



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
August - 2018

## Branch 36 Colour Party Leads D-Day Parade



On Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June our Award winning Colour Party, along with some local cadets led off the Branch 36 D-Day parade to our annual church service at St. James.



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## President's Report

Summer 2018 is racing by and what wonderful hot weather we have been enjoying ! Perfect for all of our summer activities. Especially our Duffers Golf which has taken full advantage with 15 to 20 members coming out each week.



**Gord Sharpe**  
**President**

The Thursday Summer Dart League has also had a good turn out. Great to see both activities flourishing.

Our Canada Day BBQ was a busy day with entertainment for both young and old. The Burgers and Dogs flew off the barbecue and everyone had a great time. The Dundas Modular train club again had their display available upstairs which is always enjoyed by everyone.

Another popular summer event are our steak barbecues. A lovely entertaining Sunday afternoon with good food, good company and good music. What more could you want ?

Our monthly Fish Fry night took a hiatus for the summer and was replaced with the Wing Nights which have been well attended, with lots of enthusiastic feedback. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who take time out of their busy summer schedules to lend a hand with this event. It has been great to see some new faces. We need all the help we can get to make our events successful and enjoyable.

Be sure to invite your friends to join you for our special events. We will always welcome visitors to our branch.

As always I would encourage you to check the website to keep current on all upcoming activities as Fall is just around the corner.

The Fish Fry, Ladies Auxiliary Beef on a Bun, various Dart Leagues, Snooker Leagues, Shuffleboard League, Saturday.

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Meat Draw; everything starts back up soon. All are welcome.  
**DON'T MISS OUT !**

If you have any questions be sure to ask me when you see me around the Branch, or leave a message and phone number with the bar steward and I will get back to you.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Don't complain about the heat, remember winter is coming.

**Gord Sharpe** - President Branch 36

### **Honours and Awards Report**

The Veteran's Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday, 5th December, the first Wednesday in December.

The dinner is open to all Veterans and tickets will go on sale on Monday, 12th November, the first Monday after Remembrance Day.



**Bill Ralston**  
Honours and  
Awards  
Chair

**Bill Ralston** - Honours and Awards Chair

### **Banquet Hall Rental**

**The Banquet Hall is available for rental.  
For details call the office at (905) 627-7221.**

**The Wentworth Room downstairs is available at no charge for use on a first come basis and will accommodate from 5-65 people (Some Conditions Apply).**

**It is used for memorial services, meetings, birthdays, retirement parties, and any other party you can think of (come conditions apply). Just call the office to book the room (905) 627-7221.**

## Membership Report

The 2018 membership year went well, although I expect a few more members will renew. At this time renewals and new members we are at 97% for renewals, which is good but it drops our overall number of members below 700.



**Mike Alkerton**  
**Membership**  
**Chair**

As you are aware Dominion Command changed the membership cards and the way they process memberships. Last year it has been a nightmare for membership chairmen everywhere.

As they tell me they have “GLITCHES” in the system. We have had trouble getting cards for new members, transfers and replacement cards.

When you renew for 2018 you will get a sticker to place on the back of your membership card. These stickers are not going to be mailed to us until the last week of August, which is late. The “Early Bird” campaign will not start until September.

The hierarchy in Ottawa would like people to pay their dues online. This branch like many others will require you to pay your dues at the branch as always – cheque / cash / debit. The dues for 2019 will remain at \$55.00.

As in other years I would urge you to “Just Bring One” in order to keep our membership (which is the lifeblood of the Legion) strong.

We would like to have an evening for new members – who joined in the last 2 years or more, and any other members who may be interested.

At this meeting we will explain the Legion Structure. Purposes and reasons for being, and any questions concerning it, and any questions about Branch 36 will be also be answered.

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The date for this evening will be announced with posters around the branch, and all members of the branch who have registered their email address with the branch will be notified by email.

Any questions or concerns please contact me.

**“Just Bring One”**

***Mike Alkerton*** - Past President and Membership Chair

### **Banquet Hall Report**

Bookings for the Banquet Hall are coming in steadily with some events already booked well into next year.

We have weddings, stag and doe's, Anniversary parties, birthdays, dances, craft sales, Christmas parties and meetings already booked.

If you are thinking of having any kind of event, please call 905-627-7221 for information regarding rules, rates, and availability.

Also, just a reminder that the Wentworth Room is available free of charge for smaller events up to 60-65 persons. Visit our website and call the Legion for further information.

***Doug Rivers*** - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug Rivers**  
**Banquet Hall**  
**Chair**

### **Colour Party Report**

As our summer is quickly coming to an end, we all get back into the swing of what we put on hold for the summer. The Colour Party is no different - another year of practices and parades.

We had a busy second half of last year (Sept to June) - 10 practices in 9 months, Poppy campaign at Sobey's, four outdoor parades and four indoor parades as well as personnel changes.



**Greg**  
**Sherring**  
**Colour Party**  
**Commander**

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With a new fiscal year upon us, the Colour Party would like to invite any Legion member to come out and be a part of this award winning group. If you have any questions or just curious, feel free to ask myself, Jim Byron or any Colour Party member.

Practices will be on the second Tuesday of each month, EXCEPT for Nov., at 7:00pm in the upstairs hall of our Legion.

**2018**

11th September  
9th October  
6th November  
11th December

**2019**

8th January  
12th February  
12th March  
9th April

**Greg Sherring** - Colour Party Commander (905-385-5539)

**Entertainment Report**

During the summer everyone enjoyed 3 BBQ's and 3 Wing Nights. In September we will be return to Fish Frys and in October we will start Trivia nights again.

On Friday, 2nd November **Little Peter and the Elegants** will be performing at our Anniversary Dance. Tickets will be available in September. This is popular dance band and a late night meal will be provided. Get your tickets as soon as they become available. Hope to see you all out and supporting your Legion.



**Janice Mancini**  
Entertainment  
Chair

**Janice Mancini** - 3rd Vice President and Entertainment Chair

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## **Special Events Report**

On Sunday, 3rd June Branch 36 held its annual D-Day Parade and church service and I would like to thank all who took part and remembered our fallen comrades.

The next special event will be the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, November 11th. Please plan to attend and show thanks to the many men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. The parade will form at the old Memorial Square - Sydenham and King Streets (TD Bank) at 10 am and march in parade to the cenotaph for the Remembrance service.

We hope all Legion members that can, will take in the parade and service and march to the Branch after the service. If you cannot take part in the parade we welcome you to attend the service and come to the Legion afterwards.

**"We Will Remember"**

respectfully,

***Gord Sharpe*** – President and Special Events Chair



**Gord Sharpe**  
**Special Events**  
**Chair**

## **Veterans Services Report**

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist the Veterans of our branch by identifying those with unmet health needs and possible benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and all referrals are kept confidential.

To take the first step to your possible VAC benefits contact the Branch for an appointment.

***Rick Valois*** - Veterans Services Chair



**Rick Valois**  
**Veterans**  
**Services**  
**Chair**

## **REMEMBRANCE – the LEGION'S Legacy**

As the summer winds down and students return to their schools, they are taking the next step in their lives within a Canadian society that is full of rights and freedoms that most countries in the world cannot match; however, almost everyone takes these liberties for granted, not being mindful of the horrendous costs of Canadian blood being spilled in places far away from home.

*“Starting with the Boer War in 1899 and most recently in Afghanistan, Canada has sent many young men and women to foreign places to serve, suffer and die in numerous conflicts caused by others, yet, still threatening our way of life that is free from oppression and tyranny. To the haunting anguish of their families and loved ones, hundreds of thousands of our young men and women – brothers, sisters, sons and daughters – have not returned with many more never fully recovering from their nightmarish experiences. We live free because of their sacrifice.”*

The above words are not mine. It's a summary of what I have read from hundreds of students' essays and poems and what I have also envisioned from their posters that have been sub-mitted in our annual Remembrance Poster & Literary Contests during the last five years as my role of Branch 36's Youth Education Chair.

Some of the contest entries have been stunning. A few years ago, a young girl's colour poster earned 2nd place in the Dominion. Other local students have won Gold awards at the Provincial judging for their essays and poems. Many more also earn significant recognition at the District, Zone and Branch levels. Last year, of seven branches in our Zone, our student contest entries won 8 of a possible 14 Gold awards at that level. Altogether, a total of 47 awards were distributed to 23 deserving students during ceremonies in their schools and, in one touching scenario, at home.

My role as Youth Education Chair is quite simple. I try to get the word out in October about the contests to local school principles by letters and visits and I also try to get teachers' and students' attention through press releases in the local media. I then make myself available and respond quickly to various requests for information and forms with ample material support from the Legion. When it comes time in late November to judge the 150-200 student submissions at our branch, I ask for judging help from members of Valley Town Toastmasters. In the past, it's taken as many as eight judges as long as six hours to sort out the top entries in 14 categories at this level. Those are then handed off to the Zone Chair for the next round of judging. Worthy entries can go through three more levels – District, Provincial and Dominion.

My favourite part of the contest, though, is going to the schools and homes to recognize the accomplishments of those students who best “Honour Remembrance”. Jim Byron, the Poppy Chair, accompanied me to a number of presentations last year including one school assembly of approximately

250 students, teachers and parents.

A valuable partner in the recognition of the students' success in our Remembrance Contest is the Dundas Star News and Ancaster News. They have taken a keen interest in publishing many photo stories about the students winning their Legion awards. For example, in late May, the Dundas Star placed an inspirational story on the front page of their weekly edition.



Like Remembrance, the success of our Youth Education program can never be taken for granted. It is a pleasurable duty and a wonderful honour to play a role in such an important legacy.

**Tony Bratschitsch - Youth Education Chair**

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## Canteen Report

I am pleased to report that all of our staff are looking forward to a new season of snooker, darts, shuffleboard, weddings, banquets, stag and doe's, and general club room activities.

On behalf of Al, Sue, Judy H, Elaine, Candace, Judy W, and Leanne, a thank you to all of our old and new friends who together make visiting our Legion a pleasurable experience,



**Doug Rivers**  
Canteen  
Chair

Thank you all.

**Doug Rivers** - 1st Vice President and Canteen Chair

**Wednesday - 19th September - Bi-Annual General Meeting  
in the Banquet Hall - 8:00pm**

All Legion members should attend this meeting to ask and have questions answered, make motions for changes, vote on proposals suggested that affect Legion and see how their Branch 36 is run.

**House and Grounds Report**

If we had a million dollars we could do all the little cosmetics things that people think we should do.

Can you donate a million?

If not, we should just love our club the way it is. In the old car world we call it patina when an old car has scars etc. The way the club is now is old age character.



**Paul  
Penney  
House and  
Grounds  
Chair**

Stealing a phrase from Forest Gump (that's all I got to say about that).

Fall work party is Sunday November 4th at 9:00am.

***"Many hands make light work !"***

***Paul Penney*** - House and Grounds Chair

**Public Relations Report - Sponsors**

In each issue of The Bullytin we include the business cards of Sponsors, whose contributions help us pay for the printing of the newsletter. If you would keep them in mind if you need any of the various services they supply it would be appreciated. Thank you.

***Peter Whittaker*** - Public Relations Chair & Editor of The Bullytin

## **Sick Report**

### **April 2018**

4th - Vivian Thornton at General - ICH  
4th - Maria Kob at General - heart  
4th - Grace Dumayne at General - pneumonia  
7th - Visited Maria Kob at General  
7th - Grace Dumayne at home  
9th - Maria Kob at home  
9th - Vivian Thornton at home  
16th - Andy Van Der Schee at Juravinski  
18th - Tibby Tasker at Juravinski and home  
19th - Visited Milton Aucoin at St.Joe's  
25th - Peter Freeland at St. Joe's - surgery  
29th - Visited Peter Freeland at St. Joe's - home today  
29th - Visited Milton Aucoin at St. Joes' - looking good  
30th - Bill Westoby at General - surgery shoulder



**Stan Hicks  
Sick  
and  
Last Post  
Chair**

### **May 2018**

1st - Bill Westoby at home  
3rd - Andy Van Der Schee at home  
4th - Tibby Tasker at St. Peter's  
7th - Milton Aucoin moved to 1500 Main Street East, Hamilton  
12th - Stan Rankine at St.Joe's - broken arm  
13th - Visited Milton Aucoin at 1500 Main Street, East, Hamilton  
17th - Wayne O'Connor at General - surgery shoulder  
18th - Wayne O'Connor at home  
25th - Visited Stan Rankine at St. Joe's

### **June 2018**

4th - Pat Dumayne at General - surgery  
5th - visited Stan Rankine at Dundurn place  
6th - Bill Greenwood at hospital  
8th - Bill Greenwood at home  
8th - Pat Dumayne at home  
19th - Gary Livingston at hospital  
20th - Gary Livingston at home - pace maker installed  
30th - Stan Rankine at Juravinski - broken hip

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## July 2018

10th - Paul Plante at St. Peter's - not good  
14th - Chris Veerman at General - critical ICU  
27th - Stan Rankine moved to Villa

**Stan Hicks** - Sick and Last Post Chair

### Last Post

**Bill Selbie - 12th April, 2018**  
**Tibby Tasker - 4th May, 2018**  
**Bruce DeLottinville - 8th May, 2018 (Veteran)**  
**Bob Hudson - 27th May, 2018**  
**Rodger Gibbon - 25th June, 2018**  
**Chris Veerman - 26th July, 2018**

### We Will Remember Them

## Poppy Fund Report

The Poppy Fund received permission from the Dundas Branch 36 members to donate \$3,000 to the Southwestern Ontario Military Family Resource Centre to provide a family B.B.Q. to military families at the Branch 36 General Meeting held on June 20th, 2018.



**Jim Byron**  
**Poppy Fund**  
**Chair**

The above application by the Dundas Branch 36 Poppy Fund donation was denied by Ontario Provincial Command as it didn't meet their criteria.

This B.B.Q. was to take place on August 11th in Niagara Falls and is open to families in the Hamilton catchment region. Eligible participation is open to serving, retired, medically released members, veterans and their families. I'm hoping to attend this event if it takes place and talk to the military  
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members and invite them to join their nearest Legion Branch if they haven't already.

Canes were purchased for the use of Veterans.

Donations were made to the Poppy Fund in the name of:  
**Roger Cowan Gibbon**

The current balance of the Poppy Fund is \$76,584.65

### **2018 Poppy Campaign**

This year our campaign will start on October 26 and will finish November 10, 2018. I hope those of you who generous enough to volunteer will mark this on your calendars. Looking forward to another successful year.

**Jim Byron** - Poppy Fund Chair (905-578-2758)

### **Army Cadet Receives Medal**



Rick Valois, Parade Marshall and the Branch 36 Cadet Liason officer presented a Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence to Master Warrant Officer Charlotte Rae, an army cadet member of the 2685 Hamilton Wentworth Artillery Cadet Battery.

## Sports Report

Summer is almost over so don't forget to come and register to play in the Branch Sport Leagues that operate through the winter. We have active Mens, Ladies and Mixed Darts Leagues, Mens, Ladies and Mixed Snooker Leagues and a Mixed Shuffleboard league at Branch 36.

Legion members can go on to represent Branch 36 at Legion Sport Tournaments at different Legions across Ontario. These Tournaments include Bowling, Cribbage, Curling, Euchre, Golf, Horseshoes, and Lawn Bowling. We may not have an in-house League for a sport, but watch the Sports board for signup sheets for these tournaments in the future.



**Stan Sklepowicz**  
Sports Chair

**Stan Sklepowicz** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Sports Chair

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## Bursary Report

The Legion Bursaries are available again this year. There are 5 Belec Bursary awards given by Branch 36, and also an unlimited number of Bursaries given by the Legion's Ontario Provincial command

To avoid confusion please contact me.

**Mike Alkerton** - Past President and Bursary Chair  
(Home 905-627-2822 / Branch 905-627-7221)



**Mike Alkerton**  
Bursary Chair

# Paul Wright Photography

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## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

President's Meat Draw - Starts up again on Saturday 8th September 2018 - 3-4pm - 6 chances to win every week

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm - 2 chances – every week

## **August 2018 Events**

Sunday - 19th - Branch 36 Family BBQ Refreshments 2:30pm  
- BBQ 4-6pm

Sunday - 19th - Family BBQ Clubroom Music - Mike Woods - 3:00pm

## **September 2018 Events**

Monday - 3rd - Labour Day - Statutory Holiday - Branch Closed

## **Winter Sports League Registrations**

Thursday - 6th - **Mens Thursday Night Dart League** - 7pm

Members of the Public are being invited again, to play in the Dundas Legion's Men's Winter Dart League, but will have to become Legion members to play in the League in subsequent years. Any Men 19 years old and over are welcome to play.

Thursday - 6th - **Ladies Thursday Dart League** - 7pm

Sunday - 9th - **Sunday Mixed Dart League** - 2pm A signup sheet for this league will be posted on the Sports board in mid August.

Monday - 10th - **Monday Night Mixed Dart League** - 8pm

This is the opening night for this league.

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## September 2018 Events continued

Tuesday - 11th - **Mixed Snooker League** - TONIGHT - 7pm  
Tuesday - 11th - Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm  
Tuesday - 11th - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm  
Friday - 14th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Sunday - 16th - Legion Week Starts Today  
Wednesday - 9<sup>th</sup> - **Ladies Snooker League** - Tonight - 7:00pm  
Wednesday - 19th - Legion Week Snooker vs H.A.F.A. - 7:30pm  
Wednesday - 19th - Bi-Annual General Meeting - 8:00pm  
Saturday - 22nd - Legion Week Triathlon - Register 12:00-12:30pm  
Monday - 24th - **Mens Snooker League** Starts Tonight - 7:30pm  
Wednesday - 26th - **Shuffleboard Mixed League** - 7:30pm  
Friday - 28th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm  
Friday - 28th - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm Open to public.

## October 2018 Events

Sunday - 7th - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED  
Monday - 8th - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED  
Tuesday - 9th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm  
Tuesday - 9th - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm  
Friday - 12th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Friday - 19th - First Trivia Night of the season - 7:30pm  
    Signup at 7:30pm. Starts at 8:00pm. Open to the Public - \$5 per  
    contestant with max of 5 on a team, or come and be entertained  
    and learn some Trivia.  
Friday - 26th - 2018 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day  
    Be sure to live up to your Legion oath and volunteer a few hours  
    to distribute Poppies. Volunteer sheet will be posted in Branch  
Friday - 26th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm  
Friday - 26th - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm

## November 2018 Events

Friday - 2nd - Little Peter and the Elegants - Legion Anniversary  
Dance - 8:00pm Tickets \$25.00  
Sunday - 4th - Fall Work Party for Remembrance Day - 9:00am  
Friday - 9th November - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Friday - 9th November - Trivia Night - 7:30pm  
Sunday - 11th November - Remembrance Day Parade and service  
    Paraded fall in at Firehall/Memorial Square - 10:15am  
    Service at War Memorial at Community Center - 10:45am