

President Report

Comrades as Branch 73 and its members move forward in 2014. We'll look to a brighter and more promising future. Your executive has been working overtime to keep up with the constant challenges and demands that are placed upon us not just at branch level, but also zone, district, provincial and dominion levels as well. It takes a toll on everyone and I must commend and thank not just the executive but all those member who supported, volunteered their time, effort and who donated to the branch when asked upon. These members maybe invisible to most members but yes they are there and thank god for their support because the branch requires all the help it can get. So if you are willing to help there are a lot to do, a list of work task has been posted three times in the branch, however it's been removed three times as well. So if you can help out around the branch contact Elliott Davis and he will let you know what needs done. Please take the time to look around; there is always something for someone. In closing I would like to remind everyone that elections are fast approaching and the branch requires all the support it can get. Without your input and support Branch 73 will not exist.

Yours in Comradeship; Bill Davidson; President

1st Vice President Report/Management Report

General maintenance is on going around the branch, we had a large clean up from the ice storm, thank you to all who helped. I have placed lists up for volunteers to help out around the branch, but they have been removed. So please contact me if you can work around your branch. I am working hard on keeping up with all the bathroom issue that come up constantly, our branch is getting old and needs a lot of TLC. So come down give me a call or leave your name with the bar stewards if you can lend a hand.

Yours in Comradeship, Elliot Davis; 1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Hello Comrades:

I hope you all are doing well for myself I cannot wait for this winter to end, it has been awful. The bookings at our Legion are going well but there is always room for more. I am working on some new rules, rental contracts and I will be bring them to the next executive meeting for review, if any of you have ideas that would benefit our branch please drop me a line via the bar stewards and I will pick up your comments and review.

Yours in Comradeship, Linda Foster; 2nd Vice President; 1st Vice Ladies Auxiliary

Past President

Hello Comrades, I am very pleased to see so many of our members willing to help out around the branch. Our Honors and Awards dinner is fast approaching and many of you have put in for your service award pins, if you have not done so please put it in writing and leave it over the bar or mail in your request to the branch it will be checked by our membership chair to see if the years are correct and then you will be presented with your pin at our dinner. Our Honors and Award night is all planned, we only need a few of you to submit who you believe deserve awards for service in and around out branch please submit your names for review so the certificate can be drawn up and ready for presentation at our dinner.

Bill Hines will be MC the night of April 17 2014 and I look forward to another successful dinner. Tickets are available see our bar stewards and have a safe and Happy 2014

Yours in Comradeship, Tom Place Past President

Service Office Reports

Comrades I am pleased to say our vets are doing well. If you know of any of our vets that are in need please contact me or Bill Davidson and we will make sure their needs are met.

Yours in Comradeship: Ralph Musgrove

Membership

Hi Comrades,

It is with pleasure that I wish you all a very Happy and prosperous 2014!

If you are considering NOT renewing, let's talk before you make that final decision. I would be happy to discuss any concerns you may have. Every member is important to us as we are the future of our Legions.

Congratulations to MIKE KRIEDMANN and COLEEN MUNRO who were the winners of our Early Bird draw for a free 2014 membership!

We have 255 members as of Jan 31 2014 still requesting members for notice of any recent moves in order to keep our mailing list current. If you prefer to receive your bulletin via email please leave a note with your email at the bar or there is a notice sheet at the branch in the area where bulletins are held for pick-up. Just fill in your name and email address and we will forward to you electronically.

We have a new campaign to bring in new members from Provincial Command it is called "One by One Campaign" it's the 3rd annual Caribbean Commonwealth Veterans cruise for two on Feb 2 – 13 2015. Contest runs Feb 17 2014 to May 16 2014 grand prize is 11 night cruise balcony cabin cruising Caymans, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Belize and Mexico. Branch members can win a \$250.00 gift card for our Legion Store. See poster or contact myself for more details.

SO BRING IN A NEW MEMBER and I will enter your name into the contest = note your recommendation on back of application form is required.

I still have delinquent dues for 2014, if you can come in and pay your 2014 dues to our bar Stewards or send a self address stamped envelope and I will mail back your 2014 card.

Looking forward to seeing you at the branch.

Yours in comradeship,
Esther Kenny
Membership Chair

Entertainment Report

Hello Comrades;

Entertainment update

Thanks to everyone who supported our Elimination Dance on Feb. 15th. It was a great success!

Grand Prize Winner - Jim Elliott \$2,000
Second Prize Winner - Val Jordan \$500.00
Third Prize Winner - Joe Snooks \$300.00

Entertainment was able to donate \$1,679.50 to Branch 73. We could not have done it without the help of

those who sold tickets and helped out the night of the function. Special thanks to Wanda, Robert, Sylvia and Ray who were my right hands on the night of the function.

Nelda and Lorne, goes without saying that you did a fabulous job on the hot pork sandwiches that fed all of us!

Hold the date: Saturday, April 26th, 2014.
The Imposters are coming back - 7:00pm

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and promises to be a great night. Tickets will be available at the bar soon.

Yours in Comradeship, Al (Bubba) Stuckless

Track & Field Report

Unfortunately my car broke down on the 401 so I was unable to attend the track and field meet at York University. I am awaiting an update on were the next meetings

Yours in Comradeship; Elliott Davis;
Track & Field/Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Hello Comrades:

We are hoping to have a bazaar this spring but will have to wait on the lottery license so check in with your L.A. and the branch on this item. Our birthday party was a HUGE success thanks to all the wonderful ladies, the gift cards were a hit, dinner was yummy and as always we had so much fun. Don't forget to use your L.A. for catering and the Legion for functions.

Yours in Comradeship; L/A President Nelda Tanner

Sgt-At-Arms Report

Hi Comrades, we still are accepting application for our Colour Party, if you are interested please leave your name and phone number with the bar Steward or email me at Linda_morin13@hotmail.com. Practices will be starting up again in the spring. Thank you to all who volunteer in our Colour guard I very much appreciate you efforts and we look good on parade.

Yours in Comradeship; Ray Morin Sgt-At-Arms

Youth Education

No items I am still waiting on zone to give meetings times and information, hope you all are staying warm through this very cold winter.

Yours in comradeship, Youth Education Chairman Gail Burrows

Seniors Club Report

No report as our seniors chair has passed away James Lalonde will be missed by us all. Due to the lottery license the Bingo is canceled until further notice or a new chair has been called. Anyone wishing to run the seniors you must be 55 or older and please submit your name and phone number to the branch executive/president over the bar or by email or mail.

Yours in Comradeship the Branch President Bill Davidson

Poppy Report

Nothing as of yet for our Poppy campaign please mark your calendars for vote entering this fall
Have a safe March break and keep warm.

Yours in Comradeship: Nelda Tanner; Poppy Chairperson

Sports Report

NO REPORT

Yours in Comradeship: Sport Chairman Robert Levy

Sick and Visitation

Hello comrades please let your branch know if anyone is ill, or needs a card or a visit I will be happy to send one or go and see them.

Yours in Comradeship: Barb Routcliffe

PRO Report

Hello Comrades sorry I am getting our bulletin out later than I had hoped, I had a family tragedy that needed my full attention.

Our branch is holding its own, rentals are going good as per Linda Foster; so don't forget to give her a call for any hall rentals, and use our L.A. for food. The Honors and awards dinner is coming up as well as the Elections so if you are thinking of running for an office, please think about it. It is a wonderful experience to learn how the branch runs, what we donate too and how the building is looked after. I am so grateful for our President he has a very large responsibility to keep us up and running on all levels and he takes care of our branch. Your executive has been working very hard to keep everything is current, Esther has been wonderful in getting me correct addresses, emails and updates. Please watch the branch for up coming events that need your support, May we always remember our oath we took to join the RCL and never forget.

If you would like your bulletin email send me your email to Linda_morin13@hotmail.com that's Linda underscore morin13 at hotmail dot com your emails will only be used for the Bulletin and if you would like to pick up the bulletin send me a note and I will put you on the pick up list.

There is a metal box on the bar for you to pick up the bulletin. Check it out there could be more news for you!

Yours in Comradeship; Linda Morin PRO Officer