

# News & Views

## August/September 2018



The happy Canada Day Bar Steward Jean.



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## President's Report



Hello Comrades all.

Well the summer is shaping up to be a good one so far it has been pretty warm if not downright hot. I hope that you and your family are enjoying and having a great summer and staying cool. You can always come to the air-conditioned Branch or sit on our patio and enjoy the day with some of your comrades and partake in having some of our cold refreshments.

We have had two parades so far this year, St John's Norway and Canada Day. These were both attended by our usual Branch members but we could always use more to fill the ranks. Canada Day parade was a little light with marchers from all Branches due to the extreme heat.

Don't forget that the next parade is Warrior's Day August 18<sup>th</sup> at the CNE. The buses will leave the Branch at **9:00 am SHARP**. Hopefully the weather will be nice and again the parade will be **summer dress**. Remember white short sleeved shirt with the Legion crest on the left shirt pocket, tie and beret, no medals no gloves just your ribbons (undressed medals).

Once again Canada Day was a huge success and my hat goes off to Susan Squires and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this day such an event that we of Branch 11 can be proud of. The weather co-operated and all that attended had a great time. If there is anything that you would like to see changed at this or other functions please let us know.

The other key aspects to the running of this Branch is **volunteering** this is a function that is needed most desperately at Branch 11. It seems that most of the same people do all the work for the benefit of others. **THIS IS YOUR BRANCH AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO RUN MOST FUNCTIONS THAT ARE HELD AT THE BRANCH.** This will benefit the Branch and all of us as a whole that are members of the Branch. I can only say that the volunteers that help prepare for and gave up their time on Canada Day is really worthwhile and this goes to show you and I that it can be done if we all pull together. Some of the areas that require volunteers are these special dinners but we also have other various functions that we need help with e.g. Meat Spin some to help with the BBQ cooking, Legion Week, Youth Education programs, sports and Track & Field events and just helping setting up and taking down and decorating the hall for other events.

On **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will once again be having "**BBQ and Corn**". Please come out and have a great meal, meet some of your friends, bring your family, friends neighbours and let's have a great time. Enjoy the rest of the summer and keep safe. **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR BRANCH...WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Yours in comradeship

*John Dufort President.*

JUNE-JULY 2018

**"IN MEMORIUM"**

ORDINARY MEMBERS

COMBER, Vera. Women's Land Army Service # WLA 149742. Joined Branch 13, 1989, Transferred to Branch 11, September 1993.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

COLEMAN, David. Joined Branch 258, 1993, transferred to Branch 11, August 2008.

HILL, Roy D. Joined Branch 258, 1992, transferred to Branch 11, July 2003.

KING, Mary. Joined Branch 11 April 1994

Our deepest sympathy to the members of the families who recently lost their loved one.

Mary King: Mary has been missed by a number of the players of our Thursday dart leagues summer and winter, as she was a fixture for many years in both leagues. The last few years she hasn't been coming to the Branch due to health issues but she was in our minds and thoughts and I know that Linda and Fred Green were continually grilled on her health and how she and Bill were doing. We hope her hubby Bill can now start to come back into the Branch and enjoy the comradeship of the members and guests who are in here. Our condolences on the loss of our member Mary, wife, mother and grandmother, her family certainly do miss her.

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## PARADES

Warriors' Day parade is on August 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be three buses again this year to take marchers, band members and supporters to the CNE grounds. As form up is at 10:00 with march off at 10:30 am we will be leaving the Branch at **9:00 am sharp**. The parade route is going to be the same as last year and there will be bleachers set up in front of the old Automobile Building (we don't know how many) for you to watch the parade if you can't participate in it. The participants in the parade are becoming fewer and fewer each year and they need as much support as we can give them. Please keep in mind

that our buses leave at specified times to come back to the Branch and if you miss the last bus (1:00 pm) you will need to take the TTC back; we can't/won't wait for you.

**Battle of Britain parade:** We are having a Battle of Britain parade on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>; this Parade will be the same format as the Branch Remembrance parade, form up at 1:00 pm at Shopper's World with march off at 1:30 and arrive at the Branch. The opening of Legion Week is on the main floor at 2:00 pm, with all our displays and memorabilia. After the opening ceremonies the clubroom will be opened for anyone who might want a "refreshment". The parade permit has been requested and although we have not received the actual confirmation yet for a parade on Danforth Ave., we are planning this parade. Further info/confirmation will be available in the Branch at a later date. Please come out, watch or participate in our parade, enjoy the opening and look at the awesome displays.

**Cathy Cole Secretary**

#### **Honours & Awards**

The date for this function has been changed due to Thanksgiving. It will be held Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am until 3:00 pm, we will be having our annual Honours & Awards day. Please mark this date on your calendar. The format for this special day is an afternoon function with a luncheon for members and other people receiving awards. After the luncheon and presentations are finished, the clubroom will be open if you want to stay and enjoy entertainment downstairs. Letters to the members receiving recognition for their length of service, for their help in the Branch or community as well as non-members who have helped us in many ways, will be sent in August and there will be tickets available (for a nominal fee) for members and their guests who would like to attend this great day. For the last couple of years, we have sent invitations to and included all Branch 11 Veterans; due to the decrease in our Veterans numbers, we recognise them at this luncheon. Don't forget, this is a fun day, as we will be having the luncheon, presentations and then an open house with entertainment in the clubroom. You will definitely enjoy yourself if you decide to come.

I am looking for names of anyone from our Branch that you may feel deserves recognition for good work that they do to keep our Branch active and ongoing. There are many people who go above and beyond and not everyone knows what they are doing. I am asking for your help in finding all these good people.

Please submit their name and why they should be recognized along with your name in a sealed envelope addressed to me marked personal.

**June M. Smith Chair, Honours & Awards Committee**

#### **Walk-a-thon**

Hello Comrades

This year Branch 11 will be hosting the Walk-a Thon. The date for the walk is September 15<sup>th</sup>, Registration is at 8:30 am.

The route this year will start at Branch 11 then to Branch 22, over to Branch 345 and then to Branch 73 and return to Branch 11 where their sheets will be stamped

All proceeds will be going to the Joe Sweeney Fund. For those who don't know this fund it provides for our homeless veterans with housing meals and assistance with medical needs. Last year our Branch did really well thanks to the efforts of Sandra, Mike, Nancy, Rick, Shirley, Jim. If I have forgotten anyone's name I sincerely apologize (blame it on the heat) we raised over \$1700.00, here is hoping we can do better this year.

The Walk-a-Thon sheets will be available from our bar steward. Thanking the walkers in advance for their anticipated support.

Yours in Comradeship

**Joyce Haden Walk-a-Thon Chair**

#### **Poppy**



We have a new balance for the amount of money collected for the 2017/2018 Poppy Campaign. That is \$51,195.45. The current balance in the Branch 11 Poppy account is \$82,298.12. There will be a letter ready in August to be distributed to business owners to ask for their permission to put a Poppy counter box in their establishment. We need help/volunteers distributing these letters

Thanks to you all for your continuing support with the Branch 11 Poppy Campaign. Watch for the kick off of the 2018 Poppy campaign in September.

**Jeff Paulin Poppy Chair**

#### **Youth Education**

Helen Pearce is busy as usual getting lists ready for sending to schools for opening in September. It's a challenge to work with such a short time and the handicap of having teachers move on to other schools and enlisting the new teachers on what we have available. All certificates have been delivered to the schools and students after a very successful year with lots of participation.

We are at this time looking for gifts for our "goodie bags" that we give to the students attending Legion Week. If you can contribute anything please leave it at the bar to my attention. We usually have note pads, pencils, rulers, erasers, pencil sharpeners and other small items.



**Please note** – I have been advised by Helen Pearce, Zone D3 YE Chair there is a mandatory Seminar/Workshop scheduled Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – Br. 22 at 1:00 p.m. for all appointed YE Chairs and their Co-Chairs. Helen has advised me, anyone interested in volunteering in and joining the Legion YE programs, please contact me no later than August 8<sup>th</sup> so I can let Helen know. She is always looking for young eager volunteers.

**June M. Smith Youth Education Chair**

### Special Functions



Canada Day was a great success. Thanks go out to all who made it so. There are too many names to mention who worked very hard and I didn't want to miss a name. Volunteers are very hard to come by, call or text me if you have the time to volunteer.

Mark your calendar for Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> for a corn roast and information will follow for that event.

Once again thanks to you all for your support of Special Functions in the past and upcoming events.

Enjoy the heat of the summer.

**Susan Squires Special Functions Chair**

### Bursary

Bursary is not being used as we would like to see its value going towards students that need our help. The forms are behind the bar and ask for help if you need assistance.

**June M. Smith Bursary Chair**

### Building



In August the building behind us will be putting a six foot wooden fence on the short cement wall that runs along the back and south side of our parking lot. Once that is done the chain link fence will come down and we can clean up, grate the land and regain as much as three feet of our property. The vegetation and a large part of the wall on the south side will be coming down. We are hoping there will be enough room for an official horseshoe pit. Watch for it.

**Jeff Paulin Building Chair**

*Elvis Presley wore a cross, a Star of David and the Hebrew letter chi. He explained his jewellery habit with, I don't want to miss out on heaven due to a technicality.*

### Sick



Hello Comrades

Sheila Hadden is still at Harmony Hills where she is well taken care of and has put on a little weight. Sheila is volatile and makes her wishes known, she will settle down as soon as you put a doll or stuffy in her arms.

Pat Collie is at Fountain View. I saw her last week and she seemed very happy. Pat is using a wheel chair now as she finds it much easier to get around.

Rose and John Mooney Have been in Providence Health Care for a number of years, they lived in the housing section. John became ill and had to be transferred to the locked unit on another floor. John is doing very nicely however Rose has had a lot of trouble lately but she is a survivor and with the help of her sister, Ruby she is well looked after.

Bill King is one in a million and has gone through some tough times lately, losing his dear wife Mary and dealing with his own medical problems.

Molly Sutton is in palliative care at Michael Garron Hospital.

George Moorhead is in Sunnybrook. I went to see him last week but his unit was in lockdown due to a virus. I'll try and see him next week. I was talking to the attendant on his floor, she said he was doing ok.

Tom Chiasson is hard to get a hold of but I did catch a glimpse of him on his scooter as he was speeding along.

Sandy Ewart was in the hospital for a few days, everything is fine and she looks great.

Marg Hook is having more tests done and waiting for results.

Joe Cromwell the last I heard was that Joe is not doing very well. Our prayers are with him.

Yours in comradeship

**Joyce Haden Sick Chair**

### Legion Week

We will be setting up Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> to get ready for guests and students and of course our members and marchers, from the Battle of Britain parade from Shopper's World on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

As this is a special week to pay tribute to our fallen comrades for the First and Second World Wars and all other conflicts, we will have on display many interesting and valuable articles so please spread the word that as well as being open all week with the students from our schools

we are also open each evening from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> until 8:00 pm. It's a free event worth the time to have a look but we do need it to be spread by word of mouth as well by advertisement. If you are interested in sitting guard in the hall for an evening (6:00 to 8:00 pm) or any way you can volunteer during the day, please submit your name in a note to my attention and leave it behind the bar marked personal.

Pass the word and let's have the best Legion Week ever.

***June M. Smith Legion Week Chair***

### **5 Year Planning**

August 30, 2018 is the closing date of the sale of Branch 11. The September 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting we should have some rough drafts of the Branch location in the new building. We will then be ready to get our committee's going to design our new Branch

***Jeff Paulin Chair***

### **Sports**



Washer Toss: Branch 11 will be represented at the provincial tournament in Almonte Ontario by Paul Ausman and Mark Reddy in singles and in doubles by the team of Mark Reddy and Travis Durham who won both the Zone and District this year. We at Branch 11 will be hosting both Zone and District next year. Congratulations to both Mark and Travis

Horseshoes: Congratulations to Lynn Somerton as the new District ladies Champion, Travis Durham who qualified in singles and to Rick Groome and Lynn Somerton who qualified third in the teams. Our other team going to Provincial in Brighton is Sandra Durham and Travis Durham, on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Darts: The summer dart league has ended and the signup sheet for winter darts is on the board at the back of the clubroom with the meeting on Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and league start is Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Calling all male dart players. The Men's league meeting is Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> with play starting Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. The signup sheet will be up by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Rick Groome Sports Chair***

### **Clubroom Entertainment**



Hello Comrades

Please come out and enjoy an evening of music, dancing and great entertainment on Saturday evenings.

For the lineup of entertainers please see the calendar at the back of this newsletter,

***Lynn Somerton Clubroom Entertainment Chair***

### **Sgt at Arms**



On September 16, Branch 11 will mark Battle of Britain Day with a march along the Danforth and down Dawes Rd. from Shopper's World to the Branch. Coincidentally this will also kick off Legion Week.

Battle of Britain Day is celebrated on the first Sunday after September 15<sup>th</sup>. This date is considered a turning point of a battle for air superiority in Britain's skies that ran from 10 July until 31 October 1940. The battle involved hundreds RAF pilots and thousands of ground crew, with a significant participation by Canadians. The exact number of Canadians is uncertain as, at that time, there was no differentiation between various kinds of "British Subjects". However there is no doubt that there were numerous Canadians serving directly with the RAF, many of them concentrated in No. 242 (Canadian) Squadron RAF. Additionally the RCAF sent its 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, henceforth known as No. 1 Fighter Squadron, RCAF. In total it's believed that over 100 Canadian pilots fought during the battle and the number of ground crews is several times that. From Toronto, those hundred included ten pilots, of whom six survived the entire war with two falling during the battle. Among the groundcrewmen there was Wm. Joseph Morse, a member of Branch 11 and grandfather of Branch 11 member Nancy McKnight. I'm sure there are many more worthy people that I haven't mentioned.

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***Joy White Sgt at Arms***

### Seniors

Hello Folks

Dorothy Dupont has not been able to come to the Branch for some time as Dorothy has been dealing with cancer psoriasis and is on a lot of medication. But harder for her, her son is in palliative care at Michael Garron hospital. Dorothy tries to see him every second day. God bless her. Reg Morris has not been into the Branch for a while due to the pain of arthritis in his legs. We hope to see him soon. Caron Carter has not been getting out as much as she would like due to the heat. Caron is still in need of a large wheelchair. If anybody has a wheelchair to donate please contact Joyce at 416-841-1414

Yours in comradeship

**Joyce Haden Seniors Chair**

### Ladies Auxiliary

I don't know where the time goes, we are already into August and that means Warriors' Day on August 18<sup>th</sup> and the Exhibition which always signifies the end of summer. Then the children are back to school, wow, and another year starts.

We had a very successful LA Birthday luncheon. We tried something new by barbequing steaks and holding our function in the clubroom. I had a lot of positive feedback. Congratulations go out to Diane Stewart and Gail Burrows for achieving their 45 year pin and Doreen Goodwin for her 35 year pin.

Our condolences go out to Bill King and family on the loss of Mary. Although she was not a LA member she and Bill always donated to our bazaar and always came out to shop. She will be missed by many.

We had a fund raiser euchre in July, although we only had five tables we managed to make some money and all had fun. My thanks go out to Dave Ferron for barbequing for us with his lovely assistant Chris Scott who helped him during games. Thank you to all who came out and helped support us, we really appreciate it.

This is a reminder to our Executive members, our Executive Meeting is Wednesday August the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and our General Meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

On September 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a parade from Shopper's World to the Branch honouring the Battle of Britain and once at the Branch we will be hosting the kick off to Legion Week. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Our LA Zone meeting will be held on Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> at Branch 10. This is our casual meeting, no uniforms required. I hope everyone is having a great summer and coping with the heat. Even more the construction and bus

detours in our area, more than I have seen at one time. Let's hope it's all worth it in the end.

Our prayers are with Molly Sutton who went into Palliative Care at Micheal Garron (East Gen) Hospital. We are sending positive thoughts and I am very happy that we were able to present Molly with her 60 year pin last year.

**Nancy McKnight LA President**



Canada Day cake cutting John Dufort & Nancy McKnight

### Members' Comment Corner

Saturday afternoon July 21<sup>st</sup> in the Club Room was a smashing success and fun time had by all thanks to the lovely, lively Zuber Girls – Sherie, Katherine, and Michelle who not only brought in an 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake for their Dad but a great group of family and friends which turned the Club Room into a lively happy atmosphere. Karen Boudreault and Nancy McKnight were our BBQ Chefs complete with coleslaw to enjoy with a cheese burger. It was a wonderful afternoon at the Branch and the Club Room did well too! Now everyone let's pay it forward and make Saturday afternoons at the Branch lively again.



Happy Birthday Pieter Zuber

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