



Royal Canadian Legion Centennial Branch 614

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Community
Since 1967*

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

All material to be put into the bulletin must be submitted by Saturday, June 21, 2008. Leave at branch or e-mail me at wayne@arrowspeed.ca.

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General Meeting Sunday January 20, 2008

Not a great deal to report on this meeting. I was absent for the meeting and I am trying to pick some highlights out of the minutes for those who were also absent from the meeting.

I guess my first comment would be on the disappointing turnout for this meeting. Forty-nine and seven guest. Our guest equalled one-seventh of the people attending. This is a real puzzle to me. This is your Branch and we are your executive. All should be at the meeting to direct this executive in the direction you would like us to take your branch.

Without a lot of brainstorming I guess I can presume that all our membership feel we are doing a great job. Thank You from all of us but keep this in the back of your mind that if this executive makes a bad judgement call on something, the fault will also be shared by our membership.

One of our special guests was our Zone Commander Phil Richmond and he stated that after his inspection, all was in order. He also wished our new Ladies Auxiliary the best of luck.

We had six new members initiated into our Branch.

It was reported by our Youth Education Chairman Hugh Hamil that our zone had received five first, two seconds and three thirds in the poster, essay and poems contest. We had 56 entries.

General Meeting March 16, 2008

There are only a couple of things in the March meeting that I will mention. First thing was our special guest Murray Hedges from the Scarboro Association for Seniors. He had brought pictures showing the Highway of Heroes with Legion members, firemen and the general public on the over passes. Our dear government has now banned the Fireman and their trucks from coming out anymore. Murray also stated that "Seniors are Patriots" and he will continue to speak to the Legions to see if a partnership can be built from the two groups.

It was also nice to see that we had 82 members and eight guest at this nomination meeting for the new Executive for the 2008/09 Term but we sure hope we have more at the May meeting for the elections. I will list the nominations below that came out of this meeting and remind the membership that they can still nominate someone at the May 25th meeting.

We would like to mention that this was also a good day to have this many members out to witness several of our members receiving their medals, service pins and appreciation award.

Here are your nominations so far.

President	John Harris	Chin Tam	Wayne Hayes
1st Vice President	Peter Vanslack	Karen Moore	June Hayes
2nd Vice President	June Hayes	Ray Cameron (declined)	Heather Vanslack
3rd Vice President	Nil		
Treasurer	Benny Tam		
Secretary	Shirley Reeves		

Membership	June Hayes		
Sports	Peter Vanslack		
Poppy	Virginia East	George West	
Service Officer	Ray Cameron		
Sgt – at –Arms	Frank Yip	Bill Whitehead	
Entertainment	June Hayes		
Ways & Means	Brenda Tam	Wayne Hayes	
Three Executives	Deanna Aspden	Heather Vanslack	Hugh Hamil

RCL BRANCH 614 REPORTS

Membership Chairperson’s Report

As I come to the end of my term as Membership Chair, I would like to thank the executive for all the help and support they have given me. This was a very interesting learning experience.

I would also like to thank the members of Branch 614 for all your encouragement and support that you gave me over the past year.

I can’t believe that this year has gone by so quickly.

Sincerely

June Hayes
Membership Chair

To any member that feels that it’s time for an award please fill in the little form below and ask the bar steward to put it in the black Membership Box

Name _____	Phone _____
Address _____	City _____ Postal Code _____
Membership Number _____	Years of Service _____

Regalia sales have been going very well this year. I keep trying to bring in new items from the catalogue for you all to see, so please keep checking the regalia case every so often you never know there may be something there that you have been looking for. If you don’t see it please ask me and I will see if it’s available

Regalia
June Hayes

Service Officer’s Report

Comrades All,

We attended a very successful Service Officers seminar in Aurora February 23 & 24.

I was fortunate to have Wayne & June Hayes, Peter & Heather Vanslack and our Secretary, Shirley Reeves there with me. At my age I don't grasp everything there is to learn in two days. I feel confident what I missed they picked up.

This seminar not only concerns Veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs, there was information about seniors and the general public as well. There were several different agencies there such as Ontario Community Support Association (O.C.S.A.). They have representatives in most hospitals or can be contacted by phone at 416-265-3010. They are there to try and help anyone needing help.

The Canadian Hearing Society put on an excellent presentation and displayed different equipment available for the hearing impaired. June will most likely try to arrange a future demonstration here at the Branch. This demonstration would be for our members and any of the general community that might be interested in it.

As Service Officer, this past year has been very rewarding. A few more Veterans got on the Veterans Independence Program (V.I.P.). Recently two have been accepted, two are being processed and one upgraded.

Agent Orange The Government thru Veterans Affairs has finally agreed to compensate anyone who was exposed or lived within a range of five kilometres of C.F.B. Gagetown between 1966 & 1967. The next of kin is entitled to the settlement if the victim is deceased. The cut off date to apply for this is April 2009. I have application forms if needed by anyone.

This is my report.

Ray Cameron
Service Officer

Entertainment Report

In closing this year I would like to thank all the Disc Jockeys and the Karaoke entertainers that helped me to bring you all a venue that would get you out and enjoying the Legion through out the past year. Thanks again to everyone for your support.

Entertainment
June Hayes

Ways & Means Report

Comrades All

The first quarter of 2008 has done up and gone. Mother Nature sure made a mess of our life with the little bit of white stuff she gave us. It certainly did not help our financial needs very much.

All though the above was sad news, we can forget that and focus on what did go right in the first quarter. Starting with successful New Years Parties upstairs and down, we had a profit of \$4976.37 (including both bars). The Chinese New Years was another great success and as I am sure everyone there would agree very entertaining. Robbie Burns Night which was not super night but the 87 people that turned up enjoyed the food and entertainment and we even made a little over \$600.00 on this venue. Valentine Dinner and Dance another success, including the bar we had a profit of \$2737.11. St Patrick's Dinner and Dance same old story. Another profitable night of 2169.56 including the bar but not including a donation of \$608.00 to our new Ladies Auxiliary to get them started on their new endeavor. At the time of my writing this report it looks like the senior's Dixieland Band On Sunday March 30th will be a success story as well. I can't tell you or predict how much profit it will generate because it is a Sunday and I don't know how many of you are going to show up for work. All these events are a great success and will continue to be a great success because of two reasons. First! The great team of members that work together to put these venues on and secondly the great membership that keeps supporting them. Without the two, our brainstorm would have gotten flushed down the sewers.

So let me first, at this time, thank all of our great team. I would like to name all of you but I know I would forget someone (old age). You all know who I mean. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I would also like to give an extra thank you to those members who put that extra effort in selling the tickets for us. You also know who you are and to our Bar Stewards who also help in selling our tickets.

The second thank you I would like to make is to all the MEMBERS and FRIENDS who supported all the venues that we have put together and not just those mentioned above but also the many not mentioned in this report. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

My term is just about up for this year and I only have two more events left to finish. I do hope you will support them as well as you have supported this team in the past. We have a New Country Western Dinner & Dance/Karaoke Night on Saturday, April 19, 2008 and a Live Band Dance on Saturday, May 31, 2008.

Report from– Sgt-At-Arms 2008

Dear Comrades

At last it comes to the near end of my term as Sgt-At-Arms of the Branch 614. I am pleased to report that with all the good support from members and my good team of Colour Party, everything have been running well and manage to keep under control. It has been certainly a busy year for 2007/08 that the Branch had taken part in many events. It's great that the Colour Party of this Branch has the opportunity to serve the community and present a good image to the public.

I had thought of taking a break for running my next term earlier, however, I received comments from many members as well as my Colour Party members that they still need me to continue with my works, skill and experience.... etc that I can offer to the Legion. After a lot of consideration and for the benefit majority to the Legion and the community, I have decided and am ready to run for the next term of 2008/09 if I can gain full supports by members of the Branch.

Once again, I wish to express my most sincere thanks to all of your support that allowed me to offer my best to serve you. Thank you very much and good health.

**Frank Yip
Sgt-At-Arms**

Sick And Visiting Report

A Message from our new Sick and Visiting Officer Deanna Aspden

I am honoured to be doing the position of Sick and Visiting for our Centennial Branch 614. Everyone has made me feel very welcome and have assisted me when needed. The dictionary states that sick means suffering from ill health whether it is physical, mental or spiritual. Visit is described as to go or come to see a person and stay as their guest. I have been involved in all of these situations so far and it has been my pleasure.

I have visited each of our Comrades who are listed on the Board and have wanted a visit. The Bulletin Board in the Main entrance is up to date. Each of our Comrades welcomed me and we had a wonderful visit each time. Since the end of November I have visited each person three times and have taken a card, which I have signed from our Branch. I have also delivered some bulletins and in one case I delivered a membership Card as well. Many phone calls have been made also. One member said to me that I had made her week and my reply to her was that she had made my week. This is such a rewarding position. At some time in our lives we will all probably experience ill health. Not always will we feel up to visits but eventually we all welcome a smiling

face and words of hope and encouragement and caring. We want our Comrades to know that they are thought of in a warm and caring way and yes- we do remember them and think about them. Our friendly messages, cards, visits and phone calls all demonstrate that they are thought about by our Legion. We want them all to know that warm good wishes are with them every day. It encourages people to know that others are thinking of them in their time of illness. Perhaps the greatest comfort that we can offer our Comrades is to simply remind them how much we really care. During each of my visits I have listened carefully, spoken tenderly and always found something to laugh about. You know the old saying that laughter is one of the best medicines. A friendly smile goes a long way. I have even engaged in playing Shuffleboard and hope to encourage more activities when I visit.

I have been using Get Well, Cheer Up and Thinking of You cards donated by some of my friends and I would like to thank them for their contribution. These cards have helped create smiling faces.

In closing I would like to say thank you for allowing me this honour and privilege of visiting our Comrades. I am thoroughly enjoying doing the Sick and Visiting and I will continue to do my best job for all of you.

Yours in Comradeship,

Deanna Aspden
Sick and Visiting

LADIES AUXILIARY

As some of you already know, Centennial Branch 614 now has their Ladies auxiliary back up and working hard, thanks to the following people

President June Hayes	1 st Vice Anna Wilkins McCellan,	2 nd Vice Sheila Harris,
Treasure Virginia East	Secretary Heather Vanslack	Sports Maureen Holdom,
Sick & Visiting Deanna Aspden.		Sergeant of Arms Karen Moore.
Appointed Members Cecil Whitehead	Flo Hamill	Debbie Fallis
		Bonnie Ho,

We do have a few more people that would like to join us, and if any member would like to come out and join up we would be happy to have you the more people we have working at this the better things will be. If you can't commit but would like to come out and help when you have time I would appreciate that as well. Please call us if there is any interest.

June Hayes
LA President

Due to the lack of material to print in this blank space I would like to do some advertising for our branch.

We have a beautiful hall upstairs and we would like to rent it out to earn money for this branch. Please pass this information to anyone you might know that could use a hall for their venue. Give them the branch office number 416-292-6125 and they can talk to Paulette between 8.00am – 3.00pm Monday – Friday. If they wish to see the hall in the evening they can get in touch with our Hall Liaison, Heather Vanslack 416-299-4314.

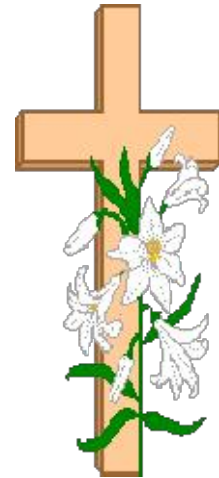
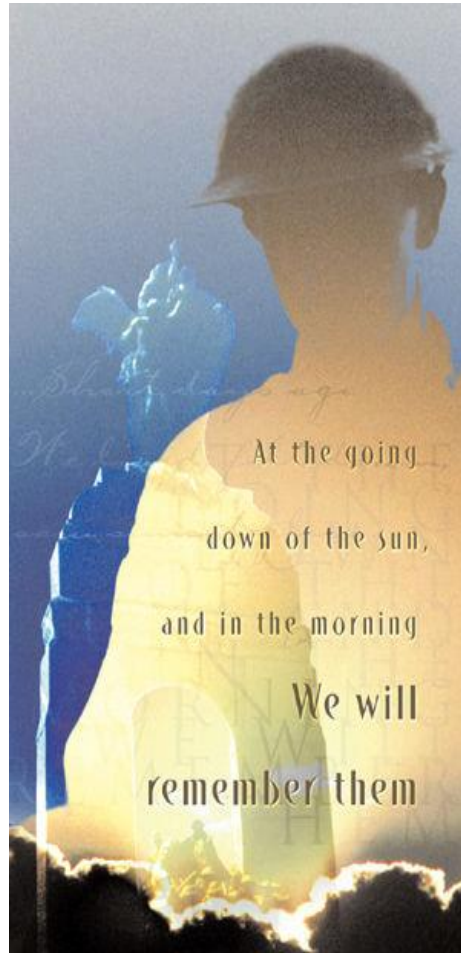
LAST POST

Lest We Forget

*They shall not grow 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
 "We will remember them"*

Lest We Forget

Joan Darling Baker



*We Will
 Remember
 Them*

**Robert Thacker
 Colvin Wint**

**O Eternal Lord God,
 who alone spread'st out the heavens,
 and rulest the raging of the sea;
 who has compassed the waters with bounds
 until day and night come to an end;
 be pleased to receive into Thy almighty and most gracious protection
 the persons of us Thy servants,
 and the Fleet in which we serve.**

**Preserve us from the dangers of the sea,
 and from the violence of the enemy;
 that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady,
 Queen Elizabeth,
 and her Dominions,
 and a security for such as pass upon the seas upon their lawful occasions;
 that the inhabitants of our Commonwealth may in peace and quietness
 serve Thee our God;
 and that we may return in safety
 to enjoy the blessings of the land,
 with the fruits of our labours,
 and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies
 to praise and glorify Thy Holy Name;
 Amen.**

Weekly Activities

Listed below are activities that go on throughout the year. At this time I have tried to inform you as to which are going through the summers months and the ones that will resume in the fall. If there is something on this list that you are interested in, please check at the branch and you will find a contact name for each activity.

Activity	Day	Time
Mixed Dart Leagues	Tuesday & Thursday	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Line Dancing Lessons	Tuesday	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Euchre	Tuesday	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Seniors Carpet Bowling	Wednesday & Thursday	9:30 am - 11:30 am
Karaoke & Dancing	Wednesday	7.30 pm - 10:30 pm
Cribbage	Thursday	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Bid Euchre	Thursday	12:45 pm - 3:00 pm
Swing Dancing	Thursday	7.30pm – 9.00pm
Karaoke & Dancing	Friday	8:00 pm - 1:00 am
Corn Hole (New Game)	Club Room Saturday	1.00pm – 2.30pm
Meat Roll	Saturday	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Disc Jockey & Dancing	Saturday	8:30 pm - 12:30 am
Karaoke & Dancing	Sunday	3.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Special Events

April 19	Saturday	New Country And Western Dinner and Dance
April 26	Saturday	50 – 60 – 70 Theme Night In The Club Room (No Charge)
May 20-21	Tue Wed	Horse Shoes Will Start
May 24	Saturday	Theme Night To Be Announced
May 25	Sunday	General Meeting and Elections for new Executive & Pub Day
May 31	Saturday	Dance Night Live Band
July 1	Tuesday	Canada Day Celebrations
August 24	Sunday	Tattoo

Members Corner

This is a new area for our new bulletin that is designated as the “Members Corner”. This is your area to express your opinions, share your event photos or just sound off. As long as the content is not immoral or illegal we will do our best to include it as space permits.

The editor reserves the right to edit content as deemed necessary. Contributors must agree to have their name accompany the article. Please send in your notices to the branch or e-mail me at this address wayne@arrowspeed.ca.

After reading the article in last month bulletin about our Chinese members, I was extremely upset that anyone would criticize these members of this Branch. They are a hard working group and give a lot to this branch. If the ones who made these comments gave even half as much effort as our Chinese members do, they wouldn't have time to criticize them. So I would like to suggest that you just stop.

Sent in by Ruth Gray

A Quote from Fantastic Antone Succeeds

Successes take place when we stop trying harder and start trying differently.

Sent in by Deanna Aspden

JUST STAY

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside.

"Your son is here," she said to the old man.

She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened.

He was heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Soldier standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Soldier wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Soldier could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Soldier sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Soldier move away and rest awhile.

He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Soldier was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital, the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son's hand all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Soldier released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse.

While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Soldier interrupted her. "Who was that man?" he asked.

The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered.

"No, he wasn't," the Soldier replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here.

When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."

The next time someone needs you ... just be there....Stay.

Sent In By Sharon George North Bay

RCL Branch 614 Humour Corner

This is a Members section and if you have some good clean family jokes or a funny short story, please let us know and we may use it in this area if space allows. Anyone submitting to this section must agree to have their name listed as the person sending it in. E-mail wayne@arrowspeed.ca

Canada Pension

Having reached the age of 65, I went to apply for Canada Pension last week. After waiting in line for a very long time, I finally got to the counter. The woman there asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized, to my great dismay, that I had left my wallet on the nightstand in my bedroom. I told the lady that I was very sorry, but I seemed to have left my wallet at home. 'I'll have to go get it and come back later,' I said. At that point, she said to me, 'unbutton your shirt.' I was confused, but I opened my shirt, revealing lots of curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me,' and, with that, she promptly processed my application. When I got home, I couldn't wait to tell my wife about my experience at the Canada Pension Office. She listened to the whole story and then said, 'You should have dropped your pants, and you might have gotten disability as well'

Sent in By Wayne Hayes

3 MEN GO INTO A MOTEL. THE MAN BEHIND THE DESK SAID THE ROOM IS \$30, SO EACH MAN PAID \$10 AND WENT TO THE ROOM.

A WHILE LATER THE MAN BEHIND THE DESK REALIZED THE ROOM WAS ONLY \$25, SO HE SENT THE BELLBOY TO THE 3 GUYS' ROOM WITH \$5.

ON THE WAY, THE BELLBOY COULDN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO SPLIT \$5 EVENLY BETWEEN 3 MEN, SO HE GAVE EACH MAN A \$1 AND KEPT THE OTHER \$2 FOR HIMSELF

THIS MEANT THAT THE 3 MEN EACH PAID \$9 FOR THE ROOM, WHICH IS A TOTAL OF \$27, ADD THE \$2 THAT THE BELLBOY KEPT = \$29.

WHERE IS THE OTHER DOLLAR?

Sent in By Frank Yip

The Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee.

The Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you will never get a busy signal.

The Starbuck Law

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do some thing which will last until the coffee is cold.

The Doctors' Law

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll be better. Don't make an appointment and you will stay sick.

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DISTRICT D MEDAL WINNERS AT THE 2007 PROVINCIAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET AT YORK UNIVERSITY February 9, 2008

Congratulations to all our athletes that represented Districted D in the Provincial Track and Field Championships. You have made us proud of your accomplishments and we all hope that you will return again for the outdoor events later this year.



District D Commander Lorraine Drake with Gold Medalist Vanessa Mcleod in girls under 15 400 meter dash.



Provincial President George O'Dair and Provincial LA President Judy Stinson with Jonathan Settembri Gold Medalist in both the 400 meter dash and 800 meter run for boys under 15.



Provincial President George O'Dair and Provincial LA President Judy Stinson (left) and Provincial Vice-President Marg Emery (right) With Gold Medalist Adriene Wilson (District D), Silver Medalist Victoria Samyn (District F) and Bronze Medalist Kristen Stewart (District E) in girls under 17 1500 meter run



District Commander Lorraine Drake and Provincial President George O'Dair with Gold Medalist Thomas Juna (District D) Silver Medalist Anthony Leone (District D) and Bronze Medalist Matthew Laparco (District D) in the under boys 15 200 meter dash.

Matthew Laparco also received Gold in the 60 meter Hurdles and the 60 meter Dash

Anthony Leone also received a Silver Medal in the 60 meter Dash