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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

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Editor's Notes



We purposely delayed publishing this issue of the Hunter News in order to catch the Church Parade and Remembrance Ceremony. I didn't want to wait several months before we could show them. In the future, we will be staggering the publishing date to capture all these important events.

I was overwhelmed by the amount of material we had for this issue. Thank you to everyone that sent us items. We are going to put up a number of additional pictorials on the web site to cover what we can not do in the printed magazine when we get back from vacation.

Once again let me say that we take as many pictures as we can of each event. That does not mean that they all or any of them will be used. The process is to go through what we have done and pick what we think the majority of members will be interested in seeing. So please don't come up to me and say I didn't see my picture in the Hunter News.

I'd like to thank the Legion week committee for the hard work they put. Although we didn't have a lot of time to get the events together, it was a very successful week. It can only get better next year.

Congratulations to the great year that the Ladies Auxiliary are having. I've been at a number of their events and the member turn out has been great.

Thanks to my assistant editor who handled the final details so I could get away on vacation.

Yours in Comradeship
Doug Smith
Public Relations Officer

President's Report



The Ajax Branch is alive but far from well. Our yearend results were very disappointing compared to the prior year. We've just come through our worst revenue months and have been able to stay in the black. This has primarily been through careful expense controls. But you can only achieve success with this on a short term basis and that is why we have formed a revenue committee. It will be the committee's responsibility to come up with ideas and have them implemented to improve our financial strength.

I do have some good news. We had a very successful Legion Week thanks to our Legion Week committee. Besides our normal open house, we had a variety of entertainment most nights, along with a karaoke challenge, a jam session showcasing local talent and a Down Home dance. Our Molson and Labatt reps provided for most of the entertainers for the week and I thank them for their support. I'd also like to give a special thanks to one of our members, Brent Sharpe and his band "Group Therapy" for providing a free night of classic rock.

We also have initiated a large number of new members, which was good news. We had a membership booth set up at the Ajax Family Festival Trade Show for one weekend in September and handed out a large number of membership forms. We hope to see a lot of these be returned completed. We kicked off our early bird membership campaign September 1st and so far the results are encouraging.

It's great to see all the support of the Legion members at the repatriation processions for our soldiers killed outside the country in the line of duty. Our condolences go out to all their families.

We've just finished our Poppy campaign and I'd like to thank my committee and all those Branch members that supported our campaign. I'll have my final report in the next Hunter News.

In closing, I'd like to thank our Ladies Auxiliary, our Executive committee and all of the volunteers who give their time and work so hard for this Branch.

Yours In Comradeship
Mike O'Hara