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*This Cairn Dedicated
By The Citizens Of
The Town Of Ajax
In Memory of
All Who Served On
H.M.S. Ajax*

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322
111 Hunt Street
Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P3

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

Syd Townsend

Terence Cook

Richard Bodley

Russell Cade

James Kelly



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	Reg Sherren
Secretary	Emma Smith
Treasurer	Bruce South

Standing Committees

Padre	Herbert Batstone
Sgt. at Arms	Butch Andrews
Veteran Services	Cyril Best
Poppy	Reg Sherren
Canteen	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

Ladies Auxiliary

President	Dorothy Buchanan
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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



It's hard to believe that summer is now over. I want to thank the Executive committee and all the members who helped to run the Branch during this period.

The Branch has been involved in a number of events. Ajax home Week took place from June 9th to the 18th. Our Colour Guard, the Ladies Auxiliary, a number of Veterans and Members took part in the Parade. We had an Auction night and Monte Carlo night that were quite successful. The Ladies Auxiliary held a Tea Garden at the Waterfront Festival that was well appreciated.

This was the first year that we held the Canada Day celebration inside. The event was well attended, we even had some visitors from the Confederation Era pay us a visit to help celebrate the day. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make it happen.

The picnic was held on July 9th and attendance was down from last year. We did have competition from the World Cup and Grand Prix which did not help. The feedback was very positive from the members there and everyone certainly had a good time.

Our Colour Guard and a group of our Members marched in the Annual Warriors Day Parade at the CNE on August 19th. A contingent of members went down on the bus as well to show support for our marchers.

Our financial situation is suffering because of the non-smoking that went into effect June 1st. Our Bar revenue has been down in June, July and August. Some people have suggested it's due to the summer months but I have done a comparison to the same months last year and we are trending below those numbers. We heard that once the smoking stopped we would see more of our non-smoking members return. So far this has not been the case. We have a problem and we hope it will not get much worse.

I've talked to three other Branches around us and was told that they too are experiencing problems and they have cut back their evening hours, closing at night as the traffic dictates. We have discussed our own situation in the Canteen meetings and the recommendations were presented and passed at the September 6th General Meeting. Our new hours will take effect September 25th.

I can not stress how important it is to reverse this trend if we are going to be around several years from now. We are a value to the community and would