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*Please remember those lost and harmed while serving their country
and pray for those presently serving in our armed forces.*



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322
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Last Post



*They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
“We Will Remember Them”
Lest We Forget Lest We Forget*



Condolence

To the families of Branch 322 Members

**Jack Windsor
Annabelle Tkalec**

Canadians Killed In Afghanistan

**Cpl. Matthew Dinning
Bombardier Myles Mansell
Lieut. William Turner
Cpl. Randy Payne
Capt. Nichola Goddard**



A Military Prayer

*Lord hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
for the selfless acts they perform
for us in our time of need.
Lord help them complete their work
and bring them safely home to us.
Amen.*

Executive Committee
2006-2007

Branch Officers

President	Mike O'Hara
1st Vice President	Bruce Sharpe
2nd Vice President	Mike Fitzpatrick
3rd Vice President	Jim Moore
Secretary	Emma Smith
Treasurer	Bruce South

Standing Committees

Padre	Herbert Batstone
Sgt. at Arms	Butch Andrews
Veteran Services	Cyril Best
Poppy	Jim Moore
Canteen/Building	Bruce Sharpe
Public Relations	Doug Smith
Membership	Bruce South
By-Laws	Cyril Best
Honours & Awards	Ken Brown
Ways & Means	Chester McConnell
Sick & Visiting	Bettie MacDonald
Legion Seniors	Sheila Boyer
Building	Bruce Sharpe
Youth Education	Janet Kaminsky
Nevada	Doug Smith
Branch Picnic	Reg Sherren
Bingo	Emma Smith
Sports	Kent Bradley
Canada Day	Ron Moriarity
Entertainment/Special Events	Mike Fitzpatrick
Liaison/Ladies Auxiliary	Anna McInnes
Children's Christmas Party	Reg Sherren
Ajax Home Week	Ken Brown
Co-Chair Entertainment	Tom Blanchard
Co-Chair Membership	Jim Weisflock

Ladies Auxiliary

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General Meeting	1st Wednesday of the month	8:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Last Wednesday of the month	7:30 p.m.

President's Report



Thank you all. Everyone who supported me over the last year : The Executive , the Ladies Auxiliary , The Colour Guard , all the volunteers who gave up their time to make our Legion the best , friendliest Legion there is . . We can now look forward to another successful year with your continued support . It's your Legion.. make it great!!

Since the beginning of my term in office, I have to sadly report that we have had to attend Legion Funeral services for three of our veterans that have passed on. They will be

missed, but not forgotten.

However on the brighter side, we also have many veterans who are in good health. It gives me a great sense of happiness to see them still attending our Veteran's Dinner, Senior's Day, and other various functions at the branch.

We had an extremely successful Poppy campaign this year, probably our most prosperous in many years. A thank you goes out to the Chairman, also to all our members who participated as well as our always reliable Navy Cadets, for their involvement in making this year's campaign, the roaring accomplishment that it was.

Our Remembrance Day Service was very well attended, with participation from numerous students from several schools in the area, and a magnificent turn-out from the wonderful citizens of Ajax, as well as many supportive politicians.

I walked into the new term, with the Branch in need of major roof and building repairs. We repaired the roof in late June at a cost of approximately forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000.00.) In the fall we installed a new Draught system at a cost of about nine thousand dollars, (\$9,000.00,) and at the same time, implemented a complete reorganization of our inventory system, which included delivery of products, storage, and quality control. The many problems and issues that we had continually encountered in the past with regards to our liquor dispensing Berg system have been addressed and rectified.

This new system supplies the long sought after Draught beer to our upstairs halls, and I am happy to say, has been a huge success in increasing our beer sales dramatically. We also were very determined and had very positive negotiations with our beer representatives, in acquiring four new draught towers for the new system, at no cost to the Branch. This I am proud to say was a saving to us in the area of twelve thousand (\$12,000.00) dollars.

In December our HVAC system (heating and air conditioning) went down and had to be replaced at an additional expense of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00.)

New dishwashers have been installed in the kitchen and Clubroom. Both are being leased at a nominal monthly fee. A section of the kitchen floor had been badly damaged and that has been repaired. We recently replaced our Dart Board cabinets which was long overdo, at a cost of approximately thirty five hundred dollars,