation towards the new kitchen. Branch Administrator Cindy Cassels accepted the donation from Branch 34 member and treasurer of the carpet bowling club Rick Crouch, left.



*The Branch 34 Poppy
Committee
Invites all veterans to the
annual*

**VETERANS’
DINNER**
**Tuesday,
September 18**
Dinner at 5 p.m.

*In the Vimy Room
Branch 34, Royal Canadian Legion*

*This invitation is extended to all veterans in the Orillia area. If you know a veteran who you think would like to attend please let him/her know. The veteran **DOES NOT** have to be a Legion member.*

We will arrange transportation for those who need it.

Watch the bulletin boards for more details as the date becomes closer.

**RESERVATIONS WILL NOT
BE TAKEN UNTIL AFTER SEPTEMBER 1ST**

**Now Open
for Lunch**

*Lunch is now
available at Branch 34
Mondays to Fridays
from 11:30 a.m.
to 2 p.m.*

**RELAX ON THE
PATIO WITH A
BURGER, FRIES,
WINGS ETC. AND A
COLD BEVERAGE**

Veterans Report

1. Hospital Visits:

There were 37 visits to Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital in April and 42 visits in May by Bob Dimaline and I.

2. Nursing Homes & Private Visits:

There were 127 visits to nursing homes and private residences for April and 139 visits in May 2018.

It is sometimes difficult for our visiting team; as we share a small part in the final journey of some of those we visit. However, it is an honour and a privilege to be able to take the time to pay tribute to their service to country and for our freedom as we know it today. How very fortunate we are to meet these incredible men and women and share a part of our history first hand.

Thank you, Joan Goldsmith, for all you do at Trillium, Don MacKenzie; for taking on Spencer House and Champlain Manor. Ray Canning and Colleen Payie for their winter visits. Len Thorne who visits at several facilities and private residences. Gord MacArthur who brings cheer to Pat Loughnan's Leacock Veterans and any others he is asked to help with. And thank you to part time visitors Rich Percy, Bridget LaForest and Keith Oliver.

3. Veteran Awareness:

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 34 is moving forward with a project to present veteran pictures on flags down Mississauga Street this November. Branch 34 has invited ANAF Unit 400 to participate and each Club will have 16 flags; sharing

the costs equally.

Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital

A Military Awareness proposal from ANAF has received final approval by OSMH.

The proposal includes two digital monitors which will display digitalized photos and service information of veterans. The content of the display includes existing data from the hospital, along with information from the Legion's Books of Recognition and other sources. The cost to RCL Br 34 will be USB information from the Books of Recognition

already at hand. Upon completion of this project, OSMH, RCL Branch 34 and ANAF will equally share recognition for this initiative.

Submitted by *Reta Keeler*
Veterans' Liaison

Some interesting facts about Canada:

- *The population is roughly 36 million. It's the second largest country in the world, but only 0.5% of the world's population reside in Canada*
- *Manitoba has the largest concentration of snakes in the world. Around 70,000 snakes, particularly red-sided garter snakes, emerge in May as they come out of hibernation.*
- *There are as many as 2 million lakes in Canada.*
- *Many of Canada's national parks are bigger than countries. Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta is larger than Denmark and Switzerland.*
- *Canada has the longest coastline of any country in the world. In fact, if you were to walk around the country (without sleeping, eating, or resting), it would take roughly four and a half years.*



of fellowship and good food will be held on Tuesday, September 18th in the Vimy Room. Notices will be posted in the branch, after which time veterans are invited to call the office to reserve a spot. Rides will be provided to those who need them. This evening is not restricted to branch members so if you know a veteran, especially one who doesn't get out much, please let them know and encourage them to join us.

Yours in comradeship,

John Cropper

Poppy Chairman



Poppy Report

Three area students were recently presented with bursaries valued at \$750 each. They are shown pictured above with Poppy Chairman John Cropper. The students were guests of the branch at the June general meeting.

The poppy committee continues to assist veterans and their spouses with much needed help especially with eye care, hearing aids, wheel chair and scooter repairs etc.

At the District E Spring convention donations of \$2,000 were made to each of the following Provincial Command charities: Ontario Command Charitable Foundation, Ontario Command Bursary Fund, Commonwealth Ex-Servicemans' League, Leave the Streets Behind and the District E Hospital Trust Fund.

Thanks to those who assisted with cleaning the poppy storage area.

Once again the poppy committee will host a Veterans' Dinner. This evening

Last Post

Lest We Forget

Sherman, John Albert V94968, RCNVR
World War II, Ordinary Member Branch
34. 91 years old. 04/18/18,

Reid, Patricia Joan 440634, WRAF,
World War II, Ordinary Member Branch
34, 92 years old. 05/09/18

Moore, Harold, C73009, Army, World
War II, Ordinary Member Branch 34. 96
years old 05/13/18

*At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM*

Branch 34

Financial Summary for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2018

	<u>12 Months ending May 31, 2018</u>	<u>12 Months ending May 31, 2017</u>
Bar revenue	\$331,818	\$291,549
Cost of goods sold	<u>154,293</u>	<u>142,527</u>
Gross Bar profit	<u>177,525</u>	<u>\$149,022</u>
Gross Profit %age	53.5%	51.1%
Committee revenue	\$35,808	\$48,643
Committee expenses	<u>39,017</u>	<u>49,069</u>
Committee profit (loss)	<u>\$(3,209)</u>	<u>\$ (426)</u>
Revenue-Ways & Means	\$39,822	\$33,282
Expenses-Ways & Means	<u>11,236</u>	<u>9,206</u>
Ways & Means profit	<u>\$28,586</u>	<u>\$24,076</u>
Revenue-Normandy Room	\$51,000	\$ 54,000
Expenses-Normandy Room	-----	-----
Normandy profit	<u>\$51,000</u>	<u>\$ 54,000</u>
Member Fees-net	<u>\$20,033</u>	<u>\$17,579</u>
Other Income	<u>\$24,675</u>	<u>\$28,969</u>
Building	\$72,318	\$66,491
Payroll	149,218	142,587
Administration	<u>65,809</u>	<u>60,544</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$287,345</u>	<u>\$269,622</u>
Net Profit (loss)	<u>\$ 11,265</u>	<u>\$ 3,598</u>
Cash less payables		<u>\$(15,805)</u>
Bingo Bank Account		<u>\$ 2,400</u>
Nevada Bank Account		<u>\$ 5,000</u>

Treasurer's Comments

July, 2018

Financial statements May 31, 2018:

Profit & Loss June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018;

1. Bar sales for the 12 months ended May 31, 2018 were \$40,300 more than the 12 months ending May 31, 2017. Branch bar sales are approximately 14% more than last years' bar sales resulting from increased bar sales over 2017 and bar price increases.

2. Bar gross profit for the 12 months ended May 31, 2018 is 53.5% (51.1% in 2017); Gross profit for 12 months ended May 31, 2018 is \$28,500 more than the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

3. Committee net revenue for fiscal 2017-2018 ending May 31, 2018 is \$2,800 less this year than last year mainly due to increased costs of regalia and Scottish Festival.

4. Ways and Means revenue for the 12 months ending May 31, 2018 is \$4,500 more than the 12 months ending May 31, 2017 resulting from increased dances and meat draw net revenues of \$5,200 and increased pool table revenue of \$800 offset by increased Remembrance Day costs.

5. Normandy room revenue from the rental of the Bingo Hall is \$3,000 less this year. The executive have approved a rent reduction of \$1,000/month until Bingo attendance increases.

6. Membership fees are \$2,500 more than last year at May 31.

7. Other income is \$4,300 less for the 12 months ended May 31, 2018 than for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017 from a \$5,400 decrease in Nevada revenue & a \$1,100 donation increase.

8. Expenses for the 12 months ended May 31, 2018 are \$17,700 more than the 12 months ended May 31, 2017 resulting mainly from a kitchen donation of \$9,500, vet's lifeline payments of \$1,000, increased

repair costs of \$5,000, increased wage costs of \$6,600, decreased convention costs of \$2,500 and \$1,900 decrease in Administrative costs.

9. Operations had a profit of \$11,265 for the 12 months ended May 31, 2018 as compared to a profit of \$3,598 for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

Balance Sheet-May 31, 2018:

1. Retained earnings at May 31, 2018 were \$23,353.

2. Cash on hand was \$48,360.

3. Accounts payable & reserve liabilities were \$64,165 leaving a net cash deficiency of \$15,805 at May 31, 2018.

4. The Bingo and Nevada bank accounts have a balance of \$7,400.

Respectively submitted,

Brian Robertson

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Branch 34 recently mourned the death of our member Patricia Reid. Comrade Pat was a World War II Veteran. What follows is an interesting account of her life.

Patricia Joan Tumber was born on the 27th of January, 1926 in Stanleytown, Wales, daughter of Percy George Tumber (a Welsh coalminer and WWI Veteran) and Clarice Mary Whitehouse, sister to Cliff, Virginia, Dennis, Terry, and Joy. She died on May 8th, 2018, in her 93rd year in Orillia, Canada.

Her papers show an interesting life – letters from the Princess Elizabeth who became and is still Queen of England, poems she enjoyed, Biblical notes of importance to her, articles on the war, articles on women in the armed forces, copies of letters she wrote to support military awards, and interesting old photos of family members.

Lying about her age, Patricia Joan left home at 14 to join the war effort with the air force, never to have a full family group meeting again with all of her siblings which she outlived –her sisters did not join the armed forces. Her full time academic studies stopped.

She enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) on 27 Feb 1941 and worked on repairing parachutes before she was transferred to the Instrument Section and later the Armoury where she worked on Browning machine guns. As an Airwoman, mom served in the Noah's Ark Caves, River Station, Dover Castle, Connaught Barracks, and Wick.

Earning medals for her full service in WWII as ACWII and a wireless operator (communications before computers) she earned a full status as a Veteran and was a member of Legions for well over 60 years and had earned the right to wear her military medals on the left side of her

blazer over her heart. Family archives have an article written by her granddaughter Tracy who wrote the article as a high school project after interviewing her as a veteran – she did a great job.

During the war, at age 16, she married a 25 yr old soldier, Samuel Musk Loraine, then went back to service. After the war, and just after Hurricane Hazel in 1954, Patricia Joan came to Canada on the SS Samaria with 3 young children 5 to 8 yrs of age, as her first husband Sam got a job working on the Avro Aero.

Patricia Joan outlived her ex-husband (War Substantive Regimental Staff Sergeant then WOII in the Royal Engineers Regular Army, Samuel Musk Loraine from England), her second husband (Royal Signal Core and WWII Prisoner of War in Camp 14 at Karlsruhe Germany, Alexander Reid from Scotland), and her third partner (RCA Royal Canadian Artillery Gunner in WWII Captain Jack Lowday from Quebec then Orillia, Ontario, Canada). She came to life around veterans and this allowed her to continue to process her memories. PTSD was evident when she fell to the ground in tears in her 80's as drunken neighbours setting off potato guns.

Following the death of her second husband she moved to Orillia in 2001. Moving to Orillia's Legioncrest Apartments was a good move for her and she enjoyed the friends she made there (Lois, Janet, Shirley, Jack and Marilyn). She and her friends enjoyed taking trips to places like Collingwood for apples and plums, and to various events with family and friends, especially if food was served.

In the last 15 yrs she struggled with Heart Failure, Diabetes, HBP, Emphysema, Glaucoma, and mobility issues.

She is survived by daughter Heather (Robert) Bowden of Havelock, daughter Trish (Norm) McCracken of

Orillia and son Hugh (Nancy) Loraine of Vallentyne, all in Ontario.

She had 8 grandchildren: Tori (Arno) Lippassaar, Tracy (Graham) Gordon, Stephen (Theresa) Bowden, Bradley (Lucy) Bowden, Jacqueline (Chris) Bailey, Gina (Christopher) Loraine-Salazar, Ariel (Pad) Loraine, and Robin Loraine. She had 14 great-grandchildren: Laurel Gordon, Alex Lippassaar, Taylor Bowden, Kyler Lippassaar, Hailey Bowden, Taylor Loraine-Garringer, Johnathon Bowden, Matthew Bowden, Stella Bailey, Abigail Loraine-Salazar, Jake Gordon, Zachery Bailey, Rory Loraine and Charlotte Loraine-Salazar.

Her life course was critically impacted by WWII and its aftermath. Her decisions to leave home too early, to take her children and follow her husband's career to live in the Middle East and then Canada with the Avro Aero fiasco impacted her children who grew up with parents with WWII PTSD and no extended family support or relationships.

She will be remembered for how she could imitate accents from the various UK countries, how serene she became when she sang the Welsh National Anthem (Land of my Fathers) and how quick she could pronounce the village in Wales called

**Ilanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrob
willlantysiliogogoch** (one word). She also identified with Queen Elizabeth and loved the monarchy.

So in the spirit of how she lived life, her funeral will be held in separate memorials as each of her children and their children decide how they want to recognize the passing of the family matriarch and their memories within their own community of friends and family. All she wanted was cremation and her ashes buried under a red maple tree. She will rest in Thunder Bay and a Christian memorial service will take place there. We

ask that you savour the memories of the good times with her.

Anyone wishing to have the full CD of photos of Patricia Joan collected over the years, a copy of the PowerPoint Tribute, or a copy of the article written by Granddaughter Tracy can contact the executor Trish Loraine McCracken via mccracken@bellnet.ca. We thank the staff at the Leacock Care Center who made mom's final years comfortable and arranged gatherings such as the Mothers' Day Tea and the Christmas Tea as these events brought her children together to see her. We send a strong thank you to Helen Izzard at Leacock Centre. We thank Veteran's Affairs Canada and Blue Cross VIP programs for making the British Commonwealth Veteran more comfortable. We thank Toothpicks, the travelling dental service, Giselle Daghri for specialized foot care, the amazing Dr Julian Porter of Orillia for his caring support of her health needs and for the fun banter he shared with mom, and for the caring staff at Carson-Doolittle Chapel.

Chicken Dinner

ONLY
\$12.00



On Friday, July 27

*Enjoy Chicken dinner
at 6 p.m.
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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 34 MENU

BURGERS AND DOGS

All burgers are 5 oz. made in house with special secret spices.

All buns are baked in house fresh each day.

All burgers come with lettuce, tomato and onion.

5 oz. Hamburger	5.75
5 oz. Cheeseburger	6.25
5 oz. Banquet Burger (cheese and bacon)	6.75
Hot Dog	4.00
Add bacon and cheese	1.00

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We offer white or whole wheat bread.

BLT	5.50
Grilled Cheese	4.00
Small Salad	4.00

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All finger orders come with 3 large fingers.

All fries are hand cut in house.

Chicken Fingers	6.25
Small French Fries	2.50
Large French Fries	4.50
Gravy	.75

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All wing orders come in a pound.

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Draught Beer Glass	3.50
Draught Pint Glass	5.50
Bar Shot	4.55
Premium Shot	4.85
Coolers	5.25
Red or White Wine 5 oz Glass	4.10
Chips	2.00
Chocolate Bars	1.50
Meat Pie	3.00
Jerky or Meat Stick	1.50
Pickled Eggs	.75

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Your strength fills me with pride
You gave up your life,
So I could live mine.

Because of you I am free
Because of you, I am me.

We swim the bluest waters and
Feel the warm sun
We graze in the fields and
Enjoy having fun.

We ski down the slopes and
Skate on the ice
We sit by the fire and
Sip cocoa, so nice.

Because of you I am free
Because of you, I am me.

We laugh, we cry, we sing, we dance.
Because of you we have a blast.
We live we love, we hope, we play
Because of you we enjoy the day.

We honour you for your bravery
We honour you for your fight
We give thanks and stand tall
Keep your memory alive with all our might.

Because of you I am free
Because of you, I am me.

Our fathers, our husbands, our brothers and
sons
Our soldiers who fought defending our
freedom
Our mothers, our wives, our sisters and
daughters
Our heroes who served and protected our
fallen.

We love you, we thank you, we honour you
always
We remember you today, wearing our
poppies

Because of you I am free
Because of YOU, I am ME.

Eleanora Mustafa

10 years old, Grade 5
Notre Dame Catholic School
1st place Branch 619, Zone E4, District E,
Ontario Command Junior Poetry
competition.
2ND PLACE DOMINION COMMAND

Come to the Ceilidh

Friday, July 20

7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)

Vimy Room

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 34

*Enjoy Pipes and Drums, Highland Dancers
and some traditional Celtic music with the
Celtic group*

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\$15.00 per person
Tickets available at the
door or call
705-325-8442

Enjoy a light lunch,
cash bar, raffle and
many laughs .

Editorial

Just a reminder that much of the success of Branch 34 is due to the work of volunteers and as such they not only deserve our thanks but also our respect. It does not matter whether they do the 50/50, meat darts and draws, help with minor repairs, work dinners, run errands, help with membership or any of the other tasks that need to be done. So please think before you speak. Volunteers do not deserve to be insulted or treated rudely because they do not know everything. Not only do our volunteers need to be treated with respect but so should our staff. Theirs is not always an easy job and they have a lot to deal with. Please treat them as you would want to be treated.

Summer is finally here, and with it a heat wave. The branch is a great place to go to get cool, whether outside or on the patio. And now you can enjoy lunch while you are cooling down. There are several events planned for the summer so please watch the bulletin boards for details. And don't forget the Scottish Festival. A lot of hard work goes into its planning so please come out and enjoy the festivities. Volunteer to help if you can.

The Poppy Committee is in the midst of planning for the annual Veterans Dinner on September 18. If you know a veteran who would like to attend please tell them about it. They **DO NOT** have to be a Legion member to attend. I am sure there are many veterans, some living alone who would like to come out and enjoy the comradeship the evening has to offer. Ride are provided for those who need it. Reservations will be taken **after** September 1. Have a great summer!!!!

Yours in comradeship

Kate Palmer, Editor

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Doolittle-Carson Funeral Home is proud to offer, to all Legion Vets and Members in good standing, a very special offer on funeral planning.

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A Unique Program for our Youth

The Track and Field program of Ontario Command is unique in that it is the only program of its kind in the province that offers both a summer and winter meet to girls and boys 17 years of age and under. Athletes can compete at two other levels (zone and district) and those that qualify at these levels can progress to the provincial level. Those who qualify at the provincial level can advance to the national level. The provincial winter meet gives the athletes an opportunity to hone their skills and maintain their level of achievement in their various events.

We have maintained this program for many years, with participation of in excess of 400 athletes at both the winter and summer meets. The numbers at zone and district level vary, with between 250 to 400 athletes at these levels. Many athletes have and will participate in the program for up to five years. We are very proud that many have gone on to become very prominent in the sports field. No less than 26 athletes, who participated in the Olympic Games held in Los Angeles, have come through the Legion program. Wayne Gretzky, though best known as a hockey legend, also participated in our track and field program and won a medal at the provincial level.

Athletes must qualify at provincial meets to advance further and this brings in top calibre athletes. A fitting example of the success of our program is that all Canadian medal winners at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles came up through the Legion track and field program.

The meets would not be feasible without the 100 plus volunteers it takes to run them and Ontario Command sponsors hundreds of young athletes across the province at an average annual cost of \$ 75,000. The athletes do not pay to

participate and all costs are paid by the Legion, including transportation, accommodation and meals. In some cases, branches also make a donation to include some spending money.

We are very proud of our program. While it primarily assists young athletes to be the best they can be, it also allows them to develop confidence, maturity, and new friends as they participate through the age categories.

*The Orillia
Scottish Festival
Presents*

**The 48th
Highlanders Military
Band
and the
Commissioner's Own
Pipes & Drums
of the OPP**

**Saturday, July 21st with
performances at
2:15 and 3:15 p.m.
In the Branch 34 Royal Canadian
Legion Tri-Service Room**

All are welcome!

Scottish Festival

The 41st Scottish Festival will take place July 20, 21 and 22. We will be honouring first responders and also be highlighting our very own Orillia tartan.

Some new additions to the festival include:

The popular Children's Village will showcase Susan Charters, well known story teller, who will entertain with a variety of children's tales.

Tug of war featuring first responders

For details, updates and schedules visit:
Website: www.scottishfestival.ca
Facebook - Orillia Scottish Festival

Our main source of revenue is button sales, so please purchase a button for only \$2.00

Program highlights:

July 20 - Scottish Ceilidh Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 34, 7 p.m. For tickets call 705-325-8442 or at the door (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

July 21 - 10 a.m. clan, craft, vendor booths - Couchiching Beach Park, 12 noon Scottish Festival Parade - Mississaga St, along Centennial Drive into Couchiching Beach Park. 1:15 Opening ceremonies followed by children's village, Scottish entertainment, beer tent, tug of war, massed pipes and drums, awards presentations.

July 22 - Kirkin O the Tartan, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 10 a.m. Scottish entertainment at Branch 34 starting at 1:30 p.m.

Orillia Tartan purchases: To purchase items made with the Orillia tartan contact Chuck Penny at

chuckandsharon@rogers.com

Volunteers

The committee is looking for volunteers to help throughout the weekend.. To volunteers please contact :

orilliascottishfestival@outlook.com

The Scottish Festival Committee would like to thank all those who participated and supported our fundraisers which include: Steak BBQ dinner and Trivia Nights.

Thank you,

Angie Paylor and Carrie Dunn

on behalf of the Scottish Festival committee

Ladies Auxiliary Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Tuesday October 16

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the Vimy Room

Price \$6.00

**Come out and enjoy
homemade soup,
sandwich and des-
sert**

***DON'T MISS
IT!!!***



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	3 Euchre 1 pm L.A. Meeting 7 p.m	4 Executive Meeting	5	6 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	7
8	9 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	10 Euchre 1 p.m.	11	12	13 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m STEAK BBQ	14
15	16 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	17 Euchre 1 p.m.	18	19	20 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m Scottish Festival Ceilidh	21 Scottish Festival
22 Scottish Festival Continues	23 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	24 Euchre 1 p.m.	25	26	27 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m CHICKEN DINNER	28 <i>DANCE MUSIC BY BOB TAYLOR</i>
29	30 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	31 Euchre 1 p.m.				

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Executive Meeting	2	3 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	4
5	6 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	7 Euchre 1 pm L.A. Meeting 7 p.m	8	9	10 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	11
12	13 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	14 Euchre 1 p.m.	15	16	17 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m DINNER SHOW watch for details	18
19	20 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	21 Euchre 1 p.m.	22	23	24 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	25
26	27 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	28 Euchre 1 p.m.	29	30	31 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	4 Euchre 1 pm L.A. Meeting 7 p.m	5 Executive Meeting	6	7 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	8
9	10 Bid Euchre 1 p.m	11 Euchre 1 p.m. Men's Darts	12 General Meeting Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	13	14 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m Steak BBQ STEAK BBQ	15
16	17 Bid Euchre 1 p.m Ladies Darts	18 Euchre 1 p.m. VETERANS DINNER Men's Darts	19	20 Mixed Darts	21 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	22
23	24 Bid Euchre 1 p.m Ladies Darts	25 Euchre 1 p.m. Men's Darts	26	27 Mixed Darts	28 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	29 Dance to "Still Kickin" 9 p.m. \$5.00
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October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bid Euchre 1 p.m Ladies Darts	2 Euchre 1 pm L.A. Meeting 7 p.m Men's Darts	3 Executive Meeting	4 Mixed Darts	5 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	6
7	8 Bid Euchre 1 p.m Ladies Darts	9 Euchre 1 p.m. Men's Darts	10 General Meeting Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	11 Mixed Darts	12 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	13
14	15 Bid Euchre 1 p.m Ladies Darts	16 L.A. Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Euchre 1 Men's Darts	17	18 Mixed Darts	19 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	20
21	22 Bid Euchre 1 p.m Ladies Darts	23 Euchre 1 p.m. Men's Darts	24	25 Mixed Darts	26 Meat Darts & Draws 5 p.m	27 Halloween Dance with "The Trio" \$5.00 9 pm
28	29 Bid Euchre 1 p.m Ladies Darts	30 Euchre 1 p.m. Men's Darts	31			

41st Annual
Orillia Scottish Festival
*Honouring Our First Responders and
highlighting Orillia's New Tartan*
July 20, 21 and 22

Friday, July 20

**Ceilidh in the Vimy Room Friday at 7 p.m.
Pipe Band performances, Highland Dancing**

**Saturday Parade of Pipes and Drums
starts at noon**

(down Mississaga St. E., to Couchiching Beach Park)

**Opening Ceremonies and Massed Bands at
1:15 p.m.**

*Festivities continue during the day with competitions,
Scottish Entertainment, Festival Pub, First Responders Tug
of War, Highland Dancing, children's village, sheep dog
demonstration and vendors*

**Massed pipes and drums and awards
presentation at 5:15 p.m.**

**Ceilidh in the Tri Service Room
Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
*Scottish entertainment,
Highland Dancers*
Everyone welcome**

