



What's Happening at the *Dambusters*....

January 2008

President

Comrades:

I wish you all a very happy new year. We must look at 2008 as our special year because in August we celebrate 40 years as "THE DAMBUSTERS". Let us stand proudly, comrades, arm-in-arm to serve our branch as best we can. We have an obligation to carry the torch that our founder members set alight in 1968. Yes, let us all make 2008 a great year for '617'.

Yours in Comradeship, Dennis Gibbons

Veterans Services / 1st Vice

Comrades:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy new year. If anyone is aware of a vet, vet's widow or dependant in need of assistance, please leave me a message at the branch so that I can take appropriate action.

Yours in Comradeship, Dave Pyper

Membership:

Comrades,

Well, it is that time again. If you haven't got your 2008 membership card yet it is time to renew. Membership is going well but we always welcome new members. Please come out and support your branch.

Yours in Comradeship, Dorothy McGuigan

Poppy

Comrades;

The Poppy campaign is over and we did well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 29 volunteers who came out and assisted.

Yours in Comradeship, Robert Dickie



Track and Field

Comrades,

The annual track meet will be held at York University, 4700 Keele Street on Saturday, February 9th. Volunteers are needed for there will be over 500 youth participating. Anyone interested in helping out should be there by 8:00am to sign in, receive a clipboard and be assigned a position. No uniform, casual attire - please wear sneakers because of the track floor. The youth of today are our legionnaires of tomorrow. Please contact me directly if you are interested in helping.

Yours in Comradeship, Gina Nowlan Probert

Sports

Comrades,

A new year is upon us and I hope that you all had a great Christmas and a very happy new year. Sports is really busy at this time of year. The darts in the branch and the Monday pool are both doing fine. If anyone is interested in playing are welcome.

The members are getting geared up to play darts at zone level on January 19th, euchre on March 22nd and 5-pin bowling on March 29th

For Zone darts we had 2 teams of 4, 1 team of 2 and 2 members playing singles.

Congratulations to Danny McGrath who will be representing our branch at district darts. Any members who are interested in participating in the various events please see the sign up sheets in the club room.

Yours in Comradeship, Evelyn Donohue



Web Site

Comrades, as the branch information becomes available I post it. We do try and keep it updated. If you have any items of interest that we can post, please email the branch. Once the content is approved it can be posted. We hope to have the "We ,will remember them page" up and running in the near future. Look for newsletters to be downloaded and if it all possible please forward your e-mail address to the branch to save some "Trees" at rcldambusters617@bellnet.ca

Yours in Comradeship Joyce Geddes

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

BRANCH MEETINGS:

3rd Wednesday of the Month

With a "NEW" Start time at **7.30 pm**

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

A special thank you goes out to all those people who made New Year's Eve a great success. The food was well taken care of and they did a great job. It's a pity that we don't get enough members out to support their hard work. Yours in Comradeship Iris Ezard, Member

SUNNYBROOK VETS LUNCHEON:

Tuesday, February 5th- noon - 2:00pm at our branch. It's a day you'll want to take off work. Come out and enjoy the comradeship of your fellow members and Veterans of the Dambusters and meet and greet the Sunnybrook Vets. Yours in Comradeship, President

Every second Friday there is a large group gathering to play euchre. Everyone is welcome to play.

Every second Friday there is entertainment in the club room. Please come out and support your branch.

617'S—40TH

Comrades;

August 19th,2008 is a red letter day for Branch 617 "The Dambusters - our 40th birthday. We will be planning a big celebration on the 16th and 17th of August which will be planned by the 5 remaining Charter Members: Ed Kufner, Rod Deon, Nicklas Hall, William Fox and myself.

Barry Cameron, while still President, appointed me chairman of the event. Please mark the dates on your calendar and we will be seeking you out for your help closer to the date.

Yours in Comradeship,

George McEachren, Longest serving President of Br. 617

Youth Education

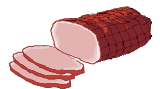
Comrades;

We had winners and we have submitted them to the next level at Zone. We will find out at the next zone meeting if any made it through. Public speaking will be held for the entire zone on February 17th at branch 617 at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come out and I need judges and volunteers. The awards appreciation day for poster, essays, poem and public speaking will be on March 2nd at branch 614 at 2:00pm.

Yours in Comradeship, Joyce Geddes

Ways & Means

Saturdays



Meat Rolls @ 3.00 pm **\$1.00 a spin**

50/50 Draw at 4.00 pm **\$2.00 a ticket**

Great Fun for all Come Support the Branch!

Yours in Comradeship, Shirley Pietro