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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
November - 2020

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President's Report

These have been, and continue to be very difficult times for Branch 36. Let me first and foremost thank Dale, Gord, Mike, Wayne O., and Marvin (my apologies to anyone I missed) for keeping the Branch together during this unprecedented period.



Doug Rivers
President

I also want to thank all of the Sports leagues, the Ladies Auxiliary and many, many individuals too numerous to mention, who have all made donations to the Branch. They are very much appreciated. Special thanks to Susan Crago for her work on our new poster featured on the back page of The Bullytin, and to Peter Whittaker for putting The Bullytin newsletter together. Finally, all of our thanks to Dave Hawthorne who has resigned his position of 2nd Vice President - Thank you Dave for all your years of dedicated service.

Comrades, things are not the same. My first duty is to ensure the health and safety of our staff and clientele. My second duty is to keep the Branch operating and financially stable, while working within the pandemic guidelines imposed by government and local health authorities. With COVID-19 restrictions in place for indoor and outdoor gatherings, I regret to announce that our official Remembrance Day parade and service at the cenotaph, and our reception at the Legion will not take place this year. This was a very difficult decision to make, but one that was made after careful consideration of the safety of the public, our members and guests.

Anyone wishing to place a wreath at the cenotaph is welcome to do so before 11:00am, or after 11:15am, providing you follow social distancing guidelines and COVID-19 protocols.

Comrades, changes are happening day by day, but be assured that your Executive will always strive to ensure that Branch 36 will continue to be an integral part of the community, continue to honour Veterans and their service as it has been done primarily for the past 94 years.

Please stay safe.

Doug Rivers - President Branch 36



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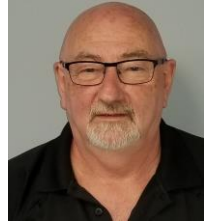
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Ways and Means Report

“Catch the Ace” is a progressive multi-draw raffle lottery providing participants a chance to win a weekly prize and a progressive jackpot. The growing progressive jackpot acts as a tool to drive recurring purchases and attract new players while engaging existing players week over week.



Peter Howard
Ways and Means Chair

Due to the restrictions placed on us by the Covid-19 situation we are now looking at the possibility of utilizing the on-line version of “Catch the Ace”, this will enable us to reach a wider audience than the manual method of selling the tickets.

Peter Howard - Ways and Means Chair

Honours and Awards Report

Provincial and Municipal rules have been set up to protect your health and stop the COVID-19 pandemic.

The rules to fight COVID-19 limit the total number of people allowed in a building, require social distancing and also require the wearing of masks.

With your health, and these rules in mind, Branch 36 has had to cancel the 2020 Veteran’s Christmas Dinner in December.



Al Boyle
Honours and Awards Chair

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Our deepest apologies to you. We hope that next year we will again be able to honour you, our Branch 36 Veterans at Christmas.

Al Boyle - 3rd Vice President and Honours and Awards Chair

Sports Report

Welcome to the new normal - as of right now, due to the COVID-19 pandemic all Inter-Branch Legion Sports activities are cancelled until further notice. Legion Command will keep us updated.

Our Branch In-House sports will begin within the month, following all COVID-19 Provincial and Municipal health protocols.

Please be thoughtful and aware of others when you're planning to play in any of our events.

Thank you and stay safe.

Stan Sklepowicz - Sports Chair



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

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Food Banks and YOU

Food banks have always existed in one form or another to help our fellow Canadians.

Branch 36 has over 600 members and we should be able to make a good collection of food for a local Food Bank during this giving season.

You might easily have to use a Food Bank someday, so why not make a contribution to a food bank now. Branch 36 has a box in the clubroom for your food bank contributions NOW.

Each time you come into Branch 36 bring a non-perishable food item with you and make a contribution to the food bank.

Please make your contribution NOW!

We can't always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

The school of experience would be more pleasant if there were a vacation once in a while.

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Membership Report

First the Good News: Dues remain the same as last year \$55.00.

The Branch and the Legion are very restricted as to our activities - that is the bad news.

There will be more information in this Bullytin.

I sincerely hope that you will renew your membership for 2021.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership**

The Branch and the Legion “NEED YOUR HELP” so that we may continue to serve our community and give help and comfort to those thousands of men and women who put on the uniform to protect our country and way of life.

You may pay your dues by mail (cheque) or our preferred way, drop into the Branch and pay by cheque, cash or debit card,

New this year, “Pay Online” - go to legion.ca and follow the links. Several members have done this already. One member who has done this is 94 years old – so there is hope for me on computers.

As an incentive to be an “Early Bird” those members who have paid by 30th November will be in a draw to win back their dues.

So again, please try to bring a new member (“**Just Bring One**”) and this year the Branch needs your help.

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair
(Home 905-627-2822 / Branch 905-627-7221)

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 function you may require.
Just call the office to book the room (905) 627-7221.

Canada's Heroic Services

Canada Post issued a set of 5 stamps that pay tribute to the courageous members of the Canadian Armed Forces, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and search and rescue experts who put their lives at risk to protect and provide assistance to Canadians and visitors to Canada during times of emergency.



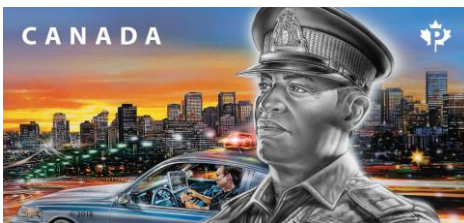
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Canadian Armed Forces



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“Lest We Forget”

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



Poppy Fund Committee

Jim Byron

Stan Hicks

Mark Mainprize

Chris Slote

Wayne O'Connor

Dear Comrades and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to bring your mind once again to our Annual Poppy Day Campaign. Due to COVID-19 this year will be like no other we have faced before. While much of our campaign will remain the same, much of it will be changed.

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 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 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 with a tax receipt.

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

Cheques should be made payable to – “**DUNDAS POPPY FUND**”. An official receipt will be forwarded for Income Tax purposes.

Our Remembrance Parade will not be taking place this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

“A Poppy is easier to carry than a Cross”

Yours Sincerely

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



**Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair**

***** 2020 Poppy Campaign *****

Poppy Distributers Needed

Campaign Dates: October 30th and 31st, November 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 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)

Poppy Fund Report

A generous donation was made to the Poppy Fund in remembrance of Gord Allan Watkins.

Chris Slote and I attended a Poppy Seminar on the 12th September, 2020 and were given more information as to how this year's Poppy Campaign will be run.



**Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair**

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of 31st August, 2020 is: \$60,231.05.

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

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Saturday - 3-4pm

Open following days in November, December, January

Thursday - 2pm - 9pm

Friday - 2pm - 6pm

Saturday - 1 - 5pm

November 2020 Events

Sunday - 8th - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

December 2020 BRANCH CLOSED

Friday - 25th - Christmas Day - Branch Closed

COVID-19 Symptoms and Action to take

New or worsening cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Temperature equal to or over 38°C

Feeling feverish

Chills

Fatigue or weakness

Muscle or body aches

New loss of smell or taste

Headache

Gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting)
feeling very unwell

If you're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, contact your local public health authority and isolate yourself at home for 14 days to avoid spreading it to others. Most people with mild symptoms will recover on their own. Source Government of Ontario

Fall Work Party

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, 8th November, 2020 and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.

Public Relations Report

Branch 36 looks great with the newly decorated Club and Wentworth rooms.

The walls were painted by Marv Turpin and you should drop by the Branch and see his work. Marv’s business card was added to this issue of the Bullytin and if you need any work doing then get in touch with Marv.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair



Peter Whittaker
Public Relations Officer

Sick Report

January 2020

- 15th - Larry O’Connor had hip surgery
- 15th - Ivan Bucci at home – heart
- 23rd - Wally Willet at home
- 30th - Ivan Bucci – new valve installed at home
- 31st - Larry O’Connor out and about



Stan Hicks
Sick and Last Post Chair

February 2020

- 4th - Ivan Bucci out and about
- 4th - Jeff Hodgson at home

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April 2020

29th - Tammy Valois at hospital – surgery

May 2020

6th - Tammy Valois at home

June 2020

7th - Chuck Clarkson - pace maker installed

9th - Chuck Clarkson at home

July 2020

23rd - Larry Baird at hospital – hip replaced

23rd - Dana Dilabbio at home

27th - Chuck Clarkson at hospital and home

30th - Rodger Fenton at hospital and home

August 2020

3rd - Yves Cayen in and out of hospital

23rd - Dana Dilabbio at Juravinski hospital

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

Last Post

Howard Elliott - 4th February, 2020

Maurice Poirier - 11th February, 2020

Tom Binkley - 24th February, 2020

Dave Warren - 13th March, 2020

Bill Williamson - 16th March, 2020

Albert Edward Lewis - 2nd April, 2020

Irene Sobering - 20th May, 2020

Wes Brindle - 11th June, 2020

Shawn Hughes - 12th June, 2020

Colin Brown - 20th August, 2020

Marg Rayner - 23rd August, 2020

Bev Brooks - 25th August, 2020

Chuck Clarkson - 31st August, 2020

John Matthie - 4th September, 2020

Ed Kobylinski – 20st September, 2020

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House Report

During the COVID-19 closure it has given us time to make improvements, modifications and repairs to Branch 36.

The military medals in the 3 cabinets are now in a case in the club room. If you would like one of the old cabinets they are available for removal. ASAP. The photos of Past Presidents will be reframed and hung in the Wentworth Room.

The Compressor room door has been repaired,

Most of the painting is completed. Many thanks to Marv Turpin and Wayne O'Connor for their hard work. Plumbing and electrical issues were dealt with, and lighting throughout the building was checked and repaired as needed.

There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board for the Fall cleanup day. Date TBA.

Gord Sharpe - Past President and House Chair



**Gord
Sharpe
House
Chair**

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Bursary Report

Again, this year Provincial Command is offering Bursaries to students who are full-time university or community college students.

For further information call me at 905-628-2852 (Home) or 905-627-7221 (Branch).

Branch 36 again this year is offering 5 Bursaries to students but the sponsoring person must a member of Branch 36 - that is grandfather (mother), father, mother, associate.

Again, any questions please contact me.

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair



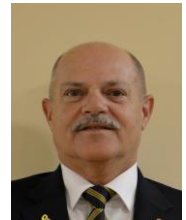
**Mike
Alkerton
Bursary
Chair**

Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist Veterans at our branch by identifying those of you 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**

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Colour Party Report

After the Colour Party last met for the Honours and Awards Ceremony back on Sunday, March 1, we heard of this virus that had been sweeping across this planet. No one understood the impact that it would have on our society, as well as our lives in the coming days.



**Greg
Sherring
Colour Party
Commander**

The Colour Party had been training and preparing for one of the busiest years of parading our flags in recent memory. In just eight weeks, after the Honours & Awards Banquet, the Colour Party was booked for five parades in six days in the first week in May, the D-Day Church Parade and Service on June 7, and our first time to be included in the Cactus Festival Parade on Thursday, August. 20.

By the end of the first week in March, the country had pretty much been put mostly into a lockdown. The COVID-19 pandemic hit North America by storm. A pandemic that hasn't been seen since 1918 just after WW I ended, when a Spanish Flu pandemic gripped the world.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all gatherings were cancelled, and still to this date, we have not been able to hold any service functions.

We must wear our face coverings, and maintain social distancing while we practice, so that when we can get back to normal functions such as parades, whether indoors or out, your Colour Party will be ready for them.

**Stay healthy - Wear your mask Stay safe - Keep 2m
apart**

Greg Sherring - Colour Party Commander

There is nothing wrong with the younger generation that the older generation didn't outgrow.

Membership dues are now due !



COVID-19 closed Branch 36. We have reopened Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Drop by and visit the Branch.

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 Friday, 18th December.

Thank you for your support!