

Valley City

Br36 Bullytin

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Your Branch is doing quite well at this time. But as in other organizations we must keep working to maintain it and pay the bills. This is accomplished only by the support of you the members.

The Veterans Christmas Dinner will be held **Wednesday December 14th** as in other years there will be a \$5 refundable fee. This fee allows us to order the correct number of dinners. A list will be posted in the Branch and tickets will be available the last week in November. This dinner is for WWII and Korea Vets. If your name is missing from the list please let me know.

At the recent L.A. birthday banquet the ladies once again have been very generous. Part of the donation is to be used for a better access to the Branch. **A big thank you to President Gerry Hopkins and her Ladies**

There are several functions coming up and I hope to see you there (more info in this Bullytin)

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Christmas I coming, My sincerest best wishes to you all over this season and particularly the rest of the year. This being the year of the Veteran we should all thank these men and women and remember the ones who have passed. Especially the 13 we have lost this year.

See you at the Branch Mike Alkerton

SPORTS REPORT

Nothing much to report but please keep an eye on the notice board for upcoming events ie: zone sports sign up dates

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For years could they come home every night to see their families "NO"

Could they stop for lunch whenever they felt like "NO"

Could they finish at 5pm and go home and put their feet up "NO"

Could they have a nice hot meal every night "NO"

Could they have a nice hot shower every night "NO"

Could they sleep in on the weekend "NO"

Did they all come home to their families at the end of the wars "NO"

Could Branch 36 get the needed extra couple of dozen people to sell poppies for 2 hrs one night only after work "NO"

SHAME the much needed revenue for our Poppy fund could have been boosted by a few thousand dollars with a few more volunteers lets try to do a little better next year. To give up 2 or 3 hrs one night a year is not asking much

Captain Tim Woods grandson of branch member Ernie Bodden will do a slow & low fly past on Nov 11th(weather permitting) Tim will be at the branch after the parade



ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment has been great since October, Watch the board and this Bullytin for future dates and come out and join us for some fun

VETS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Entertainment

Hot from Hamilton Bermuda
"THE SCHIEHALLION DANCERS"
And introducing 13year old
Alissa O'Halloran AKA Vera Lynn
In an old fashioned sing along

BURNS SUPPER

Come join us for some Scottish Fare at our first annual Burns Supper. Limited tickets will go on sale soon. Entertainment by "The Dundas Pipes and Drums" and the "Schiehallion Dancers"

\$20 gets you a roast beef dinner (with or without Haggis) and an evening of entertainment. Come and join us.

Christmas eve carols in the legion with "Jane Wright"

Pot Luck new years eve party with "Jane Wright"

Watch the board for times.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from your Entertainment Committee

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Time is running out for nominations for applications for awards to honour our member who go beyond what is expected of them in helping out at the Branch so please lets have some nominations soon

Jim Kielty 905-628-2395

BANQUET HALL

FOR RENTAL INFORMATION CALL
BOB POTTER 905-628-2351



Veteran Stan Rankine along with many other Br36 Veterans and Volunteers were out selling Poppies for this years Poppy Campaign "well done"

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Merry Xmas
And a Prosperous
New Year



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MEMBERSHIP

In the year 2005 our numbers were up from 2004 mainly because of "you" the members. You recruited well for 2005 but applications for 2006 are down slightly so far this year. The Branch has a lot to offer such as sports, social activities and an opportunity to contribute to our mandate to Veterans and Service personnel.

A strong membership also allows us to continue to support the various youth and senior groups in our community. So if the "JUST BRING ONE" theme continues the Branch will be better for it. The "Early Bird" drive will end on Nov 30th. Those members paid by this time could win a free membership. The members unable to get down to the Branch can mail in their dues (\$40) and we will return your card by mail. Any questions concerning eligibility, status, service record or anything at all please contact me

Mike Alkerton

P.S. A LEGION MEMBERSHIP MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

POPPY COMMITTEE

The Poppy Campaign this year was once again very successful thanks to all of the dedicated workers who are to many to name. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank personally mike and Betty Nixon and their committee for the food that was brought in for the sellers during the campaign, it was very much appreciated by everyone. With thanks from the Poppy Committee and myself

Gerry Belec



LEST WE FORGET



HOUSE REPORT

The "FALL WORK PARTY" on Sunday Oct 30th was disappointing with only 21 members showing up. These were the old faithfuls that are trying to keep the Branch looking as it should. They did a great job and a big thank you to them. **"MORE MEMBERS WOULD BE BETTER"**

Besides the volunteers, our sincere thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for feeding the troops, it was appreciated by all.

Ladies auxiliary

Our 61st Birthday Party was a great Success. The entertainment was once again to say the least really entertaining.

Thanks to the Branch Executive for waiting the tables for us and a big thanks to all those who entertained us. Don't forget to visit our annual Bazaar Sunday 20th November at the Branch. Last but definitely not least Catherine Alkerton (see below) was presented her 60year service pin Gerry Hopkins



!!! CONGRATULATIONS !!!

WAYS AND MEANS

The Saturday afternoon meat draws are going very well. Drop your loonie in an envelope, sign your name, include your phone number if you cannot be there and drop it in the box near the bar. There are 2 chances to win every week and you don't have to be there to win. If you want to do some early Xmas shopping the L.A. has its annual Bazaar on Nov 20th you may just find that something for your hard to buy for on your list. All upcoming events can be viewed on the events calendar in this Bullytin. Thanks to everyone who has supported our events and all who have worked so hard to make them successful. If you have any ideas for an event at the Branch please let us know we are willing to try anything.

Dawn Lewis...Al Blackburn...Karen Pollington

SPECIAL THANKS

To all who supplied food for our Poppy sellers "A VERY BIG THANK YOU" this was our best year yet and the score was **COMPLAINTS 0.....HOSPITALISED 0 ALL FED UP 100%** Mike Nixon

KIDS XMAS PARTY

December 10th noon-4pm open to children and grandchildren of Branch members. The cost is 1 gift for each child that you register (max \$20) with the child's name written clearly so Santa can read it. There will be fun and games for the kids. Pizza, snacks and pop will be supplied. Registration forms are available at the bar, also more information on a poster At the Branch.

Please register by Dec 3rd
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UPCOMING EVENTS 2005

- Nov 15th Executive meeting
- Nov 18th Karaoke with "Dorrie"
- Nov 20th Ladies Auxiliary Bazaar
- Nov 25th Ways & Means Turkey roll
- Dec 4th Flo's family brunch
- Dec 14th Veterans Christmas Dinner
- Dec 16th Sports Turkey Roll
- Dec 20th Executive meeting
- Dec 24th Open House
- Dec 31st Pot Luck New Years Eve Party

UPCOMING EVENTS 2006

- Jan 8th Flo's Family Brunch
- Jan 13th Fish Fry & Karaoke
- Jan 17th Executive meeting
- Jan 21st Robbie Burns Dinner
- Jan 27th Karaoke with "Dorrie"

CANTEEN REPORT

Things have picked up everything is going well

Lynn Horner

MIKEY'S MEAT DRAW

Support for the Saturday Meat Draw has been excellent. It makes for a fun afternoon. Come join us and maybe win your Sunday dinner 3pm-4pm every Saturday
 Thanks Mike Nixon