



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
November – 2016

## “In Flanders Fields”

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



## Lest We Forget



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## **President's Report**

I would like to welcome everyone back from summer hiatus to the many fall/winter activities which are offered here at our branch. Please take a look at what is offered and come out to support the sports leagues, activities, dinners etc. Come out and enjoy all that your branch has to offer!



**Gord  
Sharpe  
President**

This fall we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the inception of this branch. 90 years of service to our veterans, our members and our community. We will be marking this occasion with a special evening on Friday, November 4th. The evening will feature music from "Little Peter and the Elegants". Come out and join us for an evening of entertainment, celebration and lots of fun!

Remembrance Day is fast approaching and it would be wonderful to see as many members as possible signing up to distribute poppies. It only takes a couple of hours of your time to make this campaign successful. This is a very important time of the year to show your support and respect to all of the Veterans that have sacrificed so much so that you and I can enjoy the life and freedoms that we do. You do not need a Legion uniform to volunteer. All of the money collected by our Branch stays in our area to support local hospitals, long term care facilities, and Cadets, etc. If you don't feel that you can volunteer in this way there is also a need for in house help. Contact our Poppy Chairman Jim Byron to see how you can make a difference. Thank you.

Always keep in mind that our Branch is fueled by volunteers. If it wasn't for these hard working individuals we wouldn't have the great Branch that we have. If you are interested in helping out with any of the events that are held, please leave your name and phone number with the bar steward on duty or speak to any member of the executive.

It's that time of the year again! Time to renew your membership. Our Membership Chair Mike Alkerton or any of the bar stewards will be happy to accept your dues for next year. Renew by November 30th and be eligible for the "Early Bird" draw.

We have been pleased to welcome several new members to our branch over the past year. It is good see our numbers growing. If you see new faces please take some time to get to know them and help get them

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acquainted with all that Branch 36 has to offer.

This is your Branch, Yours to enjoy all of the wonderful events offered throughout the year, comradeship with other members and the pride of being part of an institution which has lasted 90 years! Come out and bring your friends! I look forward to seeing you at the Branch.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to speak to any member of your executive. We were elected by the members to work for you.

**Gord Sharpe** - President Branch 36

### In Flanders Fields Poem – History

On May 3, 1915, in the First World War's Second Battle of Ypres, Canadian combat surgeon John McCrae was grief-stricken at the death of a friend and comrade, and overwhelmed by the sheer carnage and death around him. He wrote In Flanders Fields to express his sorrow and commemorate Lt. Alexis Helmer and the thousands of other soldiers dying in that conflict.

In Flanders Fields was first published 100 years ago, in December 1915, in England's Punch magazine. It became perhaps the most popular poem from the First World War and inspired the choice of the poppy as a symbol of the sacrifices made in that and subsequent wars. To this day, the poem is recited at Remembrance Day services in Canada and around the world. It and its French-language adaptation, Au Champ d'honneur, are engraved on marble plaques in the Memorial Chamber inside the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

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## Sports Report

With the coming of fall our new sports schedule has started. Snooker has started on Mondays and Mens and Womens Dart Leagues have begun on Thursday. If you are interested in playing please let us know as I am sure we can make room for a few more players.

Keep Friday, 2nd December open as this is our Christmas Sports Turkey Roll. Tickets are being printed as we speak.

Finally we will be hosting the Zone Snooker Tournament on 7th January starting at 9:00am.

**Stan Sklepowicz** - Sports Chair



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports  
Chair**

### Wing Nights crew makes them a Tasty Success



During the summer we replaced our monthly Fish Fry nights with Wing Nights and they were a great success due in a large part to the skills of the crew of volunteers who made the wings. Pictured above in the Branch 36 kitchen are the Wing crew: Joe Thorogood, Stan Sklepowicz, John White and Brian Holme.

*(Picture courtesy Peter Whittaker)*



**Doug Rivers**  
Canteen  
Chair

## Canteen Report

Sales of our local craft beer from SHED breweries have proven to be a big success. Sales have exceeded previous sales of the brand it replaced. The security cameras are now all up and running, and a monitor will be installed in the banquet hall bar at a later date. We did experience some problems with the debit machine but these have since been resolved. There seemed to be some interference at the end of the bar location so the machine has been moved into the office and is working just fine!

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

## Special Events Report

Volunteers built the Legion's float for the Dundas Cactus Festival parade and the Branch 36 members who rode on it in the parade enjoyed a great ride through town.



**Dave Hawthorne**  
Special  
Events  
Chair

## Remembrance Day Parade and Service Schedule

All Legion members and veterans are urged to take part in the parade, or the service at the War Memorial outside the Community Centre on King Street West.

On Friday, 11th November the Remembrance Day Parade will form up at Sydenham and King Streets in Dundas with the following schedule:

10:15am - Parade fall in

10:30am - Parade marches off to Memorial at Community Center

10:45am - Remembrance Service at memorial

12 noon - After the service the parade will march to the Branch for refreshments.

*Dave Hawthorne* - Special Events Chair

### \*\*\* Animals at the SPCA have other needs \*\*\*

Pam Jamieson works on the bar and is involved with the SPCA. You can help the animals in the care of the SPCA by donating clean towels, wash cloths, blankets, afghans and also dog or cat food. Just bring your donations to the Branch and Pam will be get them to the SPCA. Thank you from all the animals at the SPCA - ARF, ARF, MEOW, MEOW, Snort, Snort, Sniffle, Sniffle !

## Membership Report

Our membership is starting to decline. We are not recruiting as well as we have in other years, So we must step it up. The best way is for Branch members to bring in friends and neighbors. Show them what we have and then sign them up. Remember our motto “Just Bring One”.



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

Please try to renew before 30th November. There will be an “Early Bird” draw and you could win back your membership dues.

“Snow Birds” please renew before you go south. After a long dry summer we could use the cash flow.

I hope to see many of you helping on the Poppy Drive and also on 11th November.

You can pay your dues \$55.00 this year by cash, cheque or debit at the branch. You can mail it in and I will return your membership card by mail.

**“Just Bring One”**

Merry Christmas to all,

**Mike Alkerton** - Membership Chair

**“Just Bring One”**

### 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.

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

**\*\*\* Upcoming Event:\*\*\*** The Veterans Christmas dinner is coming up on Wednesday 7th December with the Bar opening at 5:30 and the Dinner starting at 6:00pm. Get tickets at the bar.

# ***"Lest We Forget"***



## **Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans**

### **Poppy Fund Committee**

Jim Byron  
Faye Kielty  
Chris Slote

Wayne O'Connor  
Stan Hicks

Dear Comrades and Friends,

May I take this opportunity to bring your mind to our Annual Poppy Day Campaign.

One day each year we ask the people of Canada to wear a Poppy in remembrance of the thousands of brave men and women who gave their lives so that we may live in freedom with the right to worship God in our own way.

Throughout the country thousands of Canadian service men and women have returned to their families, and, due to the ravages of war suffer from disability, sickness, unemployment and the penalty of growing old, and need assistance.

In 1926 we assumed an obligation to assist Veterans, their widows, and their wives and families in the many difficulties which constantly confront them - such as sickness, death, and pensions.

We, your Dundas Poppy Committee, remember 365 days of the year, so we ask that on November 11th, you will remember the sacrifices made by Veterans for us, and wear a Poppy.

Any donations to our Poppy Fund will be gratefully received and acknowledged by a receipt.

We welcome you to join us in our Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph, at 10:45 a.m. on November 11th to remember.

Please forward your donation to:  
Branch 36, Royal Canadian Legion,  
280 King Street West,  
Dundas, Ontario, L9H 1W1

Cheques should be made payable to The Dundas Poppy Fund.  
An official receipt will be forwarded for Income Tax purposes.

***“A Poppy is easier to carry than a Cross”.***



Yours Sincerely  
**Jim Byron** (905-578-2758)  
Chairperson  
The Poppy Fund Committee



**Jim Byron**  
Poppy Fund  
Chair

**\*\*\* 2016 Poppy Campaign \*\*\***

**Poppy Distributers Needed**

Campaign Dates: October 28th, 29th and 31st, November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th.

A sheet has been posted in the Branch asking you to supply your name and date(s) available and your phone number.

**Jim Byron** - Poppy Campaign Chairman (905-578-2758)

## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

**President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3pm**

**Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm**

### **October 2016 Events**

Friday - 28<sup>th</sup> October - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 28<sup>th</sup> October - 2015 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day

### **November 2016 Events**

Friday – 4<sup>th</sup> November – Legion 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dance Celebration

Sunday - 6<sup>th</sup> November - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

Tuesday - 8<sup>th</sup> November - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Friday - 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day Parade and Service

10:15am - Parade falls in at Memorial Square/Dundas Firehall

10:30am - Parade marches to Memorial at Community Centre

10:45am - Memorial service commences

Parade marches to Branch 36 site

Reception - 12 noon / Presentations -12:30pm in Banquet Hall upstairs

Friday - 18<sup>th</sup> November - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 18<sup>th</sup> November - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Friday - 25<sup>th</sup> November - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday - 26<sup>th</sup> November - Dundas Modular Railway Flea Market - 10-3pm

### **December 2016 Events**

Friday - 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Sports Turkey Roll, Early Bird Draw, L.A. Annual Draw & Ladies Auxiliary Annual Draw - 7pm for tickets - draws at 8:00pm

Wednesday - 7<sup>th</sup> December - Veterans Christmas Dinner Bar - 5:30pm

Friday - 9<sup>th</sup> December - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 9<sup>th</sup> December - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Tuesday - 13<sup>th</sup> December - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Saturday - 24<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Singing Contest - 12-5pm - close at 5:00pm

Sunday - 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day - Branch Closed

Monday - 26<sup>th</sup> December - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

Tuesday - 27<sup>th</sup> December - Branch Closed

Saturday - 31<sup>st</sup> December - New Year's Eve Celebration - 8pm - FREE

### **January 2017**

Sunday - 1<sup>st</sup> January - New Year's - Branch Closed

Monday - 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Branch Closed

Tuesday - 10<sup>th</sup> January - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Friday - 13<sup>th</sup> January - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 13<sup>th</sup> January - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Tuesday - 17<sup>th</sup> January - General Meeting in Wentworth Room - 8pm

Friday - 27<sup>th</sup> January - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

## Poppy Fund Report

The Poppy Fund forwarded \$2,000 to the Parkwood Veterans Hospital in London, Ontario.

The Poppy Fund request to spend the following amounts on November 11th was approved at the Branch 36 General meeting which took place on September 20th, and submitted for approval to Provincial Command.



**Jim Byron**  
Poppy Fund  
Chair

The Salvation Army - \$3,000.00  
 Blackadar's - \$2,000.00  
 Highgate Retirement Home - \$2,000.00  
 Shalom Village - \$2,000.00  
 Wentworth Lodge - \$2,000.00  
 735 Firebird Air Cadet Squadron - \$3,000.00  
 R.C.S.C.C..Dundas Sea Cadets - \$3,000.00  
 2865 Artillery Army Cadets - \$3,000.00  
 Elevator expense - \$4,447.80

The current balance in the Poppy Fund Trust is \$66,935.59

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

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## **Ladies Auxiliary Report**

Greetings from your Ladies Auxiliary. I hope everyone had a great summer. Now it's time to jump right back into business as usual.

**Sports:** We had four of our ladies play in the Singles and Doubles Dart tournament in September. The Doubles team of Terry Kobylinski and Terry Gubbins came in third and will be moving on, I believe in November. Terry Kobylinski also took First place in the singles. Congratulations Ladies. Well played.



**Debbie  
Cooley  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary**

On Saturday 15th October our team that placed fourth in Euchre in June will be going on to District Euchre in Acton. Good Luck to Debbie Cooley, Janice Mancini, Dana Dilabbio and Sue Sklepowicz.

We are also hosting the Zone sports meeting 16th October with a Fun Day to follow with both darts and cards.

Beef on a Bun Nights have started back already. We will not be serving Perogies and cabbage rolls this 28th October but have decided to try Octoberfest Sausage and sauerkraut. Please mark on your calendars the following dates for Beef nights: 25th November, 27th November, 27th January, 24th February, 24th March, 28th April and 26th. Hope to see you there.

And last but not least, our annual Christmas draw will start to sell tickets on 3rd November for the full month. Top prize this year is a little beer fridge with 2 gift certificates of \$100.00 each for the Beer store and the L.C.B.O., some cheer to celebrate the Christmas season. This draw helps us help the ones in our community that most need it at this time of year so please come out and buy tickets. If you'd like to donate a prize as well please contact our Convener Judy Hall-Wright at 905-627-8374 or myself at 905-393-6341. Thank you.

The final draw L.A. draw will be made during the Branch's annual Sports Turkey draw to be held on 2nd December, 2016.

Yours in Comradeship

***Debbie Cooley*** - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary President

## **Sick Report**

### **August 2016**

18th - visited Tom Belbeck at home with shingles  
23rd - Jean Davin in hospital in Oakville  
23rd - Chuck Clarkson did not have heat stroke  
24th - Ross Covert at St.Joe's - stroke  
24th - Earl Lewis at hospital - cracked bone hip  
26th - Bill Leckie at Juravinski - knee surgery  
28th - Bill Leckie at home



**Stan Hicks  
Sick / Last  
Post Chair**

### **September 2016**

2nd - Earl Lewis at home  
12th - Vivian Thornton at General  
12th - Joe Freelove at General  
13th - Joe Freelove at home  
15th - Vivian Thornton at home  
21st - Len Sharpe at General - No Visitors  
28th - Len Sharpe at home

### **October 2016**

2nd- Fred Scargall at Juravinski - broken hip  
5th - Pat Dumayne at General - pacemaker and now home  
7th - Visited Fred Scargall at Juravinski

**Stan Hicks** - Sick and Last Post Chair Phone 905 627-7445

### **Last Post**

**Arthur Spring - 29th June, 2016  
Bill Stewart - 4th August, 2016**

***We Will Remember Them***

## House Report

I'm happy we have solved an issue with the kitchen air conditioning - it wasn't serious just a breaker switch was off.

It's good to see the air conditioning units that we installed are doing a good job keeping the Canteen and Wentworth room comfy.

I have almost finished a small building for storing the BBQs - I scrounged most of the materials from **Turkstra Lumber**, and the shingles were free as well and I have sent them a thank you letter. I will now be going to **Aerloc Aluminum** to try to scrounge some sheeting to cover it.

Now that all these jobs are being completed, maybe we can finally get to retiling the stairs and landing leading to the Banquet Hall.

Time flies when the weather is so good and we are already thinking of the Fall Work Party which will be on Sunday, 6th November. I have put up a signup sheet in the Branch and hope that we get the usual good turnout of volunteers to spruce up the Branch, prior to the Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

If anyone can think of something which would improve the look of our Branch please tell comrade Gord Sharpe or myself. Enough said, Thank You to all.

**Paul Penney** - House Chair "Many hands make light work!"



**Paul  
Penney  
House &  
Grounds  
Chair**

## Banquet Hall Report



**Doug Rivers  
Banquet  
Hall  
Chair**

Thanks to Paul Penney we will soon be starting on work to improve the stairway leading to the banquet hall. We are just trying to schedule the work when we have a few days that the hall is not being used. I would like to recognize and give a special thanks (as you should) to some people who's work is extremely important but seldom thought about or mentioned. The first is Jeff, our custodian who does a terrific job of keeping everything neat and clean, and also setting up the tables and chairs for different functions in the banquet hall. Thanks Jeff! Next is Lisa, who nobody ever sees because she comes in during the mornings on

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weekends to do the cash and prepare the tills for the bar staff. Thanks Lisa! Last but by no means least is Dale. She is basically the eyes and ears of our branch. She is officially the treasurer, paying the bills, managing all the ledgers etc., but her work day touches on every aspect of our branch's activities. When you have a question, chances are she is to go-to person for an answer. She has helped me immensely during my short time here and I think we should all say thank you for the job (jobs) she does. Thanks Dale!

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



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Bursary  
Chair**

### **Bursary Report**

We still have lots of Ontario Bursary forms and Belec Bursary forms available. These are for students doing full-time post secondary education.

For eligibility and forms please contact me at home at 905-628-2822, or here at the branch at 905-627-7221.

***Mike Alkerton*** - Bursary 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

### **Christmas Food Drive**

**Attention Comrades:** Each year we collect CANNED GOODS for needy families, and this year is no different. There are people in our community that we can help by donating food at this festive time of year, when we are giving thanks for what we ourselves enjoy. Bring your Donations to the Branch until December 20th.

**Thank you for your support !!!**

## **Fulfill your Legion Oath – Distribute Poppies!**

Volunteering to distribute Poppies in the Dundas Poppy Fund campaign is a small part that you can play and make a big difference. Last year your efforts in distributing Poppies resulted in contributions of \$15,000 to the Juravinski Hospital for Cancer Research, and \$15,000 dollars to St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas for use in care of veterans residing at the Villa.

You don't have to take time off work to do it, just volunteer a few hours in one evening and you will make a difference to veterans and the community in which you live. The community out there wants to contribute to the fund, we just have to get out there and receive the contributions and in return a Poppy to recognize the donation.

The sign-up sheet for volunteers to distribute Poppies is now posted, add your name and fulfill the oath you made when you joined the Legion.

***Peter Whittaker*** - Public Relations Chair

## **Entertainment Report**

Trivia begins following the Fish Fry as of October, and occurs monthly until the Spring. Teams of up to 6 are welcome, and it only costs \$5/player. We ask that you be there for 7:30pm to register your team so that we can start right at 8:00pm.



**Chris Turner**  
Entertainment  
Chair

Little Peter and the Elegants performed at our Valentine dance earlier this year, and are back on November 4<sup>th</sup> to perform at a dance celebrating the Legion's 90th birthday, so get your tickets early at the bar or from Dave Hawthorne.

Please also join us for our first Comedy Night at the Legion December 10th featuring the comedy stylings of Ben Guyatt and a Guest Performer. Watch the website and Facebook to learn more as the date approaches. Please feel free to approach Bob or I about tickets, and tickets will also be available at the bar. There will be limited seating so please get the tickets early.

***Chris Turner*** - Entertainment Chair

## Colour Party Report

On 18th August the Colour Party took part in the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade. On 2nd October the Colour Party attended the Legion convention in St.Catharines with the hopes of attending a Colour Party competition. Due to excessive rain, the competition was cancelled and an indoor service took place. Although we missed out taking part in the competition, we all enjoyed ourselves and the day. The rain of course stopped as soon as the indoor service was completed.



**James  
Byron  
Colour  
Party  
Commander**

Our Colour Party always has openings for new members. A few extra members would make it easier in case of illness or unavailability. Training and help getting uniforms will be provided. At the moment our Dundas Branch 36 Colour Party has an award winning unit and we'd like to keep it that way.

New members are invited to any of our practices which will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday evening – 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm

Tuesday evening – 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm

Tuesday evening - 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm

Tuesday evening - 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm

**Jim Byron** - Colour Party Commander - 905-578-2758

### Fall Work Party Volunteers Needed

Fall is here and we are asking for volunteers for our Fall Work Party to get the building and grounds ship-shape in time for Remembrance week and show our veterans that we care.

A sign-up sheet will be posted and everyone is welcome to come as we have various jobs to be done. This year's work party starts at 9:00am on **Sunday, 6th November, 2016** and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.

**Paul Penney** - House Chair