



# **Brigadier O.M. Martin Branch 345 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION NEWS BULLETIN, SEPTEMBER 2010**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Dear Comrades,**

Another summer has come and gone. It has been a slow time for our Branch, as it is every summer. Many of our members were visiting out of town or spending time at the cottage or on outdoor activities. The result of this is that we had to switch to summer hours as quite often there was no one in the Branch until around two o'clock in the afternoon. Now that the fall season is approaching we have resumed normal operating hours. Before long our various dart leagues and snooker leagues will be starting up so if you are thinking about joining a league get in touch with your sports officer, Brandon Wheeler.

Although it has been a slow time in the canteen it has been a very busy time for Comrade Don who is our rental officer. Hardly a weekend went by that did not see our halls rented to capacity. The result of this is that we were able to meet our financial obligations without having to dip into our reserves. As usual our Seniors group has contributed to the well being of the branch by making it possible to purchase a new freezer to replace the old one which has become unreliable.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Joe Simone and Steve Watson on behalf of the members of Branch 345. We recently had a very serious leak in one of our radiators which required a considerable amount of pipe replacement. Joe and Steve worked on this for most of a day to make sure this problem was

taken care of. I would also like to thank Roger Vieno for painting the membership office and the hall outside the elevator. It has certainly brightened up the area. There are always many small jobs that need doing around the Branch so if you have some spare time and the inclination please let me know. It brings to mind a famous quote by John F. Kennedy which I will adapt for our purpose..."Ask not what your Branch can do for you but rather ask what you can do for your Branch."

The executive has been meeting on a regular basis over the summer months and plans are underway for a busy and vigorous fall and winter months. I would like to thank all members of the executive for their interest and active involvement in the well-being of our Branch. The 2011 membership cards are now available so be sure to pay your dues before November 30 to be eligible for the Early Bird draw.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Eric Reynolds  
President

## **VETERANS' DINNER**

We will be having our Annual Veterans' Dinner on October 23rd, 2010. Invitations have been sent to all our Veterans and we ask those that are coming to call one of the committee mentioned in the invitation. This will be a great day and we hope to see our Veterans there.

Dominic Capalbo  
Past President

**First Vice President: Linda Marsh**

Thank you to everyone for your support!

First, I would like to announce that Connie Muschall has taken over Head Bar Steward duties effective July 2010 and Bob Meredith has stepped back and is still working two days a week. We had our first staff meeting in July and plan on having regular meetings every two months. The Bar Staff have been great and have provided me with many ideas and suggestions.

As we all know our building is quite old and in need of some major and minor repairs. I am asking if there are any members that have an area of expertise and could volunteer and donate some time to the Branch when needed. We could certainly use the help of members with electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting or handyman skills. You can leave your name and number at the bar so when your services are required we can give you a call.

I would also like to thank Roger Vieno our Custodial Caretaker for his hard work. I don't think everyone realizes just how much Roger does around the branch. Keep up the good work!

To finish off, my favourite saying lately is **"Communication is the Key to Success!"** Let's all keep this in mind.

Yours in Comradship,  
Linda Marsh  
First Vice-President

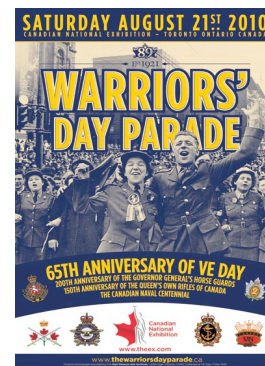


**ADOPT A VETERAN FOR OUR VETERANS' DINNER**

We know that everyone would like to be at this dinner to show their support for our Veterans but we all know that this is a day to honour our Veterans with a dinner. To all OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT VETERANS and would like to show their respect to these veterans, you can adopt A Veteran by buying him or her a drink for that day. I know this is a small token of our appreciation for what they did. For more information on this project, please contact Don Capalbo or one of the Committee members: Alex Burns, Tom Fulton, Bill Ross, Carol Rigby, Bill Gordon.

Dominic Capalbo, Past President

**WARRIORS' DAY PARADE**



Each year we have less veterans who can come out to be in the parade that salutes our Veterans. This year I was happy to see several of our members take part in this great parade.

I was proud to be part of this parade and it was very nice to see so many Units and various Veterans Groups, Cadets, Firemen, Police Officers, and RCMP take part in this great tribute to our Veterans of the past and future.

Dominic Capalbo, Past President

## ~\*Ways and Means\*~

Hello, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for voting me onto this year's executive and to introduce myself. My name is Samantha Small and I have been given the job of running the Ways and Means Committee, which I am very excited about. We have some fabulous events coming up in the near future and if there is anything that you would like to see go on at the legion please feel free to let me know. If you haven't come out to past events, please know that you are always welcome to join in the fun.



### **Legion Crawl - October 16<sup>th</sup> 2010**



Once again we are going to be hopping onto the bus for an adventure. We will then return to our branch for a legion cooked meal. The cost for tickets to this event is \$20 and they are first come first served. Please make sure to get your tickets fast as they sell out quickly. Tickets are available now and can be purchased at the bar in the canteen.



### **Halloween Costume Party – October 30<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Come out and join us for this year's Halloween Costume Party. We will have prizes for Best Costume (male, female and couple) along with some spooky snacks, great music and fun with friends. Grab a costume and join the party. Everyone welcome to buy tickets.



### **New Years Eve Celebration – December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010**



Bring your family and friends and come ring in the new year with us. We will be popping the champagne at the stroke of midnight and we hope that you all can make it out to celebrate with us. There will be great music, great food, great drinks and great friends. Everyone is welcome.

### **Events Coming Up in the New Year**



### **Superbowl Party – February 6<sup>th</sup> 2011**



### **Valentines in Paradise Luau February 12<sup>th</sup> 2011**



### **St Patty's Monte Carlo Night – March 19<sup>th</sup> 2011**



## Seniors' Club Report

Hope everyone had a good summer. Fall is coming and we'll all be settling into a long winter, so why not come out and enjoy some fun with friends and comrades at the Legion.

Our first meeting will be September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Please come out and meet up with new and old friends, celebrate all those birthdays we have missed, enjoy coffee and cake, and then an hour of Bingo.

Cost to join is now \$7.00 but due to rising costs we may need to increase the amount. We have euchre, crib, bid euchre, and casino trips - all for your entertainment! The schedule is as follows:

Mon. at 1:00 p.m.	Euchre
Tues. at 1:00 p.m.	Crib
<i>* except 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of month</i>	
Wed. at 7:30 p.m.	Bid Euchre
Thurs. at 1:00 p.m.	Bid Euchre
Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.	Bid Euchre

Crib and Euchre is \$3.00 per person.  
Bid Euchre is \$4.25 per person.

We go to Casino Rama the third Thursday of the month. The cost is \$5.00 per person and includes bus transportation and dinner. On the last Friday of the month we go to Seneca. The cost is \$30.00 per person and includes bus transportation, draw tickets, and gratuities.

The Seniors' Club is hosting a Christmas Bazaar on November 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be crafts and baked goods for sale. Please let me know if you are available to help out or if you would like to rent a table for \$15.00. Funds raised from this event will go towards subsidizing costs for our Seniors' Christmas

Dinner and entertainment. They will also go towards supporting our Veterans. Our Seniors meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. We look forward to welcoming you to our club.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Molly Bakalar  
Chairperson, Seniors' Club

## 2010 POPPY CAMPAIGN



We are getting ready for the 2010 Poppy Campaign and we need all the support we can get. We all took an oath to take an active part in this campaign that raises money to support our Veterans, our Poster Campaign in our schools, and our Cadets. Granted many of our members cannot take part due to various reasons and we know their moral support is with us. However, to those who are able, we know that some do not want to ask for donations, but do not let this stop you. We need people to deliver poppies to various stores and other outlets, we need people to phone people, and we need drivers to take our cadets to various locations on the week ends. We will be holding an open session on October 2nd from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the branch for members to come and sign up for various duties. We need your support to make this campaign a success.

Dominic Capalbo/Tom Neal

### PENNY JAR

We have a large penny jar at the Branch and funds placed in this up to October 23rd will be used to assist the Veterans' Dinner. If you come into the Branch please bring in any loose change you want to get rid of.

Dominic Capalbo , Past President

## CHOPSTICKERS



We have a Chopstickers Club which is on the third Wednesday of each month. This club was formed by one of our Veterans who suggested a social night would be great. We have a Chinese dinner brought in and the cost is \$10.00 per person. We are averaging between 35 to 45 participants at this event. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm. It is a buffet line with seven dishes available. If you would like more information please contact Don Capalbo, our past president, or visit the branch and get information. Payment of \$10.00 is due up to the Friday before the dinner so we can order the food. Hope to see you come out and see what the Chopstickers is about.

Dominic Capalbo  
Past President

## BARBEQUE

Every Saturday we have a Barbeque at the Branch from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Tom Neal is our resident barbeque chef and we offer a variety of items: Hamburgers, Sausages, Chicken Burgers, Veggie Burgers, \$3.00 each. Cheeseburgers \$3.50 and a Giant Hot Dog, \$2.50. All trimmings are free with a smile. Come out, meet your friends, make friends, and support the Branch (we also have take out boxes). As well at, around 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. we have some fun with a Breakfast Spin.



Dominic Capalbo  
Past President.

## From The Membership Office

The membership at Branch 345 is holding steady at 430 with 4 new members to be initiated at the next general meeting. Membership fees for 2011 are \$50.00.

We are nearly finished the process of putting our membership records on a computer data base. This will make it much easier to update records or find information regarding the number of members we have, addresses, membership status and so on. Of course this data base is only as good as the most current information we have so if you have a new mailing address, e-mail address or phone number please let us know at the Branch. The information can be left at the bar, either in person or by phone. This information is treated with the utmost confidentiality and is only passed onto Dominion Command in Ottawa.

Finally we would like to offer a most sincere thank you to Comrade Roger Vieno who has completed painting our membership office. We now have a warm, bright office in which to interview prospective members or deal with Branch membership issues. Once again, thank you Roger.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Diane Reynolds, Membership Chairperson  
and Norma Smith, Membership Assistant

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## Officers and Executive 2010 - 2011

<b>President:</b> <i>(Regalia)</i>	<b>Eric Reynolds</b>
<b>Past President:</b> <i>(Poppy Chair, Hall Rentals, Cadet Liason, Padre)</i>	<b>Dominic Capalbo</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:</b> <i>( Canteen, Building &amp; Maintenance)</i>	<b>Linda Marsh</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b> <i>(Catering, Nevada, Permits &amp; Licences)</i>	<b>Doreen Lawrence</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:</b>	<b>Bill Small</b>
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<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Eileen Argatoff</b>
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<b>Membership Chair:</b>	<b>Diane Reynolds</b>
<b>Ways and Means Chair:</b>	<b>Samantha Small</b>
<b>Sports Chair:</b>	<b>Brandon Wheater</b>
<b>Track and Field Chair:</b> <i>(Walkathon)</i>	<b>Alex Burns</b>
<b>Youth Education Chair:</b>	<b>Krim Francis</b>
<b>Training and Organizational Development Chair:</b>	<b>Wayne Nolan</b>
<b>Sick Committee Chair:</b>	<b>Sharon Knapp</b>
<b>Public Relations Chair:</b>	<b>Carol Rigby</b>
<b>Sergeant At Arms:</b>	<b>Paul Losier</b>

## RENTALS

Do you have a birthday party, Anniversary, get together, Christmas party, Jack & Jill, or special dinner in the near future? Please consider Branch 345 to hold any of these events. Prices are reasonable. We have catering available. If you would like more information, please contact the Rental Officer: Dominic Capalbo, 416-759-5291.

## MATH MYSTERY

Nobody ever reported that they solved or even tried to solve our mini mysteries. So will try a different tack and file something which can be interesting when socializing with family etc. Here it is...Study and complete and lets hear from you.

Secretly, write down number 1089 then quickly turn over out of sight so that others in the game will not see.. Ask each one to privately write down any three digit number ....largest number first, next largest second and then third..

An example 765, then reverse number 567 and subtract it from original. Take the difference  $765-567=198$ ...you still with it? Carry on by reversing to 891...add these two together  $198+891$ . Hope you are still thinking. Next, no matter what numbers were chosen by those participating they will always end up with the number you hid in the beginning...1089.  
Submitted by Ken Maslen

## EAST YORK SENIORS CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAND

We will be having our annual Christmas Concert this year on **DECEMBER 5TH, 2010** Each year this concert band performs for us and we hope this year to get much better attendance. The cost is only \$10.00 which will include light refreshments. If you talk to those who come each year they will tell you what a good time they had. More information will be provided at a later date but you can mark your calendars now.  
Dominic Capalbo, Past President

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

The following Member has passed on since our last Bulletin. Our condolences to the family and friends.

**Comrade W.B. Czap**

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