

THE MERITTONIAN

Royal Canadian Legion Merritton ~ Branch 138



Happy Labour Day!



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IN FLANDERS FIELDS

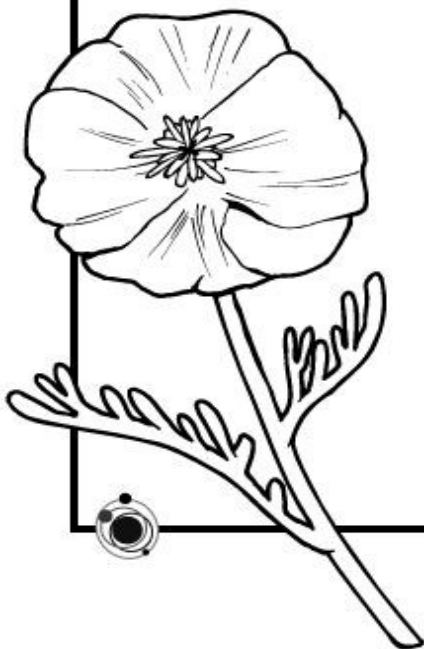
In Flander's Fields

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 Flander's 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, tho poppies grow
In Flander's fields.

Liet. -Col. John McCrae



LAST POST



LIFE:

D. MacKay

ORDINARY:

R. Rennie

E. Smith

C. Cook

**All Canadian Soldiers from all conflicts past
and present who have lost their lives for
the benefit of us and others.**

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM





BRANCH EXECUTIVE 2016 -17

President—Alex Verdile
Past President / Canteen —Wayne Haslam
1st Vice President / Canteen / Hall Rentals—Trish Gander
2nd Vice President / Poppy / House Chair— Bill Borden
Treasurer—Tammy Wilson
Secretary—Linda Miller
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Nevada—Jim Froats
Sick & Visiting—Evelyn Froats
Sports—Dave Cairns
Public Relations Officer—John Anderson
Ways & Means—Edna Grimshaw

LADIES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE 2015-16

President — Patricia McCabe
1st Vice President — Pat Dickinson
2nd Vice President — Jennifer Tophen
Secretary/Treasurer — Angie Reid
Sgt. At Arms — Marlene Wallace
Sports Officer — Debra Mondor

Executive

Colleen Bradshaw
Donna Carley
Bev Damiano
Marlene Daganaise
Sharon Sowery
Trish Rogers





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Comrades,

There are lots of things coming up over the next few months so please make sure to check out the calendar and the posters that will be posted around the Branch. Remember to come out and join us for Friday night draws, BBQs, the upcoming Bike Ride, Sweet Legs Party, Steak Dinner and of course the Poppy Campaign which is quickly approaching. Don't forget that we have a lovely patio and umbrellas outside if you want to sit outside and have a drink!

A big thank you to all of the members who faithfully help out around the branch. Whether it be helping by bringing food to an event, barbecuing or cooking, decorating, setting up and tearing down, taking care of the yard, or donating time and energy it all helps to keep our Branch running smoothly and successfully. We appreciate the work that you do!

Lastly, if you have any suggestions or ideas feel free to come and speak with me or a member of the executive. If you want to volunteer to help with an event or something around the branch please let me know. Your support is so important to keeping our Branch going strong! Keep up the great work everyone and have a wonderful autumn!

Alex Verdile
President— Merritton Branch 138



2ND VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Comrades,

I would like to thank you and welcome you to Branch 138. As this is my first kick at 2nd Vice President it has been a very fast learning experiences. Many of you have already helped me a lot and I am grateful.

This is also the year where I take on the monumental task of Poppy Chairperson. I can only hope and ask that you support and assist me, as well as our legion and most importantly our Veterans. We are entering campaign season and anyone with experience, and willing to help me out will be welcomed with open arms!

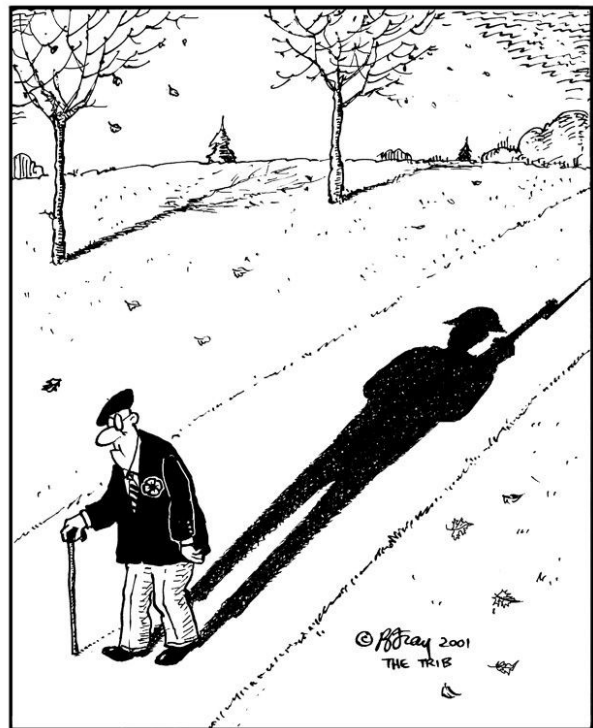
Thank you!
Bill Borden—2nd Vice President
Merritton Branch 138

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK

The Ontario Command is proud to be publishing an annual Military Service Recognition Book. The purpose of the book is to identify and recognize the many Veterans in Ontario, that have either served or are still serving in our Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or Allied Forces. Last years edition recognized 450 Veterans and shared their stories and their sacrifices. The book tells of the lives of our Veterans and the sacrifices that they made so that we might live freely in this great country we call home.

Everyone is invited to come into the Branch and to submit a story or history and photo of a Veteran to be recorded in this years book. They are accepted year round and this will be an ongoing project. The money raised from the sale of the Military Service Recognition Book goes to support many important Legion initiatives that will in turn assist our Branches and membership in the Ontario Command.

Here at Branch 138 you can contact the Branch Secretary for submission form and requirements. We hope that many will share their stories of our Veterans so that we can have them written down for future generations. This is just one more way that you can make sure that none are forgotten for the great sacrifices that were made for each one of us.



Legion Merchandise is available!



The catalogue is behind the bar.
Pick your items and write them on the list
that is on the bulletin board.
You pay when they come in!

WHAT DOES THE SERVICE OFFICER DO?

The Royal Canadian Legion was formed in 1926 from various other Veteran's organizations. It was created by Veterans, for Veterans interests. Each Branch has a Service Officer for the purpose of looking after Veteran's, and their family's, needs and care. Below is an excerpt taken from the Ontario Command site, dealing with that position.

Each Branch appoints a Veterans Services Chairman/Branch Service Officer who is available to advise and assist the Veterans, widows, ex-servicemen etc., in their communities. A branch may appoint two people to fill the Veterans Services Chair position and the Service Officer position.

The officer can be called upon to respond to a variety of questions and situations. Most Chairman are familiar with Veterans Affairs benefits, and are also aware of other Federal, Provincial and Municipal programs which exist and might be appropriate.

All information and questions brought to the Branch Service officer/Veteran Services Chairman are held in the strictest confidence.

The Veterans Services Chairman/Branch Service Officers works with the Provincial Service Officer and Counsellors at Veterans Affairs Canada to ensure that requests for assistance are referred to the attention of the proper persons or authority.

The services of the Provincial Service Officers are available to all Legion branches, the Legion member, or ex-service personnel and/or their dependants. You need not be a member of the Legion to use the services of a Provincial Service Officer.

The Provincial Service Officers devote most of their time to disability pension claims and are actively involved in the preparation of these claims. They also appeal and defend against negative pension decisions.

Although the Provincial Service Officer is knowledgeable on other programs provided by Veterans Affairs (such as War Veterans Allowance, Treatment benefits and the Veterans Independence program), veterans and their dependants are routinely referred to Veterans Affairs to establish their eligibility for these programs.

Referrals to the appropriate Provincial Service Officer should be made through your local veterans services chairman/branch service officer.

The Pension Act is the major piece of legislation governing the award of disability pensions. Merchant Navy Veterans and Civilians are covered for benefits under the Merchant Navy Veteran and Civilian War-related Benefits Act.

Michael Gander, Veteran's Service Officer, Branch 138

Events

Merritton's Got Talent

Saturday November 28th, 2015



**Shopping &
Refreshments**

Sweet Legs Party! with Kira

**Everyone
Welcome!**

**Sunday September 11th
12-pm - 3pm**

Bikin' For The Branch!

September 11th

*Come out and ride!
If you can't ride please
sponsor one of the
riders. All funds raised
to benefit the branch
maintenance fund.*



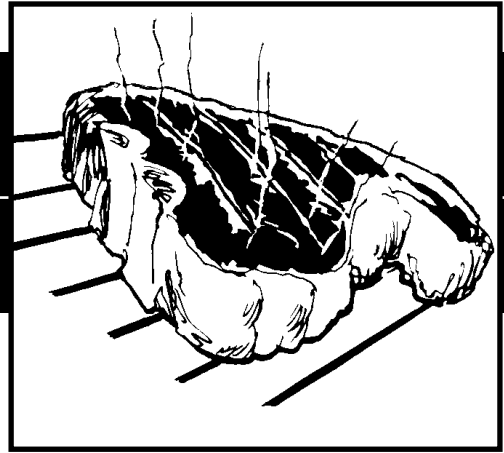
Events St. Patrick's Day

March 18th, 2016



Steak Dinner

October 1st 5:30 pm



\$15.00

Meal includes: Steak, Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Grilled Vegetable Medley, and Pie a la mode

Come and join us for a Great Meal!

Quantities are limited
Tickets can be purchased at the Bar

YES! IT'S BACK!

TRIVIA WITH KIMMY

October 2nd - 2pm Start!

\$2 per person

Max 8 people per team

Come out and test your

mind! Fun! Facts!

And Lots of laughter!



September 11th

10 Foods that Canada gave the World!

(other than poutine!)

Butter Tarts are Canadian through and through. Made with crumbly pastry and filled with butter, sugar, syrup and eggs some people add raisins and others pecans. But regardless of what you add to them this is a Canadian favourite that never has leftovers when we have a pot luck!



BeaverTails: These sinful delights are made by stretching pastry into the shape of a beaver's tail and then frying it. It is then topped with just about anything you can imagine! Apparently US President Barack Obama even stopped to indulge when he visited in 2009. The Ottawa-based company has been serving these delicious treats since 1980.

Nanaimo bars: Though the exact origin of Nanaimo bars is argued they came from somewhere in British Columbia Nanaimo Bars have been around since the late 1950s. These sweet bars are made of a wafer-crumb base, custard flavoured center and topped with a layer of chocolate. Nanaimo bars have become common at almost every bake sale.



Figgy duff: This Newfoundland boiled pudding has many variations. Most of them are made up of flour, butter, sugar, molasses and raisins. In Newfoundland raisins are commonly called figs.

Split pea soup: This thick, tasty soup is of Québécois origins. Made with a base of yellow split peas and a ham bone or smoked ham hock this considered to be one of our most well known food exports.



Maple syrup: First collected by the First Nations people, Canada produces 85% of the world's supply of Maple syrup. Montreal Chef Martin Picard wrote a cookbook with 386 pages of recipes all with Maple Syrup!



Saskatoon berry pie: These pies are made with sweet, fleshy-fruited Saskatoon berries. They are found from western Ontario all the way to British Columbia and the Yukon but are much loved by those from Saskatoon—the they're especially dear to the people who live in the city that shares the berry's name.

Tourtière: This traditional Québécois meat pie is double-crust and is traditionally served at Christmas. Generally they are filled with a combination of beef, veal and pork however in Montreal it is usually just finely ground pork that is spiced with cloves and cinnamon and of course served with catsup! One of those comfort foods that we love!



Canadian bacon: Known by most of the world as Canadian Bacon we call it peameal bacon. Truth of the matter is that is simply lean, boneless pork loin that's been brined and then rolled in finely ground cornmeal which years ago was called peameal!

Fish and brewis: This is a traditional Newfoundland dish. It was most likely created by sailors to fill the need of good food while out at sea differs from door to door, but it's always certain to fill you up. Its made up of salt cod served with hard tack soaked overnight in water and scrunchions otherwise known as bits of fried salted pork fat.



Information from MACLEAN'S Magazine

!!MERRITTON'S GOT TALENT!!

!!SEASON TWO!!

A MERRITTON LEGION FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

2 CHESTNUT STREET E.,

SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT

**(LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS, COMEDIANS,
MAGICIANS, ETC.)**

PRIZES, RAFFLES, "&" LOTS OF FUN

TO REGISTER CALL...

905-684-0352 (TRISH)

Laughter, The Best Medicine



An old farmer went to town to see a movie.

The ticket agent asked, "Sir, What's that on your shoulder?" The old farmer said, "oh! That's my pet rooster, Chucky. Wherever I go he goes."

"I am sorry Sir," said the ticket agent. "We can't allow animals in the theater."

The old farmer went around the corner and stuffed the bird down his overalls and returned to the both and bought a ticket. He went into the theater and sat beside two widows named Mildred and Marge.

The movie started and rooster began to squirm so the old farmer unbuttoned his fly so Chucky could stick his head out and watch the movie.

"Marge," whispered Mildred

"What?" said Marge.

"I think the guy next to me is a pervert!"

"What makes you think so?" asked Marge.

"He undid his pants and he has his thing out," whispered Mildred.

"Well, don't worry about it," said Marge. "Heck at our age we've seen 'em all."

"I thought so too," said Mildred, "but this ones eating my popcorn!"



~Submitted by Eric Jensen

Q. Why did the frog make so many mistakes?

A. It jumped to the wrong conclusions.



Q. How many frogs would fit in your glass of Beer?

A. Toadily too many.

Q. Why are frogs good at baseball?

A. Because they catch a lot of fly balls.

We Need You!



LADIES; AUXILIARY
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

A COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

We want to continue to serve our community. We support Youth Education; Youth Sports: Track & Field; Seniors and Veterans.

Our Criteria is:

Must Be of legal age.

Must enjoy having fun.

Must enjoy working together.

Must enjoy working for the community.

Join our Ladies' Auxiliary to Branch 138 and savour the good feelings you get by helping someone else.

For more information Contact:
Patricia McCabe 905-684-2590 or
Patricia Dickinson 905-501-0406

Bernie Olsen Memorial Golf Tournament Report

Jim McClelland Memorial / Top Female Golfer — Brenda Brown
runner ups - Michelle Olsen , Sue Erskine-Fournier & Lori Liddiard

Bernie Olsen Memorial / Top Male Golfer — Mark Derbyshire
runner ups - Mike Marino, Bruce Davidson & Tom Cairns

Kathy Olsen Memorial / Most Honest Lady Golfer — Anne Hemphill



Ladies Longest Drive — Shannon Derbyshire

Mens Longest Drive — Mark Derbyshire

Mens Closest to the Pin — Ken Williams

Ladies C. t. t. P. — no winner

Special Thanks to my ladies—Kim Cosgrove & Colleen Hughes

B.B.Q.ers — Bob Weir & Jack Gemmell

Hall set up — John Olsen, Kevin & Michelle Olsen, Evelyn Davidson, Anne Hemphill,
and Bruce Davidson

Major Prize Winners — Terry Anderson, Julie Reid, Dan Tomasic, Kim Cosgrove, Dan
Tomasic & Ev Davidson



**All Proceeds sent to "The Heart & Stroke Foundation" in
memory of Bill Arksey & "The Juravinski Cancer Centre"
in memory of Micheal Honsberger.**

Thank You Very Much to all the Golfers & Donators for Participating!

See you on the last SUN. of JULY 2017

Brad Davidson



HALL RENTALS

MERRITTON LEGION



Merritton Legion now booking events in our newly renovated and handicap accessible hall. We can accommodate any and all occasions; special birthday parties, showers, weddings, business meetings (day or evening) and celebrations of life. We are located at 2 Chestnut Street, East in St. Catharines.

Contact Trish at 905-684-0352 for more information and rates.





From the Editors Desk

Labour day has always been the weekend that reminds us that autumn is on the way... but it looks like we still have a good deal of summer weather to enjoy! We are moving into the busy fall season with the return of all our weekly cards & darts dates, Legion Week, Bikin' for the Branch, Sweet Legs Party, Steak Dinner, Trivia with Kimmy and preparations are already on the go for the Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day. There is still lots of time however to come out and have a cold drink and some good company on our beautiful patio. Fall is a busy time but please don't forget our Branch during the hustle and bustle of the end of summer, back to school and resuming our fall routines.

Unfortunately this is the first edition of the newsletter for 2016. Between computer issues, here in the branch and at home and the business of holding down 3 executive positions last year there just wasn't time. But I have been asked to continue with the newsletter and we will be getting another edition out just in time for Remembrance Day and another at Christmas/ New Years. The support and feed back of Branch members in regards to the previous editions has been limited but I am grateful for the kind words, the encouragement and the suggestions that I have recieved. I continue to encourage anyone who wishes to put pen to paper and write articles, poems, drawings or send in pictures or suggestions for topics. Please feel free to talk to me at any time or leave me a note at the hall or email me at my email below. A special thanks to Eric Jensen and Mike Gander for your submissions and suggestions for this edition.



I hope that you enjoy this edition with its bits and bobs of Canadian miscellanea and information about Branch events. I wish you all a safe, happy Labour day weekend and look forward to seeing you around the Branch this fall!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>MERRIT-TON KIDS REUNION</i>
4	5 <i>LABOUR DAY PARTY</i>	6	7 <i>LA Meeting</i> <i>Darts</i>	8 <i>Seniors Darts</i> <i>Euchre</i>	9 <i>Toonie & Steak Draw</i> <i>BBQ</i>	10
11 <i>BIKIN' FOR THE BRANCH</i>	12 <i>Darts</i> <i>Cribbage</i>	13	14 <i>Executive Meeting</i> <i>Darts</i>	15 <i>Seniors Darts</i> <i>Euchre</i>	16 <i>Toonie & Steak Draw</i> <i>BBQ</i>	17
18 <i>LEGION WEEK BEGINS</i>	19 <i>Darts</i> <i>Cribbage</i>	20	21 <i>Darts</i>	22 <i>Seniors Darts</i> <i>Euchre</i>	23 <i>Toonie & Steak Draw</i> <i>BBQ</i>	24 <i>Monthly Draw & Gathering</i>
25	26 <i>Darts</i> <i>Cribbage</i>	27	28 <i>General Membership Meeting</i> <i>Darts</i>	29 <i>Seniors Darts</i> <i>Euchre</i>	30 <i>Toonie & Steak Draw</i> <i>BBQ</i>	1 <i>STEAK DINNER</i>



LEGION WEEK SEPT. 18 - 23

Check at the Branch and

on Facebook for activities

October Happenings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>TRIVIA WITH KIMMY</i>	3 <i>Darts Cribbage</i>	4	5 <i>LA Meeting Darts</i>	6 <i>Euchre</i>	7 <i>Toonie & Steak Draw BBQ</i>	8
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30	31 <i>Darts Cribbage</i>					



MARK DOWN 
NEW YEARS EVE

FOR A GREAT PARTY!

