



Royal Canadian Legion  
Leslie Sutherland Branch 447  
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## Spring 2006 Newsletter

The Legion's Mission is:  
*"To serve Veterans and their dependants;  
Promote Remembrance,  
And act in the Service of Canada and its communities"*

Branch 447  
2005-2006 Executive and Committee Chairs

President  
IPP  
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Steve Glowa  
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### Executive Board

Jim Noyle  
Herb Kewell  
Don Musson  
Frank Kneeshaw  
Bob Chambers  
Greg Stoudt

### Committee Chairs

Membership	Ron Winger
Finance	Bob Chambers
Ways & Means	Steve Glowa
Nevada	Frank Kneeshaw
Nevada Treasurer	Jim Haxton
Youth & Education	Ken Hill
Poppy	Bob Chambers
Poppy Treasurer	Jim Noyle
Bar	Frank Kneeshaw
Bingo	Paul Clendenning
Sports	Rob Jordan
Sick & Welfare	Doug Heath
Service Bureau	Herb Kewell
Publicity	Don Musson
House Chair	Frank Kneeshaw
Hall Coordinators	Ken Carpenter, Al Lavigne

## Leslie Sutherland Branch 447

What better place to meet new friends, learn new skills and to use your experience, to help Veterans, Seniors, and our Youth and all members of the community, while enjoying the legendary comradeship of your local Branch of the "Royal Canadian Legion".

### "ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN"



#### Presidents Message

**Hello Comrades** Nominations for new executive will be held at the General meeting on April the 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. They will be reopened at the next General meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by the election of officers.

Branch 447 so far has had a busy 2006. I would like to personally thank all those who have personally volunteered. Without your help, Br 447 wouldn't exist. Al Lavigne and Ken Carpenter continue to keep the branch ship shape and set up all banquet hall functions. They really could use some help. If anyone can help these two out once in a while, they would greatly appreciate it. Thank you to Ron Winger for taking over the Membership chair and to Paul Clendenning for taking over the Bingo chair. We need someone to take over the Service Bureau chair for Herb Kewell, and also we still need and Honours and Awards chairperson. A special thanks goes to two "behind the scenes" guys, Treasurer Barry Smith and Secretary Rob Jordan. They put in many hours that we don't realize and without them the branch couldn't function. One more special thanks goes to the Ladies Auxiliary.

Volunteering and participating in branch activities is the only way to carry forward the work of the Royal Canadian Legion. Don't wait to be asked. Talk to the committee chairs and find out how you can help them!

Yours in Comradeship, Steve Glowa, President



#### Poppy Report

The poppy campaign this past November was as successful this time as in years past. Thanks to the community spirit of giving "in memory of", and all support of our veterans, past and present. These dollars are still needed to support the care of hospitalized ex-service personnel and their dependents, as well as, special community needs. Once again, thanks to all, who committed of their time and efforts to enable the continuation of the poppy fund, to carry out its mandate.

Bob Chambers, Br 447 Poppy Chair

## Public Relations

The Public relations committee has been very busy donating to many local youth groups and sporting organizations in the St Clair Township area in the past months. The following is a list of some of the donations that branch 447 has made.

Corunna Area Boy Scouts	\$1,000
Corunna Area Girl Guides	1,000
Lambton Hospitals Group	2,500
International Silver Stick	500
Mooretown Flags Hockey Organization	300
Corunna Minor Athletic Association (baseball)	500
St Clair Township Youth Bowling (So Co Mo)	100
Royal Canadian Army Cadets (2563 Petrolia)	<u>200</u>
Total	\$6,100

We have also donated the hall to Moore Skating Club to practise for their annual Ice Show. Please continue to support our bingos so we can continue to support the youth in our community.

Thank you, Donald J Musson, Public Relations Chair

## Finance

Br 447 continues to post reasonable monthly performance figures, giving the branch the long anticipated results we have tried so very hard to achieve. However, it still requires, ever so much more, a diligent eye to oversee the branches financial health.

As branch finance chair, I rely very much on the dedication of a very few fellow comrades who share a like commitment. My thanks to all who lend a hand.

The branch has a new commitment to develop a plan for the balance of the property following the sale of perimeter lands. Any suggestions or proposals are welcome and will be considered.

Respectfully, Bob Chambers, Finance Chair

## Nevada

Over the past twelve months, the Branch 447 Nevada Fund has donated five thousand, four hundred and sixty six dollars to community activities. Included are the following, Corunna Volunteer Firefighters Association, Mooretown Flags Hockey Club, RCL Branch 447 Building Fund, Royal Canadian Army Cadets, Corunna District Girl guides, SoCoMo Bowling, First Corunna Boy Scouts Group, Our Youth at Work and RCL Branch 447 2005 Welfare support.

Thank you for your continued support. Frank Kneeshaw, Nevada chair

## **Ways and Means**

Friday night mixed meat darts and Saturday meat draws continue to do well. The Valentines pickerel fry was sold out with 180 people attending. Special thanks goes to Bob Churchill and all those who helped make this a success.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Steak fry and Car show is on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> with the “Trailer Park Boys” as the live band. Last years was a great success. Thanks Bob Willshire for a great idea and helping to get this event off of the ground. We are expecting more cars this year and need people to help out wherever they can. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers.

Steve Glowa, Ways and Means Chair

## **Youth and Education**

The Youth Education committee has concluded a successful Remembrance Day contest for the year 2005. The first place winners at the branch level in the contest went on to Zone and the judging has been completed at the Zone level. The students from the Corunna schools fared very well against the students from the other schools in Lambton County. There were two 1<sup>st</sup> place winners, two 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner for a total of five winners.

I would like to congratulate the winners at the Zone judging and to thank all the students who participated in the Remembrance Day Contest.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Hill, Youth Education Chair

## **Ladies Auxiliary**

Dear Comrades: I bring greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary and its members. The Ladies Auxiliary has had a busy winter and looking forward for a steady summer ahead. We strive in our endeavour to support our Branch to the best of our ability and count on your continued support.

It is with sadness that I report the passing away of Florence Johnson in February of this year. Florence was a Charter Member, Past President and served on the Executive Committee for many years. She will be missed by all of us.

The Auxiliary, very active in the sports program, is proud to be sending one team to Provincial Cribbage in June 2006. The Auxiliary also hosted District Darts on April 1, 2006. We would like to thank all those that participated and are also so very thankful to the Branch Members that were on hand to, head up the kitchen, ticket sales, bartending, set up, signage and just for being there when needed. This event would not have been a success without the teamwork involved.

The annual nominations and elections for the upcoming year will be coming up soon. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Yours in Comradeship, Denise Taylor, President, Ladies Auxiliary to Br 447



## Sports

The last 12 months has been a very busy year for sports at the Legion. Our regular club events are still very popular in the community attracting participants from outside the area. Our VSL teams continue to do well and represent our legion with pride. Br 447 has been able to qualify for district events in all Zone tournament play. Congratulations to all the participants for a job well done. At this time I would like to thank all those who have assisted me in the past year in both in club events as well as tournaments. A special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for there continued support by providing us with food during special events. And a heart felt thank you to all those that help support our legion by participating both at the club and in tournaments at other venues. Please check the bulletin board regularly for upcoming sports events.

Rob Jordan, Sports Officer



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## MEMBERSHIP IT'S IN YOUR HANDS!

**YOU can help ensure the Legion's future if you...**

- Share your commitment!
- Talk to friends, family, colleagues!
- Ask them to join our great family!

**The Poppy, symbol of Remembrance...**  
Col. John McCrae used the Poppy to symbolize Remembrance in his famous poem "In Flanders Fields". As the guardian of Remembrance, the Legion makes sure the traditions and symbols of Remembrance are passed on to future generations.

The Poppy Campaign is the Legion; the Legion is its members. Give a hand by recruiting one, two or maybe three new members this year. Ensure that your children and grandchildren wear a Poppy on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Our success is in our strength.  
Our strength is in our members.**



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**“We Will Remember Them”**