

September 2010

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Winnipeg South Osborne Branch #252



Bulletin

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Notice of Branch 252 Activities and Events

September General Meeting is Wednesday September 29, 2010 at 7PM. Please make every effort to attend.

The annual Halloween Masquerade Ball is Friday October 29, 2010. There will be cash prizes for the best three costumes. The Band is playing is "Storm Warning". Come out and have a "frighteningly" good time.

Reminder that the Zone 44 meeting is at Fort Garry Legion Br 90 on Saturday September 18, 2010 1230 noon. Executives please attend in uniform dress.

The annual Poppy Drive is Friday November 5 and Saturday November 6, 2010. Poppy Chair Liam Milne will post a volunteer sheet in the Branch. Please help us and volunteer a couple of hours of your time for this worthy cause.

Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Branch Thursday November 11, 2010 11am. Doors will be tiles at 1045am.

Honours and Awards

Night is Saturday November 20, 2010 at 7pm. We will present Long Service pins, certificates, charitable donations, initiations, etc and treat our volunteers with food and refreshments in the Lounge.

The annual Christmas Party for members' children with Santa Claus, gifts, loot bags and food etc will be held in the Lounge Sunday December 5, 2010 from noon until 3pm. Applications forms will be available in the Branch and copy is attached at the end of this Newsletter.

The annual General Meeting with Elections will be Wednesday November 24, 2010 at 7pm. Come out and vote in the Executive of your choice for the year 2011.

Mrg Hazel Bell introduced her Assistant Manager Blanche Robinson at the April 21, 2010 Executive Meeting. Welcome to the Branch Blanche. I am sure you will be a fine addition to our management team.

Finance Chair Jeff Matheson received appli-

cations for nine students to attend the Legion Sports Camp at the Peace Gardens. The Branch subsidized the students for a total of \$2025 donation.

Because of poor attendance at the last few church parades, we have advised Fort Garry Br 90 we would not attend. Instead, we will honour our veterans with the dropping of poppies at our Remembrance Day ceremony and Veterans Tribute on the anniversary of D-Day in June.

Many thanks to member Barry Jones who donated a power wheel chair in memory of his father Dave Jones, long time member of Branch 252.



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President's Report

Arthur MWattis

Recently Management of Branch 252 had sufficient cause to discipline an employee for dereliction of duties and insubordination.

Management had asked me to sit in on a scheduled meeting with said employee. I mistakenly thought the meeting was to advise the employee why they were disciplined. The meeting was actually to explain to the employee that the duties assigned to the position must be carried out to the letter or further action would be taken.

I cautioned that I would sit in as an observer only and as a courtesy. The President is not an arbiter and will not under any circumstances interfere with Management's decisions on staff matters.

The employee in question showed up for the meeting late and refused to sit for the agenda and defiantly walked out when told that their observer could not be present. This employee was subsequently terminated from employment with Branch 252.

I bring this matter to attention of the Executive, Membership and Management that there is a strict official formality and etiquette when volunteer Executive employ paid staff for the professional operation of a Legion Branch. This formality or rigid observance is covered under Branch 252 Protocol of Executive, Management and employees and is as follows:

1. The Branch Manager is hired by the Executive (Branch 252 bylaw Section 3 Article 3)
 2. The Manager has the authority to hire an Assistant Manager which must Be approved by the Executive.
 3. The Branch President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Branch whom Management reports to.
 4. Management has the authority to hire and train Branch employees, Delegate work duties and responsibilities, also to council, discipline, and Or terminate staff when deemed necessary for the safe operation and viability of the Branch.
 5. The Executive must remain unbiased and allow Management to perform The duties they were engaged for.
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Convention Entertainment at Branch 252

Monday June 14, 2010, Branch 252 held an evening of non-stop entertainment in the Bingo Hall and Lounge for the enjoyment of Legion Convention delegates and their significant others and our membership. The Branch Ladies Auxiliary provided food and refreshments for everyone. Many thanks to the Ladies.

Entertainment that ran from 6pm until close included the following talent:

- Happy Homesteaders (Barber Shop singers)
- Br 252 Legion Big Band
- Bear Country Fiddlers and Metis Dancers
- Orest and Denise Keyboard & Vocalist
- Ozzie Aasland and Jean Yeo Vocalist



- Kicking it Up Karaoke with Juliette Lafortune
- And wartime music of Vera Lynn

It was a fun evening of music, food and comradeship and lots of draws. Some out of town delegates were lucky with the draws and the VLT's.

Some of the delegates attending our evening were from:

Ontario: London, Bramalea, North Bay

(Collendor Ontario Branch)

British Columbia: Duncan, Parksville, Lantzville, Delta

Alberta: Canmore

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199 St Vital Royal Canadian Air Cadet

Arthur M Wattis

Squadron Annual Ceremonial Review

Winnipeg South Osborn Legion Br 252 is a proud sponsor of the 199 St Vital Air Cadet Squadron.

I was honoured to attend the 7th Annual Ceremonial Review of the 199 Squadron on Saturday May 15th, 2010 where cadet Warrant Officer 2nd Class Joseph Darcel received the Legion Medal of Excellence presented by RCL District 4 Commander Mel Willis.

I was very impressed by the cadet march past, drill team, color party and band.

These young men and women displayed leadership, physical fitness and citizenship, respect and courtesy and this speaks well for the training of our youth in this wonderful cadet program.



Many thanks to Marc Pelletier, Branch 252 Sergeant-at-Arms who is very involved in the training of the cadets of 199 Squadron. You do our Branch proud.

Convention News

The 43rd National Legion Convention was held in Winnipeg June 12-16 2010.

Delegates from Br 252 attending were:

AM Wattis, Harry Tucker, Jeff Matheson, Pat Clark, Maureen Dunlop, Moira Skelding and Edna Milne.

Elected as National Dominion President of the RCL was Pat Varga (She is a naval veteran from Saskatchewan Command)

Future Dominion Conventions will be held:

2012	Halifax	June 9-13
2014	Edmonton	June 14-18
2016	St John's NFLD	June 11-15
2018	Winnipeg	June 16-20

Donations for the Carribean Veterans (Royal Commonwealth Ex Services League) collected at the convention was \$225,529.45.

The donation to this fund from Br 252 was \$2500.

Funds raised at the convention from delegates to the RCL Troop Morale Fund was \$44,658.58

A total of 155 resolutions were considered at convention including 137 resolutions that were recommended by provincial and dominion command committees.

As the resolutions are quite lengthy, the convention resolutions will be available at the branch office for those of you who are interested to peruse.

Sick & Visiting

Edna Milne

Joe Jaworski — Vista Park

Christine Webb — Lions Place

Robert Graham — Tuxedo Villa

Bill Bowman — Riverview

Cliff Raffey - Meadowood Manor

AD Maltman - Middlechurch Personal Care Home

Joe Athay - St Boniface Hospital

Ron Thompson - Had surgery at Victoria Hospital

Tom Milne - Taking his chemotherapy treatments at home. He gets tired but is in fairly good spirits. His appetite is fair

Re-Hab & Bereavement

Moira Skelding

We mourn the loss of our comrades and extend our condolences to their families:

Name	Membership	Passed
St John Harry Carne Taylor	Ordinary Member	January 5, 2010
Robert (Bob) Frederick Tinkler	Ordinary Member—17 Years	January 21, 2010
Allan G Hamilton	Associate Member—12 Years	January 22, 2010
Irene Cormack	Ordinary Member—27 Years	February 18, 2010
Matilda (Millie) Hornsby	Associate Member—27 Years	March 3, 2010
David Robert Jones	Life Member—64 Years	April 3, 2010
Walter Reeves	Ordinary Member—5 Years	April 7, 2010
Betty Elaine Ransome	Associate Member—22 Years	April 8, 2010
Arthur Royce Kingston	Ordinary Member—42 Years	April 11, 2010
Frank Sudyko	Ordinary Member—52 Years	July 24, 2010
Kenneth Clark	Life Member—49 Years	August 13, 2010

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.

Tony Magnifico was so gracious to take away our unuseable wheelchairs and walkers, etc.

Branch 252 Veterans Tribute Sat June 5, 2010

The annual Last Post ceremony in honor of Branch 252 veterans was held at our Cenotaph in front of the building on Saturday June 5, 2010. 199 St Vital Air Cadet Squadron with Sgt-at-Arms Marc Pelletier led the color party in the parade.



After the wreath laying, everyone was invited in for lunch and refreshments.

Attending the ceremony was MP Anita Neville and city councillor Jenny Gerbasi and District 4 Commander Mel Willis.

The Branch presented the following donations:

- Riverview Hospital Foundation \$5000
- Deerlodge Hospital Foundation \$5000
- Legion Housing \$5000
- 199 St Vital Air Cadet Squadron \$2000

Captain Andre Vautour, commanding officer, presented a beautiful plaque of 199 Squadron for the Branch.

Manager Hazel Bell and volunteers provided a terrific lunch and dessert table for our enjoyment.



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Entertainment Report

Douglas Fisher

Bands have been booked to the end of the year and most of the first half of next year. For the first time in a number of years we booked bands in August. We will be evaluating this change and if it is deemed positive, we will consider Friday night bands year round with no summer break.

If you are aware of a band you would like to see in our lounge, please bring it to my attention. I will check into whether the band is suitable for our club and within our budget.

Kick it Up Karaoke with Juliette LaFortune is providing fun times for Karaoke fans every Saturday 8PM to 1230AM. "Jewels" is a strong supporter of the Legion and a wonderful entertainer. If you enjoy karaoke, ours is the place to be!

The 252 Big Band will be entertaining in the Lounge 4-6pm the 1st Saturday of each month starting October 2.

We will be holding a New Years Party in the Lounge with either a live band or a DJ. When plans are finalized, we will update the membership.

Band Name	Date Playing	2010	Band Name	Date Playing
Storm Warning	Sept 17		Dominoes	Nov 5
Dominoes	Sept 24		Crosstown	Nov 12
Crosstown	Oct 1		Breeze	Nov 19
Biiver	Oct 8		Biiver	Nov 26
Two for the Show	Oct 15		Overhere	Dec 3
Whiskey Bent Band	Oct 22		Storm Warning	Dec 10
Storm Warning	Oct 29		Whiskey Bent Band	Dec 17
			Dominoes	Dec 23



Warning: Dancers!

MANAGERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades and Members. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. Hard to believe we are already into September. Dominion Convention was held in Winnipeg this year. On June 14, 2010 Winnipeg South Osborne Legion hosted a night of fun and entertainment for the Delegates. We had multiple entertainers performing in the Lounge and also in the second floor Bingo Hall. Free food was also provided and taken care of by our Ladies Auxiliary who did a marvellous job. The event was well attended and our out of town guests expressed their heart felt appreciation and gratitude. A good time was had by all and 20 of the delegates also came back to visit us the following Wednesday for our Meat and Perfume draw.

We have been very busy with some major building upgrades and repairs. We have had new water tank installed, electrical and plumbing upgrades done in the building.

Even though we normally slow down over the summer months we managed to hold our own this year with bar sales which is very encouraging.

An email group mailing list has been started so that when we have upcoming events we can reach out via the internet to spread the news. Should you wish to be included in the future please just send your email address to info@rcl252.mb.ca and you will be added.

At the June General Meeting a request was made for us to once again look for a caterer. We posted an advertisement on Service Canada's job bank www.jobbank.gc.ca and are currently going through the resumes and applications to see if we can find someone suitable for the job that is willing to take it on.

On Labour Day September 6th we were open and hosted a gathering for members and guests. It was thrown together at last minute but we did get a fantastic turnout. We had draws on the half hour for Member Door Prizes. A lunch of cold cuts, rye bread and pickles and fresh corn and cupcake and cookies were served. We also had perfume and 50/50 draws.

Winnipeg South Osborne Legion will be hosting a Halloween party on Friday October 29th. The band Storm Warning will be playing so please stay tuned for further details.

Hazel Bell
Manager

Blanche Robinson
Assistant Manager

May 26/2010

Dear Winnipeg south Osborne Legion #252

Please accept my thanks for selecting me as the recipient of your 2009/20010 Bursary Award. Your generosity helped me to continue my education at the post-secondary level, providing me with the additional financial support that I required. I am happy to say that I recently graduated from the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba in April of 2010.

Receiving this award means a lot to me because I have been able to put the award towards tuition and continue with my education.

Thank you again for honoring me with this bursary. Your support is greatly appreciated.

With sincerest thanks,

Kirsten Firth

Kirsten Firth

In Memory of Grant Bell, 50 Year Member

Grant Bell, naval veteran who served on HMCS Ontario, and 50 year member of Branch 97/252, plumber pipefitter by trade, volunteer extraordinaire, served on the Branch executive as Ways & Means Chair, Retired from the trades, worked as Branch caretaker. He fixed pipes, toilets, taps etc gratis, planted flowers at the front of the building and a myriad of other chores on behalf of the Branch.

"Grannie", as he was affectionately known, died at age 72 in August 2006.

Dorothy McKean composed the following poem which she read at Grant's Last Post service in the Branch. We thought we would share it with you

Grant Our Friend

Back in the year 1934
A baby came thru Bert and Lil's door

His name was Grant and he brought much joy
A happy, healthy baby boy

He grew up into a handsome young man
He'd walk down the street and girls they ran

They would beg, please come with me
I'll make you happy-wait and see

He began to carry a stick on his back
To chase away this unwanted pack

There was a special girl he had in mind
With Jeannie he realized his wonderful find

In 1955 he made her his wife
And they settled down to a wonderful life

Over the years their family grew
Not one, not two, but 2 x 2

His wife, children and extended family gave him joy beyond measure
Many happy memories he leaves them to treasure

Grant was a man kind-hearted and true
There was not a thing he wouldn't do for you

He loved his garden and his back yard
And from his premises no one was barred

He was often heard to say drop in and join me for a beer
Upon departure he gave veggies and pickles with so much cheer

We all know he loved his beer, cigarettes and VLT's
If he lost to the machines he'd say "Oh well" and slap his knees

Grant was a man who displayed determination and strength
To commit to quit smoking he went to great length

He counted each smoke-free day as they went by
And encouraged myself and I'm sure others, to give it a try

For his family over the years Grant did his best
Now they grieve as they send him to eternal rest

Grantie we loved you to the very end
You died like you lived - everyone's friend

Dorothy McKean





Children's Christmas Party REGISTRATION FORM

Our Children's Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 5 at noon. The Christmas Party is no cost to children of paid up members 2010 as of October 31st, 2010. Grandparents who wish to bring their grandchildren are required to pay \$10.00 per grandchild

Registration Information

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Name(s) and Age(s) of Children of paid up members attending:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name(s) and Age(s) of Grandchildren attending: (x \$10.00 per child paid at time of registration at Lounge Bar)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parents/Guardians Information

Names of Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) Attending

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Please submit your registration form at the Lounge Bar on or before Friday, November 26, 2010. Registration on or before November 26, 2010 is mandatory in order for us to plan this event