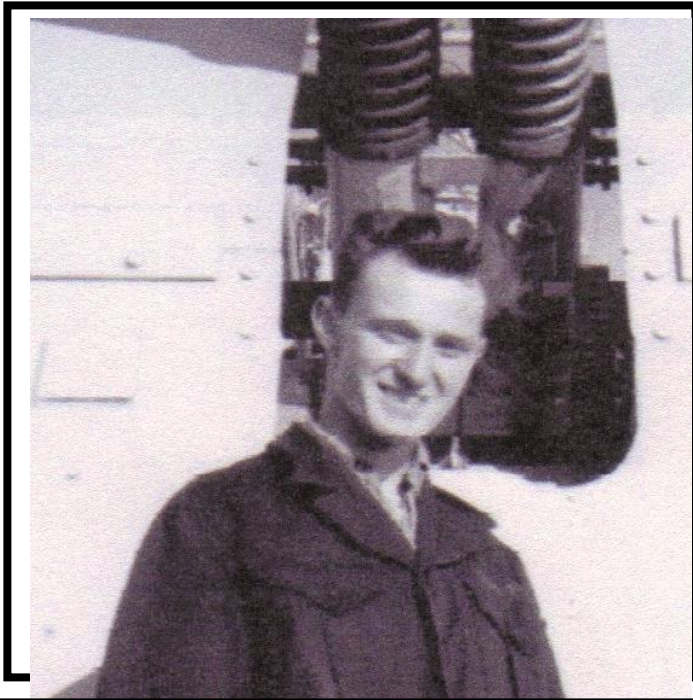




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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
August – 2010



Can you identify this member of Branch 36 on active duty in 1960, aboard HMCS Fort Erie? See Page 9 for answer.



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President's Report



**John
Murphy
President**

It was our privilege again to represent the Branch at the Dominion Convention in Winnipeg. We met old friends and made new ones, we even had one branch pay for a new ceiling tile to remind us of the Legion friendship. The politics of dancing were in full bloom and changes within the Command were swift and sweeping. It will be interesting next time to see who will make first vice as Ontario is well represented.

The summer has been fair for the Branch and we are looking forward to seeing all of you come out and get involved this Fall. Branch 36, in a lot of ways is like many businesses in Dundas and we are not immune to acts of vandalism. We continue to have someone destroying our smoking tent, we had a break-in upstairs where damage occurred and stolen product amounted to over \$1,000.00 and a second attempt at a break-in downstairs. We have installed a new window guard, updated the security upstairs and you will see video camera surveillance for outdoors in the Fall. All of this additional expense takes away from our mandate to support veterans and their families. I would ask all members to be on the lookout for anything suspicious and report it immediately to the police. If you are in the village in the evening and returning home after the Branch is closed, take a drive through the lot, take a look and see if there is anyone there – don't stop just keep going and call the police when you get home.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies Darts, Mens Darts, Ladies Snooker, Mens snooker, our winter Sunday Fun dart league and the summer Thursday dart league for your financial donations to the Branch. These funds will allow us to continue with renovations to the Banquet Hall and updating the branch.

Our General Meeting will be Wednesday, September 15th at 8:00pm – come out and have your say and/or show support for your executive. As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to me in the branch and I will contact you.

Ways & Means Report

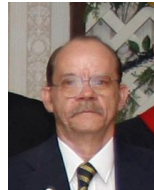
The Fish Fry's have continued to surprise us. We thought that with members and their friends enjoying the nice weather and vacations that the numbers would drop a little bit. **WRONG!** They seem to be holding pretty steady and we are hoping that means they will increase even more come the cooler weather. Please remember to tell everyone that you know what a great meal you get and how friendly the people here at the Branch are. We can handle it in the kitchen. The volunteers up there really know their stuff and are able to put out even more dinners.

We would also like to thank everyone for taking the time to fill out the comment cards. They have helped us a lot, and we congratulate the people that enjoyed their free dinners for taking the time to fill out the cards and put them in the box. We will be doing this one more time this summer, so you still have 2 chances at the August Fish Fry to win dinner for two at the September Fish Fry. We also have two Family BBQ's left on the calendar -August 22, and September 19.

Your Ways & Means Committee



Dawn Lewis
Committee Chair



Wayne McKay
Committee Member

Terry and Susan do a fabulous job outside and we haven't heard a single bad thing about the cooking or the people inside serving. We've all really missed our "Little Short A**". He made things run sooo smoothly, and he is in our thoughts and prayers every day. We get rattled, and he laughs it off and makes it fun.

The Thanksgiving Turkey Roll is scheduled for Friday October 1st at 8pm. We will have spins on the wheel following the main draw, so make sure to get your ticket(s) and plan on attending. Tickets will still be \$5.00 for 40 chances and will be on sale in early September from members or at the bar.

Thanks so much for all of your support. The Ways and Means of our Branch is the major contributor to the Branch and without you we couldn't do what we do at and for the Branch. Thank You! Thank You!

Your Ways and Means Committee

Dawn Lewis 1st Vice President

and

Wayne McKav

Colour Party Report

The Colour Party usually takes the summer off but this year we were busy appearing in the World Championship games that took place in Ancaster. The Colour Party took part in the Cactus festival parade with our Legion float and other veterans from the branch.



**James Byron
Colour Party
Commander**

We have openings in the Colour Party for new members and if you are interested please contact me.

Membership Report

Welcome to a new membership year!!! With your help it has been a great year for renewal and recruitment.



Mike Alkerton
Membership
Chair

I suspect that 2010 will show a small increase in the membership numbers.

Unfortunately the Hamilton Branch 343 (Macabees), due to declining numbers, were forced to surrender their charter. We welcome these members to our branch.

On a more dismal note, our dues structure must change. In 2007 we had per capita increases of over \$6.00 and we had to raise the dues to \$45.00. This year due to a small increase - our new friend HST - costs are going up. At the semi-annual general meeting (15th September), I will be asking for your approval of an increase of \$5.00 in dues, up to \$50.00. Other issues will also be discussed at this meeting that require your approval. Please plan to attend.

Remember our motto **“Just Bring One”**

P.S. If we do not have your e-mail address, we would like to have it. It is used for branch business only.

House Report

Thanks to Paul Penney we now have a security grid on the window that was used for the break-in and a new cover on our mail slot.

Banquet Hall Report

The Banquet Hall has lots of dates available, and can be booked for any event you need to plan, and the cost is always friendly to your wallet. The Wentworth Room is also available free of charge to anyone. For more information call the Legion office at 905-627-7221.

Special Events Report - Cactus Festival

I wish to thank all who participated in the building and decoration of the Branch 36 float for the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade.

I also wish to thank those that chose to ride on the float and I hope next year that we can get more Branch members to participate in the parade.



**Gord
Sharpe
Special
Events
Chair**

Sports Report

Darts and Snooker Leagues start up in August and September and I urge you to ensure that you get signed up and participate in these wintertime activities. See the events calendar on page 11 for details of sign up dates for the various leagues.

Various activities take place during Legion Week which starts Sunday, 19th September. On Saturday 25th September we will have the Legion Week Triathlon starting at 12 noon. The Triathlon begins with the blind drawing of 2 person teams. The teams go on to play darts, snooker and horseshoes competitions and everyone has a fun time.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

We hope everybody had a safe and healthy summer. A new season has begun and we are jumping right in. The upcoming beef on a bun nights are as follows: September 24th, October 22nd and November 26th.

Please keep an eye for our annual draw which will be held throughout the month of November and will be drawn the night of the Legion turkey roll.

We have new ideas underway so keep an eye for new things happening.

If you know of anybody that is interested in joining please talk to one of our comrades. The more people we can get involved the bigger the positive impact within our organization and our community as a whole.

Yours in Comradeship,
Terrie Gubbins - President - Ladies Auxiliary

Canteen Report

We've held our own throughout the summer months and all of our bar staff have had their working vacations (they've even been a bit lonely at times).

Fall will soon be upon us with the start of all the winter sports. For those of you who have not made it in during the wonderful weather, we have missed you and we're looking forward to seeing you all again soon.



Terrie Gubbins
President
Ladies
Auxiliary



Dawn
Lewis
Canteen
Chair

Sick Report

April 2010

- 03 - Marv Turpin at home
- 09 - Ken Slote at General
- 14 - Sue Logue Home after surgery
- 26 - Ken Slote moved - Dundas Retirement Place
- 29 - Marilyn Scott at General in Brantford
- 29 - Bob Potter at Villa

May 2010

- 04 - Bill Westoby at General
- 07 - Bill Westoby at home
- 07 - Shaun Hughes at home – knee
- 12 - Leanna Eves at Henderson – surgery
- 14 - Peter Agnew at General – Stroke
- 14 - Marilyn Scott – at home
- 18 - Leanna Eves at home
- 27 - Marv Turpin at St.Joe's
- 27 - Peter Agnew at General – Rehab.
- 31 - Marv Turpin at home

June 2010

- 02 - Bill Westoby at home – very slow
- 04 - Wayne McKay at Mac
- 08 - Marv Turpin – very slow
- 09 - Wayne McKay at Mac
- 09 - Peter Agnew improving
- 13 - Wayne McKay in General – surgery
- 15 - Jim Whitlaw at General
- 16 - Jim Whitlaw – isolation
- 16 - Peter Agnew at General
- 16 - Wayne McKay – family only
- 17 - Bob Potter staying at the Villa
- 17 - Ken Slote moved to Bertram Place
- 21 - Jim Whitlaw at General
- 21 - Wayne McKay at General
- 21 - Peter Agnew at General - improving
- 24 - Wayne McKay moved -Henderson
- 28 - Visited Wayne McKay - Henderson
- 30 - Gerry Belec at St.Joe's – surgery



**Stan Hicks
Sick and
Last Post
Chair**

July 2010

- 03 - Joe Freelove out and about
- 04 - Visited Gerry Belec at St.Joe's ICU
- 04 - Visited Peter Agnew at General
- 07 - Gerry Belec new room at St.Joe's
- 08 - Jim Whitlaw at Villa Rehab
- 11 - Peter Agnew at General home soon
- 11 - Wayne McKay at Henderson
- 14 - Gerry Belec St.Joe's, home soon
- 14 - Peter Agnew at home
- 14 - Al Unwin at Henderson
- 19 - Visited Wayne McKay Henderson
- 19 - Visited Al Unwin at Henderson
- 19 - Visited Gerry Belec at home
- 22 - Al Unwin home
- 27 - Al Unwin at home – feeling better
- 27 - Gerry Belec at home – still sore
- 28 - Visited Wayne McKay at St.Pete's

Last Post

Art Whitelaw – 27th April, 2010

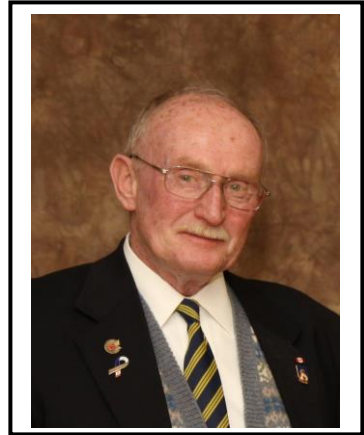
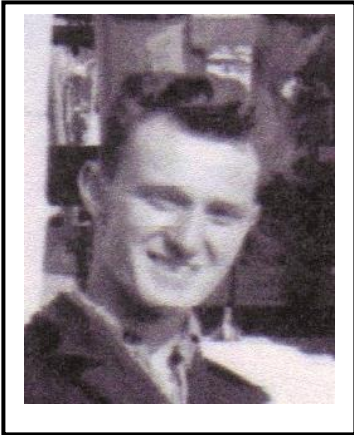
Dot Paterson – 9th May, 2010

Martha Craig – 14th June, 2010

We Will Remember Them

Identify Your Fellow Legion Member Answer

On page 1 a picture was supplied of a Branch 36 member, on active duty in 1960 on HMCS Fort Erie. You were asked to try and identify him. A recent picture of him appears below on the right.



If you guessed **Jim Sherring**,
Congratulations, you were right.

Youth Education Report

Again, in 2010, Valley City Branch 36 Youth Education Committee will challenge students throughout the region to describe their impressions of the sacrifices that Canadian men and women have made over many years in preserving our Canadian freedoms.



Lorne Evans
Youth
Education
Chair

Students from grade 4 to 12 are invited to submit colour posters, black and white posters, poetry, and essays on the theme of remembrance.

Last year, much of the work was exceptionally good. The branch had seven zone winners and one district winner in various levels of the competitions.

Clearly, students gain insight into Canadian contributions to military operations, including peace keeping. Many teachers incorporate this exercise into the curriculum, and of course, the students who get involved enjoy the recognition and the prize money that come with their success.

If your son or daughter, grandchildren, nieces or nephews are interested in these meaningful competitions, please tell them to contact the branch, or have their teachers contact the branch early in the coming school year.

We sincerely hope to continue to build on the programme's recent successes.

Lorne Evans
Youth Education Chair

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

August – 2010

Sunday - 22nd August - Family BBQ - 4-6pm

Monday - 30th August - Monday Mixed Darts Meeting

September - 2010

Monday - 6th September - LABOUR DAY - CLOSED

Wednesday - 8th September - Youth Dart Registration - 6:30pm

Thursday - 9th September - Womens Dart Registration - 7pm

Thursday - 9th September - Mens Dart Registration - 7pm

Friday - 10th September - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 10th September - UNCORKED Entertains from 7-11pm

Wednesday - 15th September - GENERAL MEETING 8pm -

All members are welcome to attend.

Sunday - 19th September - Family BBQ - 4-6pm

Sunday - 19th September - Beginning of LEGION WEEK

Wednesday - 22nd September Snooker challenge vs HAFA

Friday - 24th September - Beef on a Bun

Friday - 24th September - Johnny Cash Tribute

Saturday - 25th September - Legion Week Triathlon - 12noon

October 2010 Events

Friday - 1st October - Turkey Roll - 8:00pm

Friday - 8th October - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 8th October - Dave Burden - 7:00-10:00pm

Friday - 22nd October - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 22nd October - Mike Woods - 7:00-11:00pm

New Legion Members are always welcome

Invite friends and relatives to Legion events

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