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President's Report, Ron Hirschberger

Now that June, July and August are in the books, having attended the Air Cadets Parade on the 2nd. and Branch 50s' D-DAY celebration on the 3rd. the Veterans Council Meeting on the 4th. I was on My way to Halifax for Our Dominion Convention on the 8th. and returned home on the 14th. of June. The Convention itself was interesting and informative.

Thanks to Jim Meyer and Judy Dennis for making My stay in Halifax enjoyable. On June the 23rd. I attended a Reception for Our newly appointed Dominion President Gord Moore at his home Branch #469 in Elmira. On July 1st. I went out to the Foremans Club in St. Agatha to partake in the Annual Veterans Picnic. There was a good crowd on hand and it was good all around comradeship.

On July 14th I partnered with Comrade Bob Berg and We came in second in District Horseshoes which qualified Us to advance to Provincial Horseshoes in Hawksberry up on the Quebec border. Being that tournament was on the same day as Our Branch Picnic Bob and I decided to go to the Picnic rather than go to play horseshoes. The next day I ended up back. in Hespeler with Jim and Judy to attend the Summer Zone

Picnic and Meeting. On the 20th. I went to Member of Parliament Steve Woodworths Luncheon with 8 Veterans from Our Branch. On the 21st. My wife Diane and I attended the Steak Bar-B-Que put on By Steve Spaetzel and Craig Woelfle, on Our patio It was great. Thanks Guys.

On July 24th Stan Guthrie and I were invited to a lunch by the management of The Court On Laurelwood to discuss a Remembrance Ceremony at their Assisted Living Residence for Veterans on Nov. 2nd.

Come August and We were busy organizing the 4th. Annual Peacekeepers Day Parade and Ceremony on the 9th. The Parade and Ceremony went off without a hitch except that We had rain until it was time to march off, then it stopped, Thank God.

On Friday August the 17th. We helped one of Our members and His family put on a Benefit on His behalf. Our Comrade Mike O'Reilly is waiting for a Lung Transplant and asked for Our assistance to put this Benefit on.

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**PLEASE
remember to put
your cigarette
butts in the
ashtrays
supplied when
you're out on the
patio. Please use
the containers
for disposal, and
please make
your guests
aware of these
requirements.**

FRI DAY LUNCHES

Most Fridays,
Chefs Debbie
and Diane
serve up great
noontime
meals, gener-
ally around
the \$7.00
Mark.

1st Vice-President's Report, Jim Meyer

Well Comrades and Friends,

A lot of good things came out of the Legion Convention in Halifax. Our Comrade and Friend, Gord Moore was elected Dominion President. Ron, Judy, and I had a nice visit with Branch 530 Member Harold Moser, who lives in Dartmouth. Dominion Command is donating half a million dollars to the National Homeless Veterans' Fund.

It's been a busy summer as can be seen in Ron's President's report. Now it's time for the REAL busy season at the Legion.

In conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary, we have a tremendous 60th Anniversary Celebration planned for September 29th. Comradeship, Dinner, Dancing. You won't want to miss it.

Then on October 13th, Comrade Steve Spaetzel has arranged a Pig and Chicken roast. As you may have noticed the owner of our patio tree decided to remove it this summer. We would like to purchase a patio tent to give us a bit of protection from both sun and rain. This event will be a fund-raiser towards the tent.

You may have noticed a few extra cars in the lot on Saturday afternoon. The K-W Dixieland Jazz Club has relocated from the The

Lanc, to our 2nd floor Ballroom. They will be featuring great Dixieland Bands Saturday Afternoons, just as they did at the Ocean Queen. The parking (lack of) is definitely an issue, but I'm sure an amicable resolution can be arrived at.

October 15-19 is our annual "Remembrance 101" for the local students, as The K-W Poppy Fund, under the auspices of Branch 530, presents WHY WE REMEMBER WEEK. This week long, two sessions per day event gives up to 2,000 kids a grasp of the reasons for Remembrance. Volunteer speakers are always welcome.

Speaking of volunteers, Friday October 26th is the start of the 2012 Poppy Campaign, the most important event in any Legion's calendar. Remember, it is the ONLY event specifically mentioned in your Oath of Initiation.

Comrades, we need your help with this, in order to maintain high levels of service to our Veterans when VAC does not come through. When the sign-up lists go up at the Branch, please make yourself available for something. "Many Hands make Light Work" is an old saying, but is never more applicable than with the Poppy Campaign.

END OF MY PAGE! In Comradeship,
Jim Meyer

Sick & Visiting, Shirley Gascho Bursaries, Jim Meyer

I, along with my co-chair, Diane, took the summer off and plan to start visiting our Veterans in Nursing/Retirement Homes early in September. I have continued sending sympathy cards to the families of our comrades that have passed away during the summer months.



Get well cards have also been sent to any members who have been laid up in hospital or at home.

If you are aware of any members that have had surgery or any serious ailment, please let me know and I will make sure a card is put at the bar for all comrades to sign.

Shirley Gascho.

Comrades,

There have been some (positive) changes to the Legion Bursary eligibility criteria.

Still Serving Military, as well as our current "new" generation of Veterans, are now eligible to apply for help to further their post-secondary education. This was an aspect of the application which I believe had been lacking, and I am happy this oversight has been dealt with.

I wish to brag a bit as I report that Comrade Zone Commander Lynda Hagedorn, upon the suggestion of Comrade Deputy Zone Commander Bob Berg, has appointed me as Zone C-2 Bursary Chairman. I am honoured to accept the appointment.

Anyone interested in Bursary, please contact me directly.

Jim Meyer



The Poppy House has a stock of walkers, canes, crutches, wheel chairs etc. for Veterans and their spouses.

For more information Call the Poppy House 519-885-1001

Funerals, Ron Hirschberger

Since June 1st. We have had 12 of Our Members pass away. They were Comrades **Frank Kieswetter, Roseleta Meldrum, Joy Preece, Oliver Hie, Bea Soper, Doris Sittler, Dave Bowman, Frank Hughes, J. D.Goldsworthy, Patrick McGrinder Sr. , Howard Brown. And Rev. Harold Steed.**

Also on August 7th. Branch 530 held a Tribute Service for a Veteran from the Kingston Legion. His name was **Frank Gawne**. The Tribute Service was requested by His Family. We had 10 of Our Members attend His Service.

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."



The Poppy Campaign, Ron Hirschberger

Having attended the Poppy Seminar at Branch 565 Milverton on August the 16th. We have received Our Poppy Kit for Our 2012 Poppy Campaign.

The Campaign itself will begin on Friday Oct. 26th. The kickoff will be in front of the K-W Poppy House at 11:00 AM that day.

After the opening We will be having Members visiting Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Residences in Our City to hand out Poppies.

Please don't forget to be "A VOLUNTEER".

**HELP
WANTED**



Canteen report, Ron Hirschberger

I would like to thank Steve Spaetzel, Craig Woelfle and Rick Marshall for their time and effort for putting on a great Steak Bar-B-Que for Our Branch Members on July 21st. The meal was awesome and the 50 Members and Veterans who came sure appreciated their talents .

Also to Steve for the great job putting on Friday Lunches when He can. "Thanks Guys". Our Lounge business has been rather slow this summer. Hopefully it will pick up in the fall.

In closing I would like to say *"Please drink responsibly and remember to always treat Your fellow Comrades as You Yourself like to be treated"*.



New Members always welcome

Please extend a welcome to all of the new members initiated over the summer months.

We want all of our members to be active in Branch 530, and to

feel at home in their Branch. Membership matters, and we are glad to have you all on board.



L.A. Sunday Brunch

October 28 is the next Sunday Brunch . **ALWAYS** the best Sunday Brunch in Waterloo County. Come on out, and help our Ladies Auxiliary help our Branch. Serving from 10 AM to 1 PM. Still just \$8.00 !

Membership, Judy Dennis

I find it hard to believe that I am writing a report for the September/October bulletin... where did the summer go...hope you all had a safe and fun one.

Our current paid up membership is 690 with 96 that have yet to renew..total voting strength is 786. We have initiated 12 new members, during the past year. With many Legions seeing a decrease in membership, we are very fortunate. Sadly, we have had 12 members pass away so two steps forward, one back. In order for our membership to grow we must get the word out to friends, relatives, siblings and co-workers about what a great organization the Royal Canadian Legion is and encourage them to sign up. There is a copy of a Legion Gift Membership letter on the bulletin board so if you don't know what to get that hard to buy for person, think about paying for their membership and persuade them to join.

The Membership Cards for 2013 are at the bar. There will be Early Bird draws in September, October and November so pay your dues early and have a chance at having your membership dues paid by the Branch for 2014. **When you pay for your 2013 dues, please remember to fill out the ballot for the draw...this is your responsibility, not the Bar Steward's.**

Due to an increase in the Legion magazine the Membership Dues for 2014 will be raised by \$5.00..a motion was made at the General Body Meeting on September 4th and carried.

November 11th is fast approaching...please remember the oath you took at your initiation: **“to promote the work of the organization including active participation in the Poppy campaign.”** The passing of Bob Oberholtzer leaves a big pair of shoes to fill, Bob counted coin for 25 years...please sign the volunteer list once it is posted. If every member only volunteered two hours during this campaign, what a successful one it would be.



At the September General Meeting, we were presented with a South Vietnam Flag to add to our Wall Of Flags on the second floor.

Also at the meeting, three Members of the Vietnam contingent were welcomed as new Members of the Branch'

60th

ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Saturday, Sept 29th

5 PM - Comradeship
and displays in the
Clubroom (cash bar)7 PM - Banquet by the
Ladies Auxilliary9 PM - Dance featur-
ing Randy Satchell and
the Barn Dance BandTickets at the Bar or
online, \$25 per person

Adults only, Please.

***The Colour
Party is
ALWAYS
looking for
members to join
their ranks.**

Sgt-At-Arms, Grant Hallas

Since our last meeting in June our branch colour party has attended several events out on parade.

On Sunday June the 10th John Gross and several of our Ladies Auxiliary marched at Woodland cemetery for Decoration Day where I placed a commemorative wreath on behalf of our branch. It was a very sunny afternoon and standing at attention was no easy task, however I was able to connect with several other local Sgt-at-arms which I found very helpful as I am still quite new to the position.

On Thursday August 9th I was pleased to hear the weather was fine and not too hot as many members turned out for the Peace-keeper Parade.

I attended the funeral service for Gordon Gill this past Thursday August the 30th. Seven members joined in honouring the well know WWII veteran and multiple family members expressed their 'thanks' to the legion for the service and support.

Looking forward to upcoming events:

First, On Sunday September 16th The Battle of Britain Parade and Ceremony will Form up at 1 PM, March-off at 1:30, Service at 2 PM. Reception to follow at Wing 404.

Second, On Sunday September 23rd from 2pm - 2:30pm the new Memorial arbour at Waterloo Memorial Gardens will be officially dedicated. Reception to follow at Br 530. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend as I will be in Ottawa running the 5th annual Canadian Army Run.

Lastly, please drop in to the Branch and purchase your 60th anniversary tickets. It is a major mile stone for our branch and there is a lot of effort going into this event. If you are web savvy I understand you can now even buy you tickets online.

As always, we are ever looking for more members interested in marching in our colour party. Please see me or my contact information on the bulletin board downstairs in the club room.

Grant Hallas

Sports, Jim Meyer

Comrades,

Summer is over, and I'm sure everyone has had time to practise their cribbage, shuffleboard, darts, snooker, *etc.* I hope so, because the signup sheets are covering the Sports Board, and they are calling out for YOU! For this upcoming season of Zone Sports, our Branch is not hosting anything. In order to have a chance at hosting a sport, you need to win. In order to win, you need to enter. The ability to participate in Legion Sports is one of the many advantages of paying your dues every year, so why not take advantage of it.

Please participate in the sport of your choice, or maybe even try something new. You may be pleasantly surprised at the outcome. Win or lose, a good time is always had by all.

All of the regular in-house and K-W Leagues are underway or will be shortly. Branch snooker, K-W Crib, K-W Shuffleboard, Monday Night Darts, and Saturday Social Darts will all be back at it. Our usual Friday Night Dart players have relocated to the Moose Lodge, for reasons unknown to me, and the all-new Tuesday Night League has had growing pains management-wise, but I'm sure they will resolve these shortly.

In closing, I wish to welcome back my Deputy Sports Officer, Buddy Johnston, to his position. Buddy recently had a few health issues, but you can't keep a good man down for long!

In Sportsmanship, *Jim Meyer*

Picnic Donations

We wish to sincerely thank the following businesses and Members who generously donated prizes for this year's Branch Picnic:

Zehrs' HiWay - 2 \$25 Gift certificates	Lancaster Smokehouse - 1 \$25 gift certificate
Benny's Restaurant - 1 \$25 Gift certificate	Central Meat Market - 1 \$25 Gift certificate
Swiss Chalet - 2 1/4 Chicken Dinners	Harmony Lunch - 4 \$10 meal vouchers
Home Hardware Weber - BBQ Tool set	Sonny's - Collector's T-Shirt
Rick Marshall - Ceiling Fan	Helen Wojcik - Autographed Blue Jays Cap
Ron Hirschberger - Tassimo coffeemaker	Pillers - 12 pair of sausages for us to swat
Dennis Rooney - supplied and installed the tents	

Without the wonderful support of these businesses and Members, our annual picnic would not be the same. Please keep this in mind when you are doing your shopping.

We also wish to acknowledge the following volunteers, without whose efforts events such as these can not happen.

In no particular order, Karen Kirk, Debbie Gastmeier, Bev Westphal, Rick Marshall, Shirley Gascho, Diane Vaillancourt, Blain & Wendy Sloat, Donna Champion, Steve Spaetzel, Dave Kirk, Dennis Rooney, Emilie McKinnon, Ron Hirschberger, Judy Dennis, Jim Meyer, Rick Nevill, Helmut Bauer, Bob Berg, Helen Wojcik, Deb McCarter, Cory Kool, Debbie Bowman. If we missed anyone, please realise your efforts were appreciated also.



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Ladies Auxiliary Report, Diane Vaillancourt

BRUNCHES

Mark your calendars for our next Brunch date!

Brunches run from 10 am to 1:00 pm and the cost is \$8:00 for Adults

- October 28

Come out and enjoy a wonderful breakfast.

If you are interested in helping out or know of any high school kids who need community service hours, please call me at home (519-745-3686) or on my cell (519-897-3394).

Many hands make light work!

DRAPING THE CHARTER

The Ladies Auxiliary has draped our Charter recently for the following members

Please take a moment and remember them.

Joy Preese

Roseleta Meldrum

“Servant of God, well done, Thy glorious warfares past,

The battles fought, the victory won, And thou are crowned at last.”

SICK & VISITING

If you are aware of a Ladies Auxiliary Member who is ill, please let us know so we can call and send a card. Please contact Irene Bricker at 519-576-2274.

ZEHR'S TAPES

Please drop your Zehr's tapes into the box in the Club Room near the bulletin board. Every tape counts as we continue to raise funds for our area hospitals.

Please watch the bulletin board for details on other Ladies Auxiliary fundraisers!

Diane Vaillancourt

President, Ladies Auxiliary



Anniversary Committee Report, Judy Dennis

The anniversary committee has been working hard organizing the 60th Anniversary Dinner and Dance. Memorabilia and photos will be displayed in the clubroom on September 29th and from 5 until 6:45 members can take a stroll down memory lane, viewing these interesting parts of Branch 530's history.

At 7 PM, our Ladies Auxiliary will be preparing Chicken, Schnitzel, Roasted Potatoes and dessert. Following will be a dance with music supplied by Randy Satchell's Barn Dance Band.

The set up in the clubroom will take place on Friday, September 28th and a few hours on Saturday September 29th so there will be **no access to the pool tables, dartboards or shuffleboard**. The Friday Lunch is also cancelled, to allow the committee have the required time to accomplish this task.

Tickets are going fast so if you plan to attend I suggest you buy yours soon so you will not miss this milestone celebration. **Sale of tickets will be cut off on September 24th. They are available at the Bar, or on the Branch website, www.rclbr530.com**

Donations to this event have been made by:

Sonja Adlys, The Huether Hotel – a limited edition print of her painting of the hotel

Gina's Beauty Spa and Salon - \$95.00 value gift certificate

Ontario Seed - \$20.00 value gift certificate

Grant Hallas – tickets for the Hockey Hall of Fame and long sleeve t-shirt

Michael's - Mounting of medals for displays

K-W Glass - Locks for display windows

Please remember the generosity of these business when you are out shopping.

Judy Dennis

Chair, 60th Anniversary Committee

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530events@bell.net

Honours and Awards, Judy Dennis,

The Honours and Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, September 9th at 2 P.M. and 47 members received their Years of Service Pins.

Certificate of Appreciation Awards were presented to: Bob Berg, Debbie Bowman, Ron Hirschberger, Dave Kirk, Karen Kirk, Pastor Doug Kranz, Peter Pelletier. Craig Woelfle is also a recipient but was unable to attend. These members have worked hard for the betterment of the Legion by giving of their time and energy to make our Branch a successful one. Pastor Doug Kranz, who is leaving the K-W area, in December was also awarded his Past Chaplain's ribbon and bar. He is certainly going to be missed and we wish him all the best in his new location.

I would like to thank Diane Vaillancourt and Shirley Gascho for setting out the desserts and making the coffee and tea. Also my thanks to 1st Vice President Jim Meyer for the excellent job he did as Master of Ceremonies, to Deputy Zone Commander, Bob Berg for assisting with the awarding of long time service pins and to President Ron Hirschberger for assisting me with the remainder of pins as well as the presentation of the Certificate of Appreciations. Thank you to Sgt. At Arms, Grant Hallas and Debra McCarter for manning the sign in and Membership table.

Judy Dennis

Membership/Honours and Awards Chair



At the September General Meeting, we were honoured to receive a South Vietnam Flag to add to our Wall Of Flags on the Second floor.

Also at the same meeting, three of the Vietnamese contingent were welcomed as new Members of Branch 530.

President's Report *(Continued from Page 1)*

Now We come to the end of August and are pretty well ready to put on Our Annual Branch Picnic. All We need is good weather, lots of Members and lots of Volunteers.

At Our General Meeting on the 4th of September We have the Management of Meals on Wheels coming to accept a cheque from Branch 530 in the amount of \$5,000.00. This money is to help their Charitable Foundation to continue doing such a great service to the seniors in Our Community including many of Our own Veterans and Members. Also at that Meeting, Branch 530 will be receiving the National Flag of South Vietnam from the Kitchener-Waterloo Chapter of South Vietnam Veterans. In which 3 of their Members are joining Branch 530. We welcome them aboard.

On Sept. 15th. some of Branch 530 executive will be going to St. Mary's Branch 236 for Our Fall Zone Council/Convention & Drumhead Service. On the 23rd. of September Branch 530 will be taking part in an Arbour Dedication Ceremony where the Waterloo Cenotaph used to be on Erb St.across from Angie's Kitchen. The Dedication is in Honour of the 16 Men Of Waterloo who lost their lives in WW1.It is sponsored by the Waterloo Horticultural Society. A Reception will be held after the Ceremony at Branch 530.

Come October We will be hosting Our Annual " Why We Remember Week" for the students. The K-W Poppy Fund again will sponsor the buses for the students up to \$6,000.00 Thank You K-W Poppy Fund. On October 13th.and 14th. Jim Meyer, Judy Dennis and Myself will be in Tobomory Branch 290 attending the Fall District Convention. Then We get into November and get ready for the Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day.

Above All Comrades please don't forget the promise You made when You joined the Legion. "To Take An Active Part In The Poppy Campaign".

I am sorry that this report is so long. It shows how busy Your President and Executive have been the last 3 months.

That is My Report

Ron Hirschberger

DID YOU KNOW ? #1

We are constantly updating our list of email recipients of this bulletin, as well as other items of interest which did not make press time.

If you wish to be added to this list, please let me know at 530events@bell.net and I will be happy to add you to the list.

All emails are sent "bcc" to protect your privacy and prevent spammers.

Naturally you may cancel at any time, no hard feelings.

DID YOU KNOW ? #2

With the closing of more parking lots and uptown streets, the parking situation for our Members continues to be an issue.

We realise that the Members' lot is just that, and are looking at solutions to this issue .

Meanwhile, all Members are advised to spend the two bucks and purchase a Branch 530 windshield sticker from the bar.

Thank You for your patience.

PHOTO GALLERY



Promotion of the upcoming Arbour Dedication



Comrade August Herchenratter, 55 year Member



Comrade Murray Scherman, 60 year Member



The Happy Cooker



Keeper of the Flame



Visiting 55 year Member Harold Moser in Dartmouth