

In closing, I'd like to thank our Ladies Auxiliary, our Colour Guard members, our Executive Committee and all of the volunteers who give their time, and work so hard to make this Branch so successful.

Yours in Comradeship
Mike O'Hara

Editorial



The mission of The Royal Canadian Legion is "to serve veterans and their dependants, to promote Remembrance, and to act in the service of the community." In essence, the purposes and objectives of the Legion were born of the need to further the spirit of comradeship and mutual assistance among all who have served and to never forget the deeds of the fallen. It is paramount that the Legion strives to pass on these goals and traditions to the families and descendants of our ex-service personnel and to raise this awareness among all Canadians.

The major source of funding for the Legion to accomplish this most important work is the annual Poppy Campaign, the foundation of our Remembrance Program. It is the generosity of Canadians that enables the Legion to ensure that our veterans and their dependants are cared for and treated with the respect that they deserve. This November campaign, which sees Poppies distributed to Canadians of all ages, serves to perpetuate Remembrance by ensuring that the memory and sacrifices of our war veterans are never forgotten.

Remember the oath of every member in the Branch, the oath to participate in the Poppy Campaign. It is that time of year again. Please stand up and be counted and get involved this year. Believe me, you will meet some wonderful people and find it very rewarding.

Yours in Comradeship
Doug Smith
Public Relations Officer



Membership

The 2007 Early Bird membership campaign is well under way. Renewals of 2007 memberships were a little slow to start but things are starting to pick up.

There is just over a month left to take advantage of the Early Bird membership renewal fee of \$47.50. After November 30th, dues will be \$52.50. Renew your membership and save \$5.00. You will also be eligible for our monthly draws of 2 - \$50.00 prizes if you pay your dues before the 30th of November.

Membership committee members will be available on Friday evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sunday afternoons, if there is entertainment. When there is no one from the Membership committee is available, renewals can also be paid at the office on weekdays between the hours of 12 and 4 pm. Membership renewals can also be paid at the Bar. The Bar staff will gladly take your membership fee and your card will be processed in a day or so and be available behind the Bar. For a fee of \$1.00 extra, you can have your 2007 card mailed to you. Be sure to write your address on the payment envelope to ensure it will be mailed to the correct address.

Congratulations to the winners of our first of three Early Bird draws of \$50.00 each for the month of September. The first winner was **James O'Neill** (New member as of September 2006) and the second winner was **Jacqueline Northeim**. Renew your membership before November 30th, and you too, could be a \$50.00 winner...

On behalf of all our members in the Branch, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members who recently transferred into the Branch and to those who were initiated at the last General Meeting on October 4th.

Once again, be sure to take advantage of Early Bird membership renewal fee of \$47.50 as dues will go up to \$52.50 as of December 1st. Senior's renewals are \$30.00 and Veterans renewals are "no charge" if you have been a member of the Branch for a minimum of 5 years.

Bruce South
Membership Chairman



Branch 322



2007 Membership Renewal Information

Our 2007 Membership Renewal Program Begins

Friday, September 1st, 2006

Our Early Bird Campaign Runs from

September 1st, 2006 until November 30th, 2006.



<p>2007 Dues - \$52.50 Early Bird - \$47.50 (Ends November 30th) Seniors - \$30.00</p>



Each Month, During the Early Bird Campaign, Two draws of \$50.00 each will be made for those who have purchased their 2007 membership.

Your chances of winning one of the draws increase the earlier you purchase your 2007 membership.

If you purchase your 2007 membership in September, you will be eligible for all 3 draws !!!!

October only 2 draws, November only 1 draw.

The sooner you renew your membership for 2007, the better your odds of winning !!!!

During busy times at the Branch, membership committee members should be available to process your 2007 dues. During other times, you may pay your membership dues to the on duty Bar Steward. Please include your name (please print clearly), membership number and phone number along with your dues in the envelope provided. You can pick up your new membership card and key card after processing by the membership committee, at the Bar. This should only take a couple of days.

Poppy Week Update

November 11th is fast approaching and with it, Poppy Week.

Again this year we need your support. The sign-up board is now set up in the Club Room for you to enter where and when you would like to tag. No matter how much time you can give, it will be appreciated. Please remember your Poppy Oath when you joined the Legion and come out and help make this years' Poppy Campaign a great one.

The Annual Poppy Raffle tickets are on sale in the bar in the Club Room. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. All proceeds go to the Poppy fund.

The Poppy Dance is being held on Saturday November 4th from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am, featuring "Bill Dunn". Tickets are now on sales and are \$5.00 per person. We will be raffling off a stereo unit at the dance.

The Remembrance Parade is scheduled for Sunday November 5th. Get those Blues and Greys on and join us to make this a great showing. The parade forms up at the Branch at 12:30 pm and heads out at 1:15 pm for a 2:00 pm service at St Paul's United Church on Kings Crescent.

Following the Parade and Service, a Pot Luck dinner will be held in the large hall. Please sign up on the board in the Club Room and bring your favourite dish. Together we can make this work, so please help out.

The Saturday, November 11th Remembrance Service will be held outside in front of the Branch at the Cairn beginning at 10:45 am.

Reg Sherren
Poppy Chairman

