

2011 Executive

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President's Report

As we enter into the Holiday Season I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our membership the very best of good health, wealth and happiness for the Holidays and years to come.

What usually occurs in the final bulletin of the year is a wrap up and review of the past years events. I am however going to do something different this year, I am going to instead give thanks to all those who give of themselves so that the Branch may succeed and flourish.

I want to thank the 2011 Branch Executive for their hard work and dedication and for the support they have shown me in my first term as President. I would also like to thank Dorothy Mckeen and Tom Clark who were forced to resign their executive positions due to medical reasons. Also to be thanked are the many Volunteers who keep the Branch operating, for without their volunteering we may not have the Branch that we have "WE THANK YOU".

First and foremost I think we should acknowledge those volunteers (members) who are most responsible for the revenue raised in our Branch s, for without them simply put, our doors would not be open.

Bingo is one of our main fund raisers. Bingo is run by a large number of volunteers who are co-ordinated by Bingo Chairman Joan Pines and her co-chairman Pat Clark. Together with Art Wattis, Jeff Mathieson , Doug Fisher and Eric Nieder along with a host of others to many to name keep our Sunday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday Hard Card Bingo operating. These core people that I have acknowledged here work our bingo's week after week year after year with little time off. Pat, Jeff, Doug, Art and Eric have been volunteering at our Bingo's for more than ten years running WOW what a commitment " THANK YOU "

Ron Liberty

Way's & Mean's is an other chair that is responsible for a good portion of the revenue that comes into the Branch from Volunteers. Ways & Means Chairman George Dyck and his co-chairman Dianne Papineau and there many volunteers work hard every Wednesday and Saturday 52 weeks a year running our Meat Draws and raffles, ticket sales, sport pools etc. There are also a number of volunteers who help George and Dianne at different times, however there is one who does not know how to say "NO" when asked and that is James Deschamp, who simply volunteers for everything and is constantly helping out at meet draws, Colour Party and for anything that is asked of him. James Thank You for your service to the Branch as a Volunteer.

The next two groups who although are not responsible for raising monies they are responsible for putting in a lot of time volunteering, they are the Sick Visiting committee and our Color Party. Sick Visiting is chaired by Eleen Nichol and her committee of Richard and Lois Hudson and Yvonne Tonellier, they visit the homes of our members who are sick, they go to all the seniors homes and bring a smile a gift and good cheer to our veterans and members who are not well and cannot get out to the branch. A task that is ongoing throughout the Year. The Color Party which is chaired by Marc Pelletier our Sgt. At arms and co Chaired by Rehab & Bereavement Chairman Moira Skelding are responsible for all events, Funeral Services our Color Party are required to be at and these include events away from the Branch, The color Party have a number of members who volunteer for duty such as Maureen Dunlop, Andy Fialski ,Lloyd Seeding, James Deschamps and Richard and Lois Hudson. Our Thanks go out to each of you for the time and dedication you give in serving the Branch.

I have Highlighted a few of the groups who commits a vast amount of time and effort to the Branch with **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** their volunteering, however not to be forgotten

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nor any less important are those who volunteer on other committees that require less time. These are Lloyd Seeding and Eric Neider for Branch Maintenance, Lois Hudson Branch membership with the support and assistance of the Bar Staff and our Management team of Hazel Bell and Carly Logan. Bob Papineau for keeping our branch finances in order along with his committee of George Dyck. Andy Fialski, Doug Fisher, Jeff Mathieson .Marc Pelletier for the Bulletin, Art Wattis for Honors & awards and assisting with the bulletin and Bing. Richard Hudson for Poppy campaign and his volunteers to numerous to mention here.. Doug Fisher for booking our Live bands and arranging New Years Eve Party.

I would also like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sixty Five Club for their contributions to the Branch, and to the Branch membership, their long standing ability and dedication to assisting the Branch in times of need are and were much appreciated. “ THANK YOU ‘ I would also like to thank our Management Staff and all Branch employees for their efforts in making our Branch the success it is.

Comrades in thanking people by name you invariably leave out someone who should have been mentioned and that is

unfortunate, I have tried to acknowledge those who go above and beyond the call of duty to help out the Branch. In the event you feel you were missed or if anyone mentioned knows of someone who was missed please let me know so that I may acknowledge them in the next bulletin.

In closing I would ask that our members give of themselves a little so that the volunteers I mentioned in this bulletin can have a rest. I also let you know that there are vacant positions on the executive that need to be filled., For the third time I will also call on all of those of you who are members but for reasons only known to you “ DO NOT COME TO THE BRANCH “ to please reconsider and come down to renew old friendship and make new ones.

To Our fallen members our prayers and sympathies go out to their families “ We Will Remember Them “

Again my thanks and appreciation for “ ALL “ who in any way helped to make our Branch a welcome place to come to.

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Maintenance Lloyd Skelding	Bingo Vacant	Hard Card Vacant
Publicity Bob Maughn	Rehab and Bereavement Yvonne Tonnellier	

MANAGERS REPORT

This year has been a trying year. We have had our ups and down but we are holding our own. We must make every effort to increase our income. I have been getting quotes from several security companies for cameras, but we will be looking into that in the New Year. One of the quotes that came back gave us a better price, so we will keep that in mind.

We have had a few projects that were brought up at the Executive meetings and I have not got to them yet. I have been talking to Ron Liberty and we will be looking into those in the New Year.

The washroom in the Bingo Hall has been all fixed thanks to Doug Wain for getting Hot Shots (Chad). They were also the ones that did the piping down in the Games Room in 2010. We will keep them, they are always at our beck and call.

We had Cimco in numerous times as it was either freezing or too hot in all the halls. This finally has been fixed as we replaced 3 valves at the cost of approximately \$875 each. Now at least all floors have their own thermostats. The bingo players will be so happy.

We purchased a new bingo machine and two TVs at the sum of \$12,637. Now we are just waiting for the bill to come in for the wiring. Ron is getting together the people to run the new machine. Hopefully with this new machine will bring in more bingo players as we are always looking for more money.

We will be looking into a contract for Hall Rentals as we had a little setback with one.

Hazel Bell

It's always a learning process around here but we're always up for the challenge.

We had our back door fixed as it was not secured. Some extra bolts were put on it.

I am still learning and new things always pop up. I am here to listen and remember, please come to me on working hours if you have any questions. Remember I do like to have time off too! The staff of the Winnipeg South Osborne Legion is happy to assist you. If they can't, they will contact me.

As you may be aware, my Assistant, Carly Logan is now on a part time basis. We are trying this...?

The purchase of the house on Woodward and bingo machine were the biggest expenses this year.

House: \$133,000

Bingo Machine & TVs: \$12,637

I would like to thank all the members that help me keep up the decorating in the lounge for the special Events. I think we have it down pat now.

I'm hoping to get more organized in the New Year and things will run smoother. I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Look forward to another year at the Winnipeg South Osborne.

Poppy

I am pleased to announce that our recently completed Poppy Campaign was very successful. When the campaign started, we had 78,000 poppies on hand. After the campaign, the count is 32,000 which means we sold 46,000 poppies!

We distributed 244 coin boxes to various schools and businesses in our area; we also had 60 taggers who used 84 coin boxes, for a total of 328 coin boxes. We had only one box stolen this year.

We raised a total of **\$32,228.00** during our campaign.

I would like to give a special thanks to all the following comrades who made this possible:

1. First to the Poppy Committee, my co-chair Cde President Ron Liberty, Cdes Lois Hudson, Verna Boyle, Donald Pilbeam, James and Cathy Deschamps, Carlene Hud-

Ways & Means

This committee has had a busy year with the weekly meat and perfume draws. They also held several other raffles throughout the year and have had quite a success in the year 2011. A Canada Day barbeque was held, which was well attended. They also sold Grey Cup Tickets, which did not go as well as expected, however, it was still quite profitable for the branch. That was followed up by hosting a Grey Cup party. This too was well attended. The final event for the year was the "New Years Lottery Tree" with the draw being made on New Years Day at the Levee.

At this time I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked on this committee in one way or another. Without them, we would not have the success that we did.

Richard Hudson

son, Tom Durham, Denis Horne and Andreas Fialski.

2. To our manager Hazel Bell and our assistant manager, and all the bar staff for taking all the calls that come into the branch during the poppy campaign.
3. To Doug Wain for supplying the machine to count and roll coin and to Doug Fisher for operating the machine
4. Finally to the Grand's and More Ladies, the UMSU Swing Dancers club, the 199 St Vital Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, and to all the taggers who volunteered to sell poppies. There are too numerous to mention them all by name but you know who you are. Thank you all for a job well done. We would not have raised the amount we did without the help of all these great volunteers.

I wish to extend Best Wishes to all comrades for a happy holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

George Dyck

Rehab & Bereavement

Moira Skelding

Name	Membership	Passed
Arthur LaRocque	Ordinary Member—8 Years	July 18, 2010
Robert Gray	Ordinary Member—42 Years	August 28, 2010
Joseph Athayde	Ordinary Member—33 Years	January 4, 2011
Douglas Robert Milhaussen	Affiliate Member—11 Years	January 24, 2011
Joseph Beaumont	Ordinary Member—41 Years	February 6, 2011
Howard Bryson	Ordinary Member—50 Years	February 20, 2011
Joseph Schentag	Ordinary Member—46 Years	March 6, 2011
Audrey Karpoff	Ordinary Member—1 Year	March 14, 2011
Mac Greenland	Ordinary Member—49 Years	March 15, 2011
Harry Stevens	Ordinary Member—34 Years	March 26, 2011
Alfred Phillips	Ordinary Member—66 Years	April 11, 2011
Tina Edna Milne	Life Member—29 Years	April 17, 2011
Joseph Hetzel	Life Member—41 Years	May 28, 2011
Steven Swatkoff	Ordinary Member—40 Years	June 1, 2011
Doreen McKenzie	Associate Member—28 Years	June 28, 2011
Archie Scott	Ordinary Member—27 Years	July 21, 2011
Walter West	Ordinary Member—17 Years	August 2, 2011
Brenda Kerr	Associate Member—20 Years	August 13, 2011
Thomas Smeall	Ordinary Member—63 Years	August 27, 2011
Mary Wallace	Associate Member—15 Years	September 3, 2011
Leonardo Russo	Affiliate Member—13 Years	October 28, 2011
J.M Peppin	Ordinary Member—63 Years	December 3, 2011
Richard Bovin		December 10, 2011

***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.***

Entertainment Report

Doug Fisher

We will be holding a New Years Party in the lounge with the live band Borderline. There will be reserved seating, party favours and a late light lunch all for just \$10. The lounge will be closed Saturday evening December 31 at 8:30PM, except to those holding a ticket for the New Years Party. Tickets are on sale at the bar now, get yours early, come out and celebrate New Year.

Bands have been booked to the end of this year and most of the first half of next year. For the first time in a number of years we booked bands in July and August and we intend to have Friday night bands year round with no summer break this coming year.

Singers Paradise is providing fun times for Karaoke fans every Saturday 7:30PM to 12:30AM. 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 except for the months of July, August and September.

Special thanks to management Hazel and Carly for all their help with entertainment. Best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Tom Clarke. Tom was unable to complete his term as Entertainment Chair due to illness.

Date	Band	Date	Band
Jan 6, 2012	After All These Years	Feb 3	Storm Warning
Jan 13	Biivver	Feb 10	Ace in the Hole
Jan 20	Red River Rockets	Feb 17	Crosstown
Jan 27	Renegades	Feb 24	After all These Years
Mar 2	Borderline	Apr 5	Borderline (Thursday)
Mar 9	Storm Warning	Apr 13	Biivver
Mar 16	Renegades	Apr 20	Renegades
Mar 23	Ace in the Hole	Apr 27	Storm Warning
Mar 30	Whiskey Bent		
May 4	Breeze	June 1	
May 11	Ace in the Hole	June 8	Whiskey Bent
May 18	Biivver	June 15	After all These Years
May 25	Borderline	June 22	Biivver
		June 29	

Service Officer

Harry Tucker

For the past year 2011, my activities covered visits to senior citizen complexes especially to locate visually impaired veterans and as mentioned hereunder.

Meetings were held at Brandon, MB for the Legion Convention and earlier at Brandon to discuss veterans including retired RCMP, military and those who retired from the federal public service.

Last October was invited to attend a meeting at Pinawa, MB for retired seniors which included veterans and their concerns.

It should be noted and mentioned before, few Second World War veterans remaining and some from the Korean War. I am still able to contact those who have questions regarding pensions,

benefits and other concerns.

I haven't forgotten those returning from Afghanistan and attended various meetings at 17 Wing Air Force Base and DVA office located near the base.

For those veterans and spouses who receive pensions and benefits by direct deposit or by mail on January 2012 their amount will increase by 2.8% based on the 2011 year cost of living or index as it is known.

I was in contact with Joyce Bateman, our MP for Winnipeg South Centre and asked her to approach Veteran Affairs in Ottawa to ascertain what benefits and amounts will be affected by the cutbacks to our existing

and future veterans from the various wars.

I also accompanied our president Ron Liberty to our Remembrance Day service at Shaarey Zedek on November 11th.

If you have any queries or questions my phone is 204-475-9275 and I will try to provide answers.

At this time, I would wish you all the best of the season and a healthy and happy year for 2012.

Maintenance

Lloyd Skelding

First year on a new job!

Lots to learn, some to unlearn

A clogged roof drain was found and cleaned, this was the probable cause of the water damage to the Woodward Hall entrance. The damage has been repaired.

New ropes installed on both flag poles.

New sinks installed in mens washroom in Bingo Hall, thanks to the plumbing contractors and Doug Wain, that's the same crew that brought hot water to all the biffies.

Special thanks to James Deschamps and to Barry Keeper. They are always ready to help

Membership

Levee, January 1st is fast approaching and I would like to clarify as to how many guests a member with a 2012 only can sign in for this occasion. It is only 1 guest per Member who has paid for 2012.

To date, we have:

19 Life Members
 1 Meritorious Life Member
 141 Ordinary Members
 321 Associate Members
 72 Affiliate Members

For a total of 555 members paid for 2011.

Lois Hudson

A big thank you to all my Committee Members:

- Hazel Bell: Looked after the Membership Master List and assisted with my chair all year
- Maureen Dunlop and Carlene Hudson: Helped with the phone campaign and various other activities as requested of them.
- Richard Hudson: Took care of sending in the Obituary notices for our Ordinary Members to the Legion Magazine and many other duties as required.
- All the Bar Staff for taking care of membership payments.

Sick Visiting

Eleene Nichols

My Committee this year consists of Richard and Lois Hudson and Yvonne Tonnellier.

We visited the following comrades:

Ron Thompson	Golden Door P.C.H
Bill Bowman	Riverview
Cliff Raffey	Meadowood
Joe Jaworski	Vista Park
Bill McKenzie	Riverwood Square
Joe Wloski	At Home
Tom Clark	At Home

The following comrades who have been under health care recently, namely Bill McKenzie, Joe Wloski and Tom Clark attended our Remembrance Day Service. We found all the comrades in great spirits. They appreciate the Legion Magazine and the visits. They send their best wishes to all their comrades. I have bought tins of candy, Christmas Cards and bags for Christmas for the comrades.

I would like to thank my committee for helping me during this year.

Sgt-at-Arms / Publicity

Marc Pelletier

It has been a privilege to serve as your Sergeant-at-Arms and Publicity Chair this past year. I have to thank first and foremost the members who covered my duties while I was away this past summer working with the Canadian Cadet Organization. Those members where:

Andreas Fialski—Acting Sgt-at-Arms
Arthur M Wattis—Acting Publicity Chair

These individuals ensured that Last Post memorials were performed as required and made sure that the membership was kept aware of the branch's doings through the Bulletin.

Some highlights for the year:

- We purchased a digital camera for the publicity chair (or his designate) to use in order to record our events throughout the year.
- The website continues to draw people in. We have seen hits from as far away as Australia!
- Our 2 main Events, Veterans Tribute on June 4 and Remembrance Day were well attended by our members and the general public.
- A Colour Party School was held in February and March. 8 members signed up.



Further thanks are to be given to the cadets and staff of the 199 St Vital Air Cadet Squadron for helping at these activities. I know they look forward to helping the branch again in the new year.





2011



199 ST VITAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADET SQUADRON

Auctus Sapientia Vincent / Growth Wisdom Excellence



DATE: 15 Dec 11—2 Feb 12

Do you have Canadian Tire Money lying around the house? Wondering what to do with it when it's handed to you at the check-out?

Donate it to the 199 St Vital Air Cadet Squadron and help support our 2013 War Memorial Trip to Europe!

Royal Canadian Air Cadets participate in a variety of fun and challenging activities. There is something for everyone – no matter what their personal interests may be. The outdoor enthusiast will appreciate learning survival skills for flight crew. The athlete will appreciate physical education and recreation, including a variety of sporting activities like biathlon and Olympic-style marksmanship. The artists will find their niche in the music program.

Currently, we are collecting Canadian Tire Money in order to purchase prizes for events and contests we will be running throughout the year. All denominations are gratefully accepted.

Please mail your Canadian Tire money to **199 RCACS Europe Trip at PO Box 48055 RPO Lakewood, Winnipeg, MB R2J 4A3**



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2012 General Meetings

Branch 252 By-Laws

Section 2—Article 1 A regular meeting shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of February, April, June, September and November of each year at 7pm.

Wednesday February 22, 2012 7pm

Wednesday April 25, 2012 7pm

Wednesday June 27, 2012 7pm

Wednesday September 26, 2012 7pm

Wednesday November 28, 2012 7pm ****ELECTIONS****