

## President Report

Hello comrades. I hope everyone had a good summer. The branch had its first general meeting on September 24th, I must say that the turn out was a little disappointing, we had a lot of material to go over, motions that had to be discussed and passed, as there was no meetings in July & August. I hope the October meeting will be better. Through the summer the branch had suffered a considerable number of major repairs which has put a strain on our finances. We held a fundraiser on September 15th; the response was over whelming, many thanks to all those who donated and a special thanks to the volunteers, that without your hard work, long hours and dedication to the branch this would not be possible. As the POPPY CAMPAIGN approaches, I hope all the members who can, will help out. COMRADES, we all swore an oath when we joined, to help our veterans and dependents when ever possible. So if your able and would like to volunteer please contact Nelda Tanner through the branch.

There is a lot of up and coming events, these will be posted in the branch, also there's going to be a change for New Years this year as well, we still have a civic parade on Nov 4th and of course remembrance day as well.

I must say that comrade Jim ( seniors ) has been doing a wonderful job on his seniors club, and the in house bingo is really picking up Wednesday afternoons, don't be fooled by the word " seniors ", I understand everyone is welcome. Inclosing I hope to see you at the branch.

Yours in Comradeship; Bill Davidson; President

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report/Management Report

Well I hope all members are fine and doing well we are getting into colder weather now.

The branch is holding its own but it sure would be nice if a few more members would come out to meat rolls held on Saturday afternoon, we will be having a Halloween Pub Day on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2PM till 7PM, Entertainment is Bill Dunn. Hope to see everyone there.

There are still ongoing maintenance problems and a few more volunteers would be nice if you are able to donate some time it would be greatly appreciated. The back room is almost finished still a bit more to do.

Yours in Comradeship; Pat Shone 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Management

## Service Office Reports

I have attended a meeting at Branch 345 on October 8, 2012; it was very informative and I learned quite a bit. I have 2 veterans that require assistance from DVA and I am trying to get the information needed from Provincial command so I may get them the help they require.

If anyone knows of a Veteran or spouse of a Veteran who needs assistance please let me know.

Yours in Comradeship: Tom Place Service Office

### Membership

The 2013 membership cards have been behind the bar since September and dues are starting to come in slowly. No increase this year, although the amount we must send to Dominion Command in Ottawa has gone up nearly \$3.00. We still have many members who have not paid their 2012 dues, also some from 2011 who have been removed from the membership list. I am appealing to these members to reinstate their membership; we need all of the support we can get. A dwindling membership leaves us in a very vulnerable position.

Two of our early bird members will get their dues returned via a draw on December 15th at our Branch Christmas Party; so come out and pay yours dues!

Yours in Comradeship; Dianne Davidson

### Youth Ed

The Remembrance Contest Packages have been sent out to all of the schools in our area, Students are invited to submit a colour or black and white poster, a poem, or an essay-all on the theme of Remembrance .All entries have to be returned to the branch by November 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be then be judged by a panel of our members, if interested in being a judge, please let me know. First, second, and third prize winners at Branch level will receive a certificate and a cash prize; all others will receive a certificate of Honorable Mention. 1st Prize winners will be sent on to Zone Level Competition.

I would like to thank Pat Shone for putting all of the school packages together for me; her help was much needed and very much appreciated.

Yours in Comradeship; Dianne Davidson

## Entertainment Report

**Sorry our Halloween Haunted House/Dance** had to be **canceled** due to unforeseen circumstance beyond my controls.

We however will be having a **PUB Halloween day Sunday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** - 2pm to 7pm. live entertainment by Bill Dunn

### **New Years Eve: Big NEWS!!** Dec 31, 2012

We are really looking forward to New Years Eve this year. We have a live band playing for us; they are called **Flashback** and they are a really great band. Tickets will be **\$25.00 each** and include dinner. Cash bar, Doors open at 7:00pm; dinner at 8:00pm and the band starts at 9:00pm sharp. Tickets will be available at the bar in early November. Hope to see you all there to ring in the 2013 NEW YEAR!!

**Saturday Feb 16, 2012** will be our **Eliminations Valentines Dance!** See branch for when the tickets will be available.

Meat Spins every SATURDAY! Start times are 3pm, we will once again have our special Christmas meat spins starting at 2pm Dec 15 2012 this also will be our Christmas party for the branch, we do need donations for the baskets you can drop off the items behind the bar Tuesdays to Saturday. We thank you for your generosity and look forward to seeing everyone out to the branch it is always a wonderful Christmas celebrations with our family at branch 73.

Yours in Comradeship; Wanda Campbell Entertainment Chairperson

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Bazaar was a **huge success** thanks to all my ladies and volunteers

Our Christmas meeting ladies will be December 6<sup>th</sup>, this will be our gift exchanged. See you all there.

Also ladies don't forget to sign up for the poppy campaign its part of our oath to the branch to participate in the Poppy campaign.

Yours in Comradeship; Lynn Jewkes L/A President

## Track & Field Report

No report

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

### Seniors Club Report

Hello Comrades we are moving along very nicely at our seniors club which meets every Tuesday at 1pm to 4:30pm. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is our Birthday celebration cake is always served to celebrate the birthdays of the month. You must be 55 years young or older to join our club. We are having a bingo as well as entertainment so come celebrate being a senior at branch 73!

We will be having a **Halloween Seniors day Oct 30 2012** I will need 2 or 3 volunteers to give me a hand this day, so if you can help me please contact me at the branch or email at [Seniorhome@chestervillage.com](mailto:Seniorhome@chestervillage.com)

### Honors & Awards Report

No report at this time

Yours in Comradeship; Tom Place

### Sgt-At-Arms Report

Comrades up coming parades will be our Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Parade at the Scarborough Civic Centre – form up at 1:00pm service starts at 2:00pm than we go back to our Branch for a service outside then entertainment and food.

Our Colour guard practices have been going very well, I thank all my volunteers for their on going efforts to make us look good.

Yours in Comradeship; Ray Morin Sgt-At-Arms

### Poppy Report

**The Poppy campaign starts on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2012**, with the distribution of the Poppy boxes to the various locations. The tagging does not start until **NOVEMBER 2nd**. Taggers are needed for Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our hours at the Town Center have been drastically cut this year and we have been allocated only one location. We will set up on Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> and end on the Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Harman will oversee the Town Center requesting volunteers to man the table from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in volunteering for any aspect of the Campaign, please contact myself or the Branch

Thanking you in advance....

Yours in Comradeship: Nelda Tanner; Poppy Chairperson

## Sports Report

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Sports Sunday** 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grey Cup, hope to see you at the branch it's going to be a party!

Darts are every Wednesday and Friday night darts just started back Oct 5, we also will be having Sunday Youth Darts they began Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday December 1, 2012 is our *DOWN HOME DANCE*** with a Jiggs Dinner (a real down home meal)

Cocktails at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm  
With a LIVE band "**A piece of the Rock**"  
***Tickets 20.00 per person in advance and \$25.00 at the door***  
Raffles and door prizes to be won!

See branch back bulletin board for more upcoming sports events

Yours in Comradeship: Robert Levy and Wayne Sampson Sport Chairmen

## PRO Report

Wow I cannot believe it's October already and the Poppy campaign is just about to start up, myself I have been very busy with **life** as we all are but I will work around my play rehearsal, work and extra activities to be able to do my part as I do every year to give a few hours here and there for the Poppy campaign and I always bring the picture of my dad to Poppy with me. I love seeing the youngsters who cannot pass by our poppy table at the Town center without wanting a Poppy. We all have LIFE and yes if you want to be somewhere or do something you have to rearrange a schedule or two.. This years campaign is a short one so it will be very easy for us all to work together to get the job done. It's a huge undertaking and a lot of man hours just to get the boxes ready, delivered and then picked up after the campaign is done. With many hands make light work of any task. We are a little branch but we are a wonderful family of comrades one and all.

The branch sure has been buzzing all summer long, we had Elvis, BBQ, a fantastic fundraiser for our branch along with our meat spins and turkey meat spins; the Seniors club, sports, darts just about anything for everyone. The Pub days are great if you can come out on a Sunday; the hall rentals have been busy with all kinds of function happening. Our ladies do an amazing job. Ray and I are going to be running a meat spin game as our beloved comrade who runs the meat spins will be out of commission for a few weeks so many of your executive members have volunteered to run the meat spins. So come on out and see us make a fun afternoon for you all...

## PRO REPORT CONTINUED

Christmas is coming and it's a time to budget so don't break the budget start now to put a little aside each pay day for gifts donations all the little extra's that seem to come out of nowhere so when the 25 of December comes around it won't be a huge dent in your wallet. Budgeting works for time and money so let all prepare to do our part and help out when we can; then put something away for the rainy days that always seem to come. If you want or need anything into the bulletin please email me or phone or just drop off to the bar stewards what you need to be mention into the next bulletin and we will do our best to get them in.

So have a wonderful upcoming Fall and Winter see you at our branch the place were there is always something happening to keep us moving and a grooving as we celebrate life, love and comradeship together. May the lord bless you all.

### **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!!**

If you would like your bulletin email send me your email to [Linda\\_morin13@hotmail.com](mailto: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!*

I have enclosed a poem my dad wrote a few years before he passed away; I hope you all enjoy it.

Yours in Comradeship; Linda Morin PRO Officer

We are the Men in Blue & Gray  
We help our Community in everyway  
But just a short time ago  
We answered a call to take-up arms against the Foe

**Sound off One-Two Sound off Three-Four**  
**Sound off 1-2-3-4**

We left some comrades where they fell  
But not to be forgotten, pray tell  
So take some time in your busy day  
To remember on this November Day

**Sound off One-Two Sound off Three-Four**  
**Sound off 1-2-3-4**

The Boys who didn't come back  
Some of them still in their teens  
Who never got to wear a pair of Jeans  
And will never fulfill their dreams

**Sound off One-Two Sound off Three-Four**  
**Sound off 1-2-3-4**

Now we are all getting gray  
Having trouble you might say  
Try to remember the oath you took  
Don't let them close the book

**Sound off One-Two Sound off Three-Four**  
**Sound off 1-2-3-4**

When we came back across the sea  
Legionaries we choose to be  
To meet the challenge not to sway  
So our comrades would be remembered every day

**Sound off One-Two Sound off Three-Four**  
**Sound off 1-2-3-4**

Legionaries be true blue  
So that they will remember you  
Take up the challenge and be strong  
Sell the poppies you won't go wrong.

By John Cramb

# November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 28 Halloween Pub Day! 2pm to 7pm Bill Dunn Poppy campaign underway!	Oct 29 Poppy campaign underway!	Oct 30 Poppy campaign underway! Seniors club 1pm to 4:30 Halloween party!!	Oct 31 Poppy campaign underway!  Darts	1 L.A general meeting  Euchre Poppy campaign underway!	2 Poppy campaign underway!  Darts	3 Poppy campaign underway!  Meat Spins
4 youth darts ● Remembrance Day parade Civic Centre 2pm form up 1pm	5 branch closed Poppy campaign underway!	6 house league darts Seniors club 1pm to 4:30 Poppy campaign underway!	7 Management meeting 7pm Poppy campaign underway! Darts	8 Euchre  Poppy campaign underway!	9 Poppy campaign underway!  Darts	10 Poppy campaign underway!  Meat Spins
11 youth darts Poppy campaign final day! Remembrance Day! ●	12 branch closed	13 house league darts  Seniors club 1pm to 4:30	14  Darts	15 L.A. executive meeting  Euchre	16  Darts	17  Meat Spins
18 youth darts	19 branch closed	20 house league darts  Seniors birthday club 1pm to 4:30pm	21 Executive meeting 7pm  Darts	22 Euchre	23  Darts	24  Meat Spins
25 youth darts  Grey Cup Sports Sunday	26 General meeting 7:30pm all membership to attend	27 house league darts  Seniors club 1pm to 4:30	28  Darts	29 Euchre	30  Darts	





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						1 meat spins 3pm
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9 Youth Darts	10 branch closed	11 house league darts  Seniors Club 1pm to 4:30pm	12  Darts	13 Euchre	14 Darts	15 Christmas Party 1pm start Special meat Spins 2pm -5pm
16 Youth Darts	17	18 house league darts  Seniors Club 1pm to 4:30pm Birthday party!	19 Executive mtg 7:00pm  Darts	20 Executive mtg L.A. Euchre	21 Darts	22 Meat spins 3pm
23	24 no General meeting today Merry Christmas	25 Christmas Day! branch closed	26 Boxing Day branch closed	27	28 Darts	29 Meat spins 3 pm
30	31 New Years Eve dinner/dance Happy New Year to all!					

