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BRANCH ELECTIONS 2018



By Comrade Norm Marion

As was announced during the interim branch election held on January 24, a new election for a president, two vice-presidents, and three executive members was held on May 6. This time, the mandate is for a full year.

Congratulations to Comrades Annie McArthur, Randy Rice, and Maggie Murphy, who were elected as members of the Executive; to Comrades Norm Marion and Wayne Tutt, respectively 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents; and to Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, our acclaimed President.

With the help of several other appointees as chairpersons of committees, the team will form the core of the new Executive and will run the business and activities of the branch for the next year.

With this election, the branch returns to a regular June-to-May annual cycle of elections.

Although Branch President Betty-Jean Murray (center) was re-elected (acclaimed) on May 6, 2018, she was installed in the position later during the May 24 General Meeting by Comrade Bob Ladouceur (right) of the Victoria Harbour Branch.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Comrades,

Summer has arrived early! Thirsty and overheated? Drop by your branch, cool off and quench your thirst, but before heading over check the new summer hours so you aren't disappointed.

Thank you to everyone who attended the branch elections on Sunday, May 6 to support your outgoing and incoming executive. Your attendance is appreciated.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Elvis night on Saturday May 26, following the Duck Race. Congrats to Carol for organizing such a successful evening of entertainment and thank you to Carol, Maggie, Gil, Grant, Cathy and Rick - a new member - for all their time and energy to put an 'Elvis spin' on the upstairs hall. Well done everyone!!!

For anyone who hasn't visited the branch lately, we have finished refurbishing the Sports Room. If you know the owner of any of the artifacts, awards or photos previously in the Sports Room that have not been returned, please let Maggie or me know. Thanks to Maggie, Annie, Cathy, Garry and Norm for taking the time to help get this renovation completed. Also, thank you to custodian Phil Jones for having helped to touch up the outside of the building and covering the fan that has been allowing millions of flies to migrate there each fall. Hopefully, they have been banished by the new screen preventing them entry.

Sunday, June 24 is Decoration Day at the Coldwater Cemetery. The service will be held at 2 p.m. with a light tea back at the branch afterwards.

We are joining with the Coldwater BIA to celebrate **Canada Day on Sunday, July 1**, on the street with a Dunk Tank and The Renaissance Band for entertainment from 2-6 p.m.

Remember that due to limited participation the regular weekly Branch activities are postponed during the months of July and August. However, on **Saturday, June 23 we have Len Murphy** entertaining in the Club Room and on **Saturday, August 25, we have Wayne Buttery**. Check your Maple Leaf calendar to see what else is happening during each month.

I wish you a long and lovely summer and look forward to meeting up with you again at the end of August when Carol has something further scheduled for our enjoyment. Happy Summer everyone and play safe.

Yours in Comradeship,
Betty-Jean Murray, President



MEMBERSHIP/BURSARY REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Wayne Tutt, Membership/Bursary Chairperson

Hello comrades. It is with sadness, that I report that comrade Frank Mason has passed away. Comrade Frank was an Ordinary member of the Legion. Frank joined the Legion in 1988. He served in the Reserves from 1960 to 1961. He was a mechanic in Air Group 1.

Our membership totals 275. We have 4 Life members, 46 Ordinary members, 144 Associate members, and 81 Affiliate members. Comrade Brendon Keefe has transferred to the Botswood, Newfoundland branch. Comrade Randy Wyatt has requested a transfer to our branch from Branch # 15 in Brampton.

I would like to thank everyone who has shown confidence in me. It was an honour to be nominated for President, Vice President, and 2nd Vice President. It is a step in the right direction for me, that I accepted the position of 2nd Vice President. I feel that we have a fantastic Executive. I will remain Membership Chairman.

POPPY REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, Poppy Chair
Preparations for Decoration Day are underway. We will keep you posted on this event which takes place on Sunday, June 24.

THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Leaf is the newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater, published each month in the first week of the month. It is primarily an internal communication tool through which the Branch Executive and Committee Chairpersons disseminate information and report to the membership on their respective activities. Opinions expressed in feature articles are those of the writers and do not imply endorsement by the Branch or the Legion.

Committee reports and pre-arranged article submissions must be received no later than the 21st of each month in order to be published in the following month's issue. Please submit by email addressed to: Branch PRO – Maple Leaf at branch270@rogers.com.

BAR MANAGER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Maggie Murphy, Bar Manager

Just a reminder of our summer hours, which are posted on the front door. Also to remind members that we will close at 3 p.m. on Saturdays during July and August, unless there is an event going on, in which case we will extend our hours to accommodate the event.

The upstairs hall is rented every Saturday in June, so we could always use help with security at the door or at the bar - Smart Serve is required. Thank you for your support.

TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Annie McArthur, Treasurer

I hope everyone has enjoyed this wonderful weather we have had the last week of May. As summer arrives the coffers will be taking in a bit less money, since most of the activities are on hold for the summer.

As of May 29 there is \$24,000 in our General Account; \$11,349.90 in the Building Fund; and \$440.11 in the Nevada Account. Enjoy the beautiful weather, and thank you all for supporting the branch fundraising activities.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Dave Robitaille, Sergeant-at-Arms

I remind everyone that our next parade will be the Lions' Duck Race Parade on Saturday May 26. This year the parade is at 10 a.m. If you wish to take part in the parade, whether with the Colour Party or as a marcher, please let me know: (705) 241-6415



The Branch Colour Party led the parade for Duck Race Day in Coldwater. Left to right: Comrades Dave Robitaille, Wayne Tutt, Randy Rice, with Norm Marion and Carol Baird hidden by the flags

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday June 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Branch General Meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from September to June, in the upstairs hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.

SICK & VISITING REPORT

Submitted on behalf of Comrade Betty-Anne Burnie, Sick and Visiting Chairperson

Frank Mason, one of our long time members and Veteran from our branch has passed away last month. Frank was a very familiar face and a friend to many of our members. Here at Branch 270 he will be missed. There will be a celebration of life for Frank in our upstairs hall on June 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. The Veteran Service will be at 1:30. Please wear uniforms if you have them.

If there are any issues that require my attention please let me know. Home phone (705) 686-3270 or email bburnie6@hotmail.com.

SPORTS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Bob Gourlie, Sports Chairperson

Comrades,
Zone Golf is coming up on June 9 at Bonaire. Anyone interested needs to get their team registered by June 1! We are looking to get more use out of the pool tables. They are \$1 per play and all members are welcome to play at any time. 8 ball is a Legion sport and open to all members.





Branch member Cathy Larkins had the chance to meet Elvis in person. Sort of.

WAYS & MEANS / ENTERTAINMENT

Submitted by Comrade Carol Baird, Entertainment/Ways & Means Chairperson

Well, Elvis was in the building and was a huge success. We only had a few tickets left. Thanks to Cathy Larkins for helping with everything. Right from the decorating to the clean-up. Also my husband Gill for working in that hot kitchen cooking the hot dogs. I don't know how the Ladies Auxiliary can work in that kitchen. It is so hot. I would also like to thank Grant McGuire for helping with the 50/50 and Rick Morse for helping to take down the decorations. Betty-Anne Burnie, as tired as she was from working duck day for the Lions club, also pitched in and helped as well. Another thanks to Maggie for working the bar and supplying the decorations for the event. Everybody came together to make the event a success. It was nice to see Randy Rice and his wife from the executive support the event. Also Bob Ladouceur and his wife Denise came from Victoria Harbour. We had people as far away as Port Perry. Downstairs in the clubroom was Rebecca Pascall and it was also busy. Everyone had a good time at both events. I

asked everybody upstairs if they enjoyed themselves and not one person had a complaint.

Coming up in June in the clubroom, we have the Meatroll on the 9th; Jammin on the 16th; and Len Murphy on the 23rd from 2 to 6 p.m. Our next event upstairs is a Johnny Cash tribute on September 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. He sent us a video and he is really good. Tickets are \$20 and will be available at the bar. He is not costing the branch anything, so it would be nice if everybody supported the event.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

The news clip on Rogers Cable INFO Simcoe, which features interviews with Wayne Tutt and myself, has been aired several times already and will continue to be shown for a little while. Looking good overall.

After meeting with the Coldwater BIA Events group, it was suggested that volunteers from the Legion could operate a dunk tank on July 1st, as part of the street activities. The BIA will cover the cost of rental. Proceeds from the operation would go to the Legion. A motion that the Branch support Coldwater's Canada Day activities by operating a dunk tank on July 1st was passed by the Executive at the May 9 meeting. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to help with this activity, please contact me or someone from the Executive.

SERVICE OFFICER

Submitted by Comrade Randy Rice, Service Officer

Are you a Veteran? Do you suffer from a condition you believe is caused by or aggravated by military service? Or are you having challenges meeting the high cost of medical bills etc. Maybe it's time for you to seek help from someone who knows the workings of Veterans Affairs and the Legion. To discuss or make an appointment please contact the Branch Service Officer at (705) 756-2901 or e-mail at ricerandolph@gmail.com, or contact the branch office at (705) 686-3388, email branch270@rogers.com. All correspondence is confidential.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The measure of a man is neither how long he served in combat nor how many foes he had slain. It is best measured in the fact that he answered the call." Quoted from the book American Commando by John Wukovits

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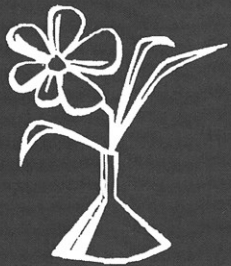
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COLLECTION MANAGER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Collection Manager

On the morning of the branch election, Sunday May 6, Branch President Betty-Jean Murray laid a wreath at the Coldwater Cenotaph to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic. While Battle of the Atlantic commemoration ceremonies have been taking place annually all across the country in recent years, this simple wreath laying seems to be the first time in memory that this particular battle was commemorated in Coldwater. It shouldn't be the last time. Battle of the Atlantic is commemorated every year on the first Sunday in May, which is also the day of our annual branch election.

An estimate for a brass plaque with the names of the 23 soldiers from Coldwater killed in action during the First World War is in progress. The plan is to unveil the plaque during the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph on November 11, which will mark the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice. A formal proposal will be presented next month.



Branch President Betty-Jean Murray lays a wreath to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic. Also in attendance were, left to right, Comrades Wayne Tutt, Maggie Murphy, Carol Baird, Dave Robitaille, and Norm Marion (behind the camera).

A LITTLE BIT OF LEGION & BRANCH HISTORY

Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt

Preamble:

- The Royal Canadian Legion was formed in response to a personal appeal made to ex-servicemen and women by First Field Marshall Earl Haig;
- His objective was to unite ex-service personnel of the Empire;
- For this purpose he founded the British Empire Service League, a central organization uniting Empire ex-service personnel;
- Under the Constitution of the League, an association may only represent each particular country within the Empire;
- In Canada the recognized association is the Royal Canadian Legion.

Now, all about us...

1935 – January 2nd – Coldwater Legion Branch 270 received their Charter; First Legion Hall was the old doctor's office on River Street; First Branch President was Thomas Langton;

1952 – Branch moved to Rose Manning House on Sturgeon Bay Road across the street from Graystone Manor;

1962 – Branch moved to the old hotel at the corner of Main Street and Mill Road;

1971 – November 11th – Branch moved to 2 Michael Anne Drive;

1987 – November 11th – corner stone was laid for addition to present building;

1988 – June 2nd – official opening of addition.

The strength of our Branch is in its members; yes, the number of members is important but member support is vital and essential to our continued success.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Submitted by Comrade Donna Packer, Past-President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Greetings Comrades:

Our elections took place at our May meeting and I am pleased to say that our Ladies Auxiliary has filled all of the Executive positions required. The following are the results of our elections:



President:	Anne McArthur
1st Vice President	Rosalie Pratt
2nd Vice President	Dianne Sauve
Secretary	Tess Appleton
Treasurer	Gaetan Robinson
Sports Officer	Michele Russell
Executives	Jane Lauder, Alida Turner, Joanne Pellegrims, Janis Cronin, Jennine Crowe

My congratulations to the new Officers and Executives. Wishing you a successful year ahead!

We have Celebrations of Life to cater to on Saturday June 16 and Saturday June 23. Help will be needed, so please volunteer to help out with these events. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the L/A board.

Our **70th Anniversary Celebration** will take place on **Sunday July 8, 1 to 4 p.m.** at the Legion. This is an important celebration and I hope all members can attend as well as Branch members.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday June 21**. There will be a **Pot Luck supper** starting at **6 p.m.**, followed by our last meeting before summer recess. Hope to see you there!

Again, as my term as President has come to an end, I would like to thank all members of our Auxiliary for their support over the last four years. It has been an honor to be your President and I am confident that we still have a strong Auxiliary!

Yours in comradeship,
Donna Packer, Immediate Past-President

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On April 26, 2018, Branch 270 Coldwater Ladies Auxiliary President Donna Packer (center) presented a cheque for \$500 to the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation. Accepting the donation are Lisa Wanamaker, Development Officer (left) and Mark Riczu, Executive Director (right).

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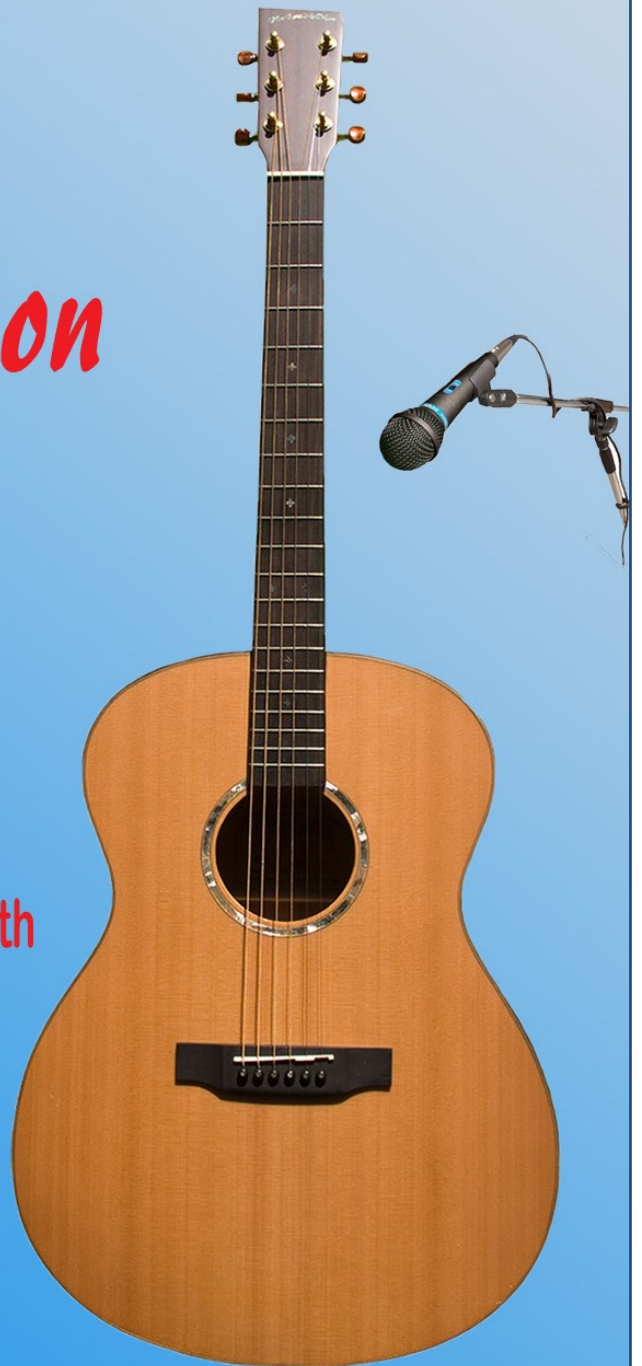
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INTRODUCING MEMBER FRANK PECK

Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt

After working in private industry for several years, Comrade Frank answered a hiring drive across Ontario and Canada for police recruits. Moving from the private sector to the public sector was aided by his family background. His great-grandfather, grandfather and father were in law-enforcement. These positive role models made the choice of community service work 'a natural transition'. In 1966 he took that leap of faith and attended the Toronto Police Academy and never looked back.

Born in 1944, Comrade Frank graduated from the Police Academy in Willowdale in 1967 and was promptly assigned to 52 Division of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Services Board where he served the community for the next thirty years.

In the intervening years, Comrade Frank worked in the Motorcycle Detachment, on Beat Duty and with Patrol Cars. He qualified as a Training Officer and worked as an Undercover Plain Clothes Officer and performed Cell Block duties. His last eleven years of service were spent in the Detective Office performing general investigative duties mainly with the Coroner's Office.

Constable Peck recalls his early days as exciting and interesting. But there were challenges along the way. Working three shifts, recognizing the scope of the homelessness situation, the number of robberies and learning who to trust was an eye-opener. Partnering with an experienced Officer for two years, he learned the intricacies of being not only a person of law enforcement but a vital part of the community. Later in his career, he offered the same guidance to new recruits.

With sadness he remembers losing his partner to a fatal shooting incident but fondly remembers working on a world-wide basis for many years in an attempt to find the identity of a *John Doe*.

After retirement, Comrade Frank relocated to Coldwater and pursued part-time work with the City of Orillia repairing and replacing parking meters. He received a Certificate of Appreciation from the then Mayor of Orillia. Comrade Frank is the recipient of many recognition certificates and plaques including but not limited to his 30-year Long Service Medal, the Metropolitan Toronto Police Association Legal Services Plan Fund, and the Police Association Monitor. He continues to 'stay in touch' with the latest in the Association's police work through daily email updates.



Comrade Frank Peck in his Toronto Police uniform.

Bringing this interview home to Branch 270, Comrade Frank would like to see the Veteran services available through our Branch and the Legion organization made more visible. He enjoys the social opportunities offered by our Branch and usually attends the Tuesday social calendar.

Comrade Frank, **we thank you for your service.**

HAPPENING AT THE LEGION

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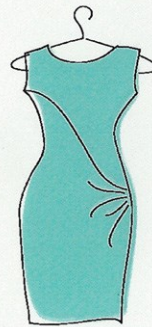
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May 8

High Hand – Georgie Waterson
Lone Hands – Nancy Barron
Low Hand – Bill Stock
Prize – Pat King

May 15

High Hand – Jean Carson
Lone Hands – Marg Marchant
Low Hand – Marley Marchant
Prize – Jean Carson

May 22

Ladies' High Hand – Georgie Waterson
Ladies' Lone Hands – Marg Marchant
Ladies' Low Hand – Vicki Watson
Men's High Hand – Bev Richards
Men's Lone Hands – Bill Stock
Men's Low Hand – Pat King
Prize – Bev Richards

THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD

May 3

First – Brian & Dean
Second – Lloyd & Rose
Third – Heather & Ruth
Sunshine – Rose

May 17

First – Brian
Second – Betty-Anne
Third – Maggie
Sunshine – Magda

May 24

First – Maggie
Second – Brian
Third – Betty-Anne
Sunshine – Maggie

FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DARTS

May 11

1. Rick
2. Gaetan
3. Anne
4. Dorothy
5. Gene
6. Gill
Sunshine – Lorne

May 18

1. Rheese
2. Cathy
3. Kathy
4. Rheese
5. Michelle
6. Grace
Sunshine – Grace

May 25

1. Rick
2. Kari
3. Dorothy
4. Gaetan
5. Chris
6. Gill
Sunshine – Gaetan

MEAT DRAW WINNERS

May 12

1. Chantel Silk
2. Marcia Leblanc
3. Betty-Anne Burnie
4. Kathy Piché
5. Doug Bennett
6. Rick Yule
7. Betty-Anne Burnie
8. Grace Mahoney
9. Dianne Sauvé
10. Rick Yule
11. Kathy Piché



8 ball is a legion sport and open to all members. See your Sports Officer if interested.

SUMMER BREAK

Some of our sports leagues are taking a break for the summer. Regular activities will resume in September.

Consult your August Maple Leaf for announcements of leagues sign-up.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Steak Darts 6 pm	2
3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 2 pm	6 <i>D-Day anniversary</i>	7 Shuffleboard 1 pm	8 Steak Darts 6 pm	9 Meat Draw 3 pm
10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED	12 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 2 pm	13 Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Shuffleboard 1 pm L.A. General Meeting 6:30 pm	15 Steak Darts 6 pm	16 Jammin' at Legion 2 pm – 5 pm
17 CLOSED	18 CLOSED	19 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 2 pm	20	21 Shuffleboard 1 pm L.A. General Meeting 6:30 pm	22 Steak Darts 6 pm	23 Live music with Len Murphy 2 – 6 pm
24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 2 pm	27 Branch General Meeting 6:30 pm	28 Shuffleboard 1 pm	29 Steak Darts 6 pm	30