

The Bugle

June – July 2014



From The President: *Brad Sword*

The elections are now over and I would like to thank everyone for their support. I am here for another year and look forward to working with my new executive.

Our summer will be a busy one. There are a number of ball tournaments, Moparfest as well as Canada Day to keep us out of trouble. We need volunteers to assist at Moparfest. Some help needed at the event as well as help in the hall to prepare and serve meals. If you are available, volunteer before you are "voluntold". Just kidding....but I do hope that many will volunteer to make the event successful again this year.

I would like to take the time to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous donation again this year. Their support is always appreciated and we realize they all work very long hours to be so successful. After the installation ceremony, the ladies again supplied a great lunch for everyone to enjoy.

Just because the nice weather is here, don't forget to drop by the branch and enjoy some hospitality and visit with the other patrons.

Have a great summer!



**"They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old. "**

In the past year, we have lost some veteran members, namely Comrades Bob Paige and Ken Reynolds. Bob was our oldest member. He had been a member of the legion for 65 years. Ken was an active member of the branch when he was able. He served on the executive and 2nd Vice President and Editor of the Bugle.

On May 3rd, Bob Paige was buried at the St. James Anglican Cemetery on Huron Road. It was a private family service. Ken Reynolds was also buried on May 3rd at the same cemetery. As a matter of fact, the Paige and Reynolds burial plots are beside each other. Our Chaplin, Comrade Bob Thaler had a very nice legion service with legion members John Bailey and Pam Hallman placing poppies on the urn.

At our next meeting, please remember Bob and Ken during the time of silence.

"Age shall not weary them,

Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun

and in the morning,

We will remember them."

Rest in Peace, Comrades



From the Editor: Pam Hallman

It has been many years since we have had a Bugle. Many new and seasoned members have been wanting one for a very long time.

In my past Legion life, I compiled the Bugle. Officially for over 20+ years. I did assist previous editors before I was even a member.

I look forward to the challenge and hope that everyone will give me information to share with other members. The Bugle will only be as good as the reports I receive. If you have something you wish to put in the Bugle, please forward the information to my email to phallman@sympatico.ca

Youth Dart Report



We have had another fun-filled year with darts. A tournament held in Bellville, March 22nd, Brayden Miller and Douglas Jenkins placed second. Congrats!

Honours & Awards

Congratulation to Reg Jr. & Wayne Simpson. They both received their past officer medals after serving on the executive for a term.



Poppy Report from:

Levi Jorgensen

Our poppy campaign was very successful again this year. Thanks to this success, we were able to present a cheque for \$10,000 to the District C Veteran Services Chair, Comrade Les Highfield, to support the "Leave The Streets Behind" program. This program is for veterans that are living on the streets.

Our donation was the largest donation at the convention.



President Brad Sword, Comrade Les Highfield, District C Veteran Services Chair, and Poppy Chair, Levi Jorgensen.

Thank you to Deputy Zone Commander of the Ladies Auxiliary, Comrade Laurie Ridgway for her participation in the Installation Ceremonies this year. For those that do not know Laurie, she is also Associate member of our branch.

District Concerns from our Commanders

When trying to figure out what I could print in the Bugle, I decided to read over the minutes of the last District Convention held in Port Elgin this past April.

It seems to be the norm that just about every branch is having the same problem. Getting members to attend meetings, agree to be on the executive or participating in the many activities the branches are hosting.

One Zone Commander wrote that in the spring, the Branch presidents reported to him that new members are not willing to hold executive positions. Again in the fall, same concern. Maybe it is time to make seminar attendance mandatory. Attendance in the past, to the many seminars held, has been less than impressive. If you were willing to run for a position, keep it. Don't let the others on the executive down by leaving your position early.

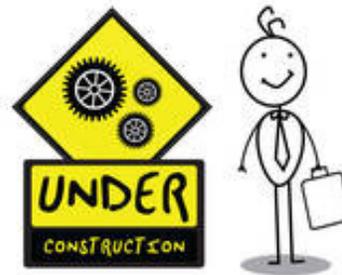
Another Commander noted concerned that branches are having a difficult time finding knowledgeable members to fill the treasurer's position.

This, is the best comment I read. It makes sense. It seems all Branches have the same problem getting executive members. Presidents of these branches should be sure their members can read. It seems as though the manuals are printed, but NO BODY read them. Most questions and business problems can be solved by reading the books, especially the Officers Manuals. Think about it.

Be an active member, not just someone that just holds a membership card.

LADIES AUXILIARY CELEBRATE

After a long year of endless hours in the kitchen and catering to everyone in the Township, the ladies took themselves out for dinner. Each year the ladies enjoy someone else catering to them. On Monday, May 26th, the ladies enjoyed a well-deserved treat and night out at the Golf Steak House. Thanks ladies for all you hard work and support. You are appreciated by all.



RCL 532 New Hamburg has a website under construction. Comrade Craig Price has been working on this for some time. I hope all Comrades will be patient. We will be able to attach the Bugle Newsletter as well. As soon as the contractor gets the final inspection and the powers to be give him the go ahead, we will be up and running at:

<http://rcl532newhamburg.ca>

From the desk of the Service Officer – Bob Neubauber

I am very happy to be able to communicate with all of you by means of our “new and improved” Bugle and our brand new and very professional website. Many compliments to Comrade Pam Hallman for the Bugle and Comrade Craig Price for a lot of hard work in setting up our terrific website.

Many of you have heard about and been concerned with the recent cutbacks to Veteran’s services and accessibility in recent years.

I would like to advise you all, that each and every branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has a volunteer Service Officer as part of their Executive. I am very pleased and proud that Branch 532 in New Hamburg has asked me to fill this very important role for another year.

The role of the Branch Service Officer is to ensure that all Legion Members and their dependents have access to all benefits and avenues of communication that they need to seek assistance in inquiring and obtaining benefits and getting the help they need. We are able to communicate with Provincial Service Officers who have years of experience in dealing with all levels of Government and all appropriate departments concerning Veteran's affairs. The costs of all this assistance is covered solely by the Royal Canadian Legion through the generous support of the Poppy Fund.

Please note that membership in the Royal Canadian Legion is **not** a requirement for assistance (although we would be happy to give you assistance to join the Legion!)

My motto is "If you are not assisting a Comrade or Veteran, you should be assisting someone that is".

If you, or one of your acquaintances need assistance now or in the future, please feel free to contact me anytime at:

Telephone - 519-662-6437

Cell phone - 647-444-5066

Email - rneubauber0726@rogers.com

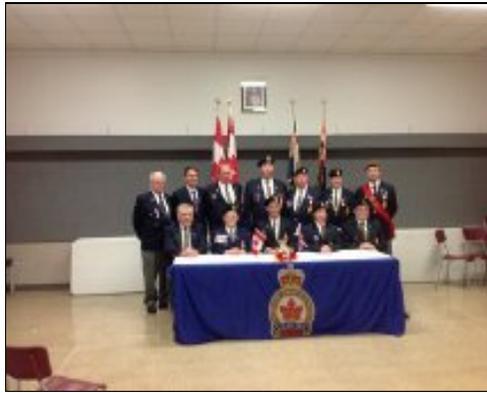
Please note that **all** information, documentation or correspondence for assistance is **absolutely confidential** from anyone except the Branch Service Officer and the Provincial Service Officer.

Thank you for your time, *Comrade Bob*

Think about this!

When you are finished read the Legion Magazine, or you receive multiple copies of the magazine, be sure to share it with someone else. Remove your mailing label, or blacken the information on your label somehow and give it to someone who may not know what the legion does. Waiting room at a doctor’s office or dentist may be a good place to start. Maybe we may spark interest with our organization and somebody may become interested in becoming a member.

2014-2015 EXECUTIVE



Back Row L to R: Bob Miller (Membership), Rev. Bob Thaler (Chaplain), Gary Sowa (Bursary/Scholarship), Bob Anger (Honors & Awards/Past President), Levi Jorgenson (Poppy), Wayne Simpson (Cenotaph), Craig Price (Sgt. At Arms)

Front Row L to R: Bill Person (2nd Vice President), Pam Hallman (PRO), Brad Sword (President), Lorraine Price (Secretary) Bob Neubauer (Service Officer)

2014-2015 LADIES AUXILIARY



Back Row L to R: Louise Dichuk (Sg.t at Arms), Laurie Ridgway (Past President and Deputy Zone Commander) Elizabeth Habicher (Executive Committee) Mary Benoit (Executive Committee)

Front Row L to R: Ruth Mordue (Treasurer) Betty Orr (President) Mary Lou Bricker (Secretary / Sports Officer)

Absent: Suzan Deckert (1st Vice President) Gail McMullen (Executive Committee)



It was nice to see Kathy Hofstetter in the branch not too long ago. She looked great and seemed to be having a great time. Hope to see her again soon.

Harold Lautenschlager is also a resident of Nithview and is looking for some company. He is a Charter and Life member of our branch. If you are available to drop by and say hi, bring him a coffee and muffin from McDonald's, he will be very, very happy.



July 1st is a community celebration. The Legion will be needing volunteers again this year to help set up and tear down the "beverage" garden and bartenders with their SIPS certification. Signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board at the branch when the time gets closer. Please help at this very busy day.

There is an opening ceremony and the legion will need comrades to participate by being in the color party. Please consider attending and be sure to sign up or let Craig Price know.



Volunteers are need for a very busy baseball weekend. June 5, 6 and 7 is that busy weekend. We need some volunteers to operate the barbeque on the Friday and Sunday. If you have some time available, Please contact Craig Price for further details.



Help is still need for this big event in August.

August 16 and 17, 2014

Friday

Set Up helpers

Kitchen / Servers for the food

Saturday

Bar

Security

Kitchen Helpers, breakfast and Late

Afternoon

Servers for the food

Sunday

Bar

Security

Kitchen Helpers, breakfast and Late

Afternoon

Servers for the food

Clear up crew

Signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the branch



We are trying something new for June and July.

We will be have "Wing Nights"

Friday June 13 and July 14th.

6-9 P.M.

The cost will be \$12.00 which includes

1 lb. Wings / One Side / 1 Domestic Beer

Sauces/Rubs to be used:

Honey Garlic, Dry Cajun, Medium and Hot

Side (one only) will be:

Coleslaw, Fries, Onion Rings or Corn

Server assistance would be appreciated.

Advance tickets available at the branch.



GREEN THUMBS REQUIRED !

It has been a very, cold and harsh winter. The gardens at the legion are in need of some tender loving care.

If you are able, please lend your skillful hands and tools by weeding, digging of whatever to make them look better.

No permission needed. Just dig in and beautify the branch. Your assistance will be noticed by everyone. Thank You in advance.

Past President's Cribbage 2014

Again this year, we had a great group of cribbage players. We always hope for more players and think maybe we should hold cribbage classes so we can fill the tables for next year. Thanks to everyone that played, to all the Past President's that helped, and a special thanks to Murray Snyder for being my "set up" guy. We hope that all of the members that were unable to attend due to their health problems, make a speedy recovery, practise your game and return to the fold next year.



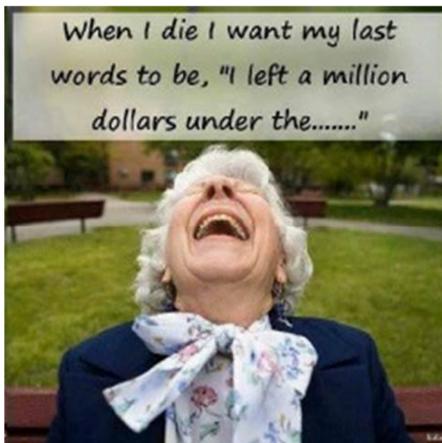
JUST FOR LAUGHS!

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

All the King's horses and all the King's men,

Got scrambled eggs for breakfast again.



Old is Good!

An old Woman was asked, "At your ripe old age, what would you prefer to get : Parkinsons or Alzheimers?"

The wise one answered, "Definitely Parkinsons - Better to spill half my wine than to forget where I keep the bottle."

Dust to Dust''

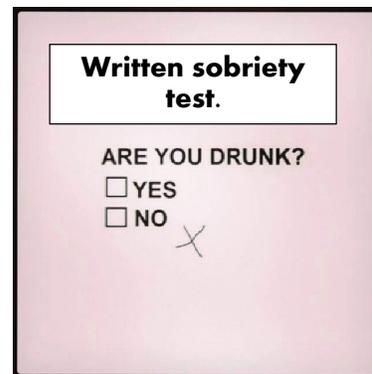
After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree and the pastor greets the family.

"I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did."

"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust." "Yes, I'm glad you were listening. Why do you ask?"

"Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin'!"



Just a Reminder:

There will be

NO GENERAL MEETINGS

July and August

The Meetings will resume

September 4th,

8:00 p.m.