



Brigadier O.M. Martin Branch 345 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION NEWS BULLETIN, JUNE 2010

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Comrades,

This will be my last newsletter as President of Branch 345. It has been an honour to be your President for the last 5 years and yes, it was a challenge over these years. There were times that I felt like walking away but so many of you gave me your support and encouragement. I could not please everyone all the time, and at times I had to make decisions that helped our branch keep going.

I would say that over the years those who served on The Executive and on various committees would at times have liked to shoot me. However, we all pulled together as a team with one thought in mind; that being to make everyone proud of Branch 345, not only within our branch, but also in the Zone, District, Provincial and Dominion command.

We have achieved a lot. We now have Cadets, our Poppy Campaigns, and our Legion Services to our deceased vets which are 2nd to none.

I have seen many of our members take on many tasks and you have done the Branch proud. I will not try

to mention any names but all of you know who you are, and I really appreciated your support over the years.

You have a new President and a new Executive whom I will support as the best I can and I hope that all those who gave me support will continue to give your new President the same.

On behalf of my wife, Mary Anne, who was there for The Branch and me we would like to take this time to wish you and your families the best for the upcoming summer.

Yours in comradeship,
Dominic Capalbo
President

Bursary Assistance Program

Applications for The Royal Canadian Legion Bursary Assistance Program are available at The Branch. Post secondary students applying for assistance may be granted a Bursary of up to \$500 per scholastic year. The eligibility requirements for students are as follows:

1. Canadian and Commonwealth War Veterans and their children and grandchildren.
2. Ordinary and Life members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren.
3. Associate member of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children.
4. Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren.
5. Stepchildren and step grandchildren may be considered where applicable.

POPPY 2009 FINAL UPDATE

First of all, on behalf of our committee, Tom Neal - Chairman, and myself, as we have lost two of our committee members this past year, I am proud to announce our final figures for 2009.

Our total for 2009 is \$45,164.34, and the total for 2008 was \$42,2093.15. We had an increase of \$3,071.19, A JOB WELL DONE! It is to be noted that in 2009 we had less members and volunteers help out in the campaign and the Cadets played a great role in helping us.

We will be holding a meeting sometime in July to look at the campaign for 2010 and we need all the volunteers we can get. There are many functions that have to be done: poppying, calling people, drivers, canvassing stores, etc.

As members of the legion we all stated an oath to help on the Poppy Campaign. Further information will be posted in the early part of July.

Dominic Capalbo
Poppy Chair

CHOPSTICKERS' CORNER

Our next Chopsticker get together is on Wed. June 9th. Chinese Dinner at 6:00 p.m. \$10.00 per person. Please see Lynne Greer or leave payment at the bar. (payment required in advance)



Branch Summer Hours

The summer hours for the branch are now in effect. Saturday and Sunday bar hours are subject to functions.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Branch Hours</u>	<u>Bar Hours</u>
Mon.	12:00-8:00	2:00-8:00
Tues.	12:30-11:00	2:00-11:00
Wed.	12:30-11:00	2:00-11:00
Thurs.	12:30-11:00	2:00-11:00
Fri.	12:30-12:30	2:00-11:00
Sat.	12:30-12:30	12:30-9:00*
Sun.	1:00-8:00	2:00-8:00*

*Subject to Functions

Veterans' Bill of Rights

You have the right to:

- Be treated with respect, dignity, fairness and courtesy.
- Take part in discussions that involve you and your family.
- Have someone with you for support when you deal with Veterans Affairs.
- Receive clear, easy-to-understand information about our programs and services, in English or French, as set out in the Official Languages Act.
- Have your privacy protected as set out in the Privacy Act.
- Receive benefits and services as set out in our published service standards and to know your appeal rights.

You have the right to make a complaint and have the matter looked into if you feel that any of your rights have not been upheld.

This information is from Veterans Affairs Canada.

1-866-522-2122

www.vac-acc.gc.ca

Submitted by Ken Maslen

Summer Barbeques

Our summer barbeques are well underway and take place on Saturday afternoons. (approximately 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.) Please join us and enjoy a hamburger or sausage for \$3.00 or a jumbo hot dog for \$2.50. Barbeques will continue into the fall. Our thanks to Tom Neal for great barbequing... rain or shine!



AIRCADET 631 SENTENEL SQUADRON

As you are aware, we sponsor the above-mentioned Air Cadets. They hold their drill and band practices on Sundays at our branch.

They carry our Branch Colours at our special meetings and in parades. They help during the Poppy Campaign and when requested volunteer hours to help at the Branch. They stand down for the summer on June 12th, 2010.

On May 19th, 2010 they had their final mess dinner for the Squadron and my wife and myself were invited to attend.

At this dinner I was honoured to present to Warrant Officer 2, Christina Lynch, the Legion Cadet Medal of Honour for her outstanding improvement as a Cadet and her school achievements. Both the Squadron and their parents hold our Branch in high esteem.

Dominic Capalbo
Cadet Liaison

CANADA DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION



Our Canada Day Family Celebration will take place at The Branch on Thursday July 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This year's celebration includes:

Barbequed Hamburgers and Sausages for \$3.00 each.

Games for the whole family from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free Hot Dogs and Juice for children under 12.

A Beer Tent, Raffle Table, Bake Sale, Live Music, Prizes

We are looking forward to a great day so please come and celebrate Canada Day at The Legion and bring along the kids and grandkids.

Volunteers are needed to assist with events. Please sign the Volunteer Sheet on the bulletin board or contact The Branch if you can help out. Just an hour of your time on that day would be appreciated. We are looking for someone for Face Painting so please let us know if you can help in that area, or if you can refer us to someone who can. Baked donations for the bake sale will be appreciated and can be left at The Branch. (preferably on Friday or Saturday before 10:00 a.m.)

MINI MYSTERY SCATTERBRAINED CINDY



"Cindy," Eileen said to her young recently hired library assistant, "this book is reserved for Doctor Henry Marek. He is coming in at exactly 6:00 p.m. He will be in a hurry so if I am not back from my call give it to him. Be sure not to let him hang around."

"Sure," says Cindy and scribbles the name on a piece of paper. Eileen looks over and notices that Cindy has written Jimmy Marek.

Eileen sighed and thought, "Just two weeks here and more and more incapable of getting things right. Must get rid of her." Eileen made her call and returned just before 6:00 p.m. She went to her office and after a few minutes Cindy was sitting at her desk chewing gum and preparing to leave.

Eileen suddenly heard a sound like a car back firing but screams convinced her that it was gunfire. She quickly ran to the entrance and saw the body of the doctor sprawled out with signs of more than a bullet wound. Police were quickly on the scene led by Detective Inspector Roddy Bain. With his investigative team, he soon interviewed all the people in the Library and the people living and working in the adjacent area. It was noticed that a black car had been parked outside the library when the Doctor left and the occupant who sped away shot him.

The Detective Inspector later told Eileen that this kind of incident could have been anticipated because the Doctor was a member of an underground political wing from an eastern European country. Puzzle..."Who tipped them off?"

Eileen said, "Cindy, you could have done it easily."

Cindy protested, "I did not even know the man. Why would I do a thing like that?" Eileen replied that there was one thing she knew about Cindy. When hired Cindy said that she only spoke English but she clearly understood the Czech language....The Detective Inspector took Cindy into custody.

Why did he do that?

Out of 450 members only 4 have made attempts to solve previous mysteries. Other ones submitted have been a little difficult but this one is easy. First two correct answers received have chances to win the "big one" just like our super sleuth Marg Bain did in April. If you think you know the answer please leave it at the bar for the newsletter publisher or e-mail it to mycharlton@hotmail.com (for Ken Maslen). The answer will be in the next issue of your Branch Newsletter.

Feb. March Mini-Mystery Solution

The Feb./March mini-mystery was called London Night. The solution is as follows: The Detective Officer said in his lecture that the fog was so thick he could not see two feet ahead...yet he stated that he knew when he came to the middle of the block.

IF YOU WISH TO PLACE AN AD IN THE NEWSLETTER

COST PER 4 PUBLICATIONS IS:

\$25.00 for business card size

\$45.00 for ¼ page

\$90.00 for ½ page

Consider that your ad will reach 434 members for 4 issues.

**Please contact Carol Rigby at:
905-717-7793 or at The Branch
or e-mail carol.rigby@rogers.com**

**Travelling by air, land, or sea?
Need out of province medical
insurance?**

Contact CHERYL CAPALBO
HELEN THOMPSON TRAVEL

For all your travel needs.

Phone-416-967-4404

Email-cherlyl@httravel.ca

Tico Registration No. 3014193

VETERANS

Legions were formed many years ago by our Veterans. As we are all aware, Veterans in the Legions and Veterans who do not belong to a legion are getting less and less as the years pass.

It is important that we do not forget what our Veterans have done for us and that we attend Legion Services when requested by the families. It is very discouraging to see that only a few of our members show up for these services. YOU DO NOT NEED BLUES AND GREYS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THEM, but it is important for the families and for what we stand for, to attend these services

I will continue to attend all that I can, conduct the Legion Service and be there for our support.

Dominic Capalbo
Padre

SENIORS' REPORT



Our June 9th meeting will be our last meeting until September 14th. Hoping you all enjoy your summer holidays. Wherever you go and whatever you do - do it with care and be back in the fall. For those interested in trips of any sort call me at 416-694-6691 or call Darla Cecil at 416-755-8677. Thank-you for supporting our club.

Yours in comradeship,
Molly Bakalar
Chairperson, Seniors' Club

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

On April 30th, after reconciling our membership list with the list we received from Command, we have 434 members, so we continue to maintain over 400 members. Each year, unfortunately, we have a certain number of deaths and a certain number of people retiring and re-locating so it is difficult to keep this balance intact. Encourage your friends to join and come out and participate in our good times and comradeship.

Another term is coming to an end. The Executive has managed to hold yearly membership fees at \$45.00 for the past five years. Membership dues have not increased since 2006.

Some of you know that \$29.00 of each membership must be forwarded to Command by the following month. That leaves \$16.00 for Branch expenses. There is a distinct possibility that the \$29.00 will be increased for the 2011 membership.

Membership Branch expenses continue to increase. We must find solutions to cope with this. One of these may have to be increasing membership fees for 2011. Another option would be to apply a user fee to non-members. The new Executive will be studying these alternatives and will advise you of the changes before the Early Birds Membership Cards go on sale in September. If you have suggestions or opinions in this regard, let your Executive know and they will take it under consideration. This will affect all of us so it is important to let us know your feelings in this regard.

We wish you a safe and wonderful summer.

Yours in comradeship,
Norma Smith, Diane Reynolds
Membership Committee

NEW BEGINNINGS

I would like to thank the membership for expressing their confidence in electing me president for the 2010 – 2011 year. Your new executive will soon be making plans for the upcoming year and we are always open to suggestions from our members. One of the first items that we will have to deal with is the impact of the new HST tax on our operations at the Branch. On a happier note, plans are well underway for our Canada Day celebration on July 1st and we are looking forward to meeting many of our neighbours as we want to make this a family celebration.

Recently some of our members have received letters from Dominion Command advising them that their 2010 membership fees have not been paid when in fact they have been paid and the members have their new membership cards. These letters are sent out automatically near the end of February each year. If you paid your fees near the end of February, Dominion Command may not have processed the information by the end of the month and thus the letter is sent out. If you know that you have paid your 2010 fees simply ignore the letter. If you aren't sure, call the Branch and someone on our Membership Committee will check and get back to you.

Yours in comradeship,
Eric Reynolds
President (elect)

A new Executive was elected at the May 4th, 2010 elections. The following members are our Officers and Executive for 2010/2011.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE 2010 – 2011

President:	Eric Reynolds
Past President:	Dominic Capalbo
1st Vice President:	Linda Marsh
2nd Vice President:	Doreen Lawrence
3rd Vice President:	William Small
Secretary:	Sheila Zornada
Treasurer:	Eileen Argatoff
Executive:	Molly Bakalar
Executive:	Alex Burns
Executive:	Samantha Gibson
Executive:	Wayne Nolan
Executive	Diane Reynolds
Executive:	Carol Rigby
Padre:	Dominic Capalbo
Sgt. At Arms:	Paul Losier



IN MEMORIAM **'LEST WE FORGET.'**

The following Members have passed on since our last Bulletin. Our condolences to their families and friends.

Comrade N.S. Oke
Comrade James R. Clarke
Comrade Allan A. Pollock
Comrade E.J. McChesney
Comrade John Mageehan
Comrade Dorothy McClements
Comrade Joe H. Wheatley
Comrade J. Oggy

*At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning,
We will remember them.*