

# THE DUFFLEBAG

COLLINGWOOD LEGION BRANCH #63

January 2023

## President's Message



After what can only be described as a very mild fall to winter transition, we had to prepare for a large storm leading up to the Christmas holiday. I hope all of you were able to enjoy the holidays with family and friends, even if it was delayed by a day or so.

We have enjoyed a busy fall season and our Christmas Meat Draw went over very well and those attending seemed to enjoy the new format.

New Years Eve sold out and it was great to have a party to bring in the New Year after missing out the last couple of years.



As we go forward into 2023 we hope that we are able to continue to move forward from the challenges that befell us through 2020 and 2021, while being careful not to become overconfident.

Please take care and drop by once in a while to see some old friends.

All the Best  
Rob

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ladies Auxiliary**



Nothing to report this time

Yours in comradeship

Sue

LA President

*As snow bird time approaches, this seems appropriate:*

*Four old retired men are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - All drinks 10 cents." They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true. The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you. What'll it be, gentlemen?"*

*There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini. In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred and says, "That'll be 10 cents each, please." The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round. Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."*

*They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet. Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"*

*"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer it's all the same." "Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.*

*As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there. Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the bartender, "What's with them?"*

*The bartender says, "They're retired people from Canada. They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price, plus they all have coupons."*

# ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

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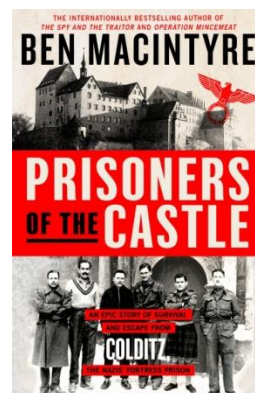
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## EDITOR'S DESK

I hope everyone had a good Christmas visiting with friends and family, as the days are so short I find myself reading a lot which is a great way to pass the time. I am reading a book on Colditz a castle that housed POWs in WW II. Although I now know much has been written about this castle I was completely ignorant of its story thinking it would be a place of horror and torture for prisoners of the Gestapo. The book is called Prisoners of the Castle by Ben McIntyre and makes for an interesting read. Happy reading and a Happy New Year to all



In comradeship  
Sue

## **Colditz Castle The Famous WWII POW Camp**

Starting in 1940, this gloomy, Saxon castle above a small town in eastern Germany was used to house the most "difficult" of the Allied POWs.



### *Colditz Castle 1943*

The prisoners' dramatic and ingenious escapes have been the subject of over 40 books, two films, board games, video games and a popular TV series.

*Scene from the Colditz Story, 1953*

## **Colditz History**

### **International Collection of Bad Boys**

Officers who had escaped from other POW camps or had otherwise given the Germans

trouble were sent to this grim castle on the Mulde river.

This prison was unusual in having officers of different nationalities housed together in the same camp.



Polish officers were the first residents, followed by British, Canadian, Australian, New Zealanders, Dutch, Belgian, and French.

Later in the war, the prisoners were predominantly British. A handful of Americans were also imprisoned there at the very end. A few enlisted men were kept there who acted as orderlies, basically servants, for the higher ranking officers.

**Captain Reinhold Eggers**, the former German security officer, wrote in his book, *Colditz, The German Story*, "You might think at first sight that the place was impregnable. It probably was, but apart from putting bars on the windows it had never really been built for the purpose of keeping people in. Breaking out was shown to be much easier than breaking in!"

The Germans had their hands full. With a castle full of escape artists, it became an advanced escape school, with techniques becoming more and more sophisticated as the years went by.



*Entrance to the Prisoners' Courtyard*

A friendly rivalry developed among the different nationalities. The officers competed for the highest number of **Home Runs**, or successful escapes.

A bustling escape industry was occurring in the vast warren of rooms, passages and winding stairways that made up the prison.

Different departments were set up where men worked eight hours a day making fake ID's, civilian clothes, medals, false weapons and German uniforms.

**Stop That Lady!**

A French officer almost got away dressed as a rather intimidating-looking woman. "She" made it past the sentries but then his luck ran out. As he walked past a group of prisoners out for their exercise, his watch slipped off his wrist. An unsuspecting prisoner picked it up and gallantly called out to alert her.

<b>320 Escapes</b>
<b>Home Runs:</b>
5 Polish
14 British
15 Dutch
22 French

The French officer kept walking. The prisoner told the guard about the lost watch and the guard alerted the other sentry. When the second guard got a closer look at the "lady", the deception was discovered.

### **The Master Escape Artist: A Tragic Ending**

Michael Sinclair, a red-headed British captain, was one of the experts. The Germans called him the Red Fox and distributed his picture throughout Germany. He escaped nine times, twice from Colditz.

Once he disguised himself as one of the senior sergeants of the guard, a veteran of WW I with long, flowing white mustaches that the prisoners called "Franz Josef" after the former Emperor of Austria.

He made it past the first two sentries, but the last one demanded to see a pass and Sinclair was discovered; his was the wrong color. Sinclair was shot in the chest during the argument, but survived. The guard was sent to the Russian front.

Another time he made it as far as Bulgaria with the help of a Polish couple from Warsaw. Unfortunately, the Poles were also caught and sent to Auschwitz, where they died.

Sinclair himself was killed in an escape attempt when he jumped the fence, ran for the woods and was shot by one of the guards. He was the only prisoner killed while escaping from the castle.



### **The French Tunnel: What's All That Racket?**

The French officers came very close to pulling off what would have been the most massive escape of the entire war. All 200 French prisoners were going to make a run for it when the tunnel was ready.

A clock tower with a circular stairway went from the prisoners' courtyard to the attic three stories up. During a period of eight months, The French created a tunnel that went from the top of the clock tower all the way down to the wine cellar under the building and right through

the medieval foundation of the castle -- 44 meters long.

It was an enormous project involving 31 men and tons of debris. The diggers were brazen; the castle echoed with banging and scraping noises all night, every night. Everyone, including the Germans, knew a huge tunnel was being constructed, but where was it?



## The Clock Tower

**The Germans were desperate.** They conducted searches day and night, but no luck. The sounds could now be heard from all over the castle, inside and out, and still they couldn't find it. Their microphones weren't able to zero in on the location.

Captain Eggers was getting more and more worried; based on the material they kept finding, he knew that they had reached the castle foundation. Then dirt from outside the castle walls started appearing!

## Almost There



The break-out was scheduled for January 17; they had only 12 feet to go. On January 15, an observant security officer was searching the attic of the clock tower. He looked behind the workings of the clock to the floor below and saw something that shouldn't have been there: a ladder. He found a small boy and lowered him down into the small space.

"There are prisoners down there!", the frightened boy shouted. And the tunnel was found.

## *An American Tank Arrives in Colditz 1945*

The tunnel is still there and can be seen on the castle tour. The French had even put in electric lights for the entire underground portion and had a cart running on a track.



## The Lighter Side of Colditz

Colditz history wasn't all escape activity. Prisoners devoted some of their energy to driving the guards crazy, as well as putting on a remarkable collection of plays and shows in **Theater Colditz**.



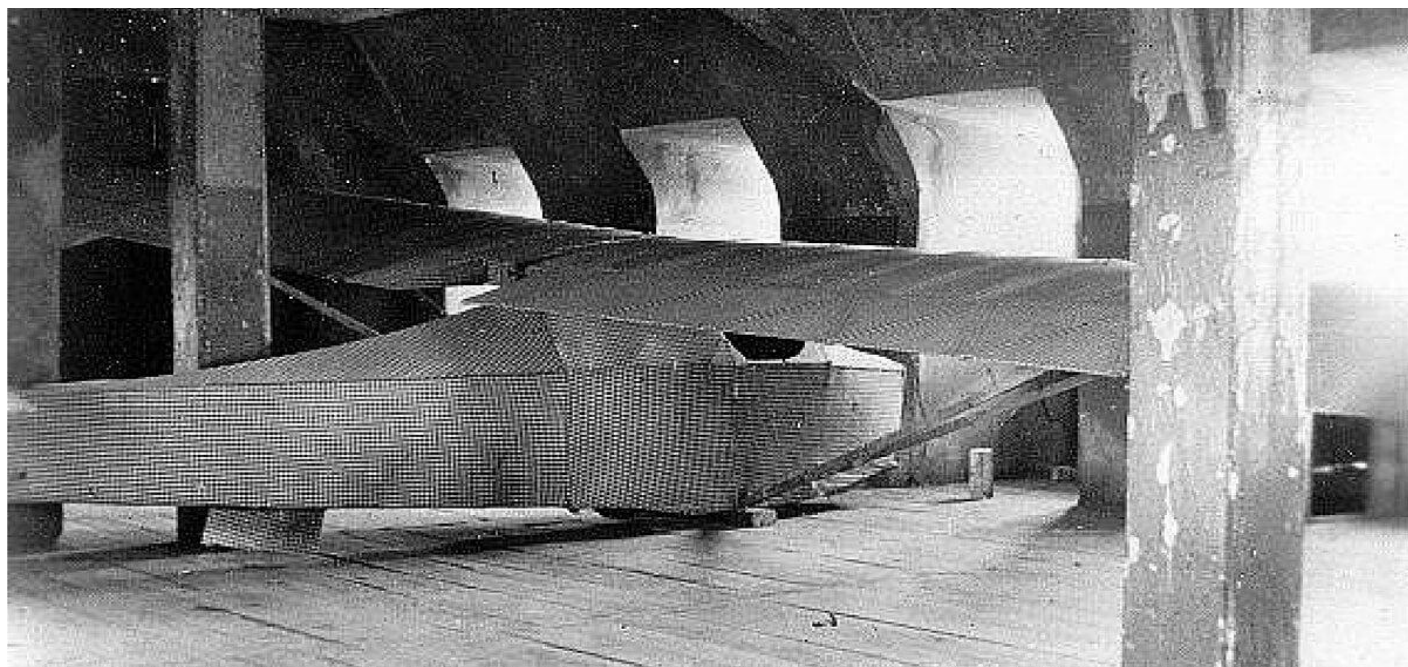
## Fun and Games

Some of the men specialized in causing mischief. Goon-baiting, or teasing the German guards, was a popular activity and one of the more humorous aspects of Colditz history.

The prisoners' quarters were high up facing a small inner courtyard used for roll calls and exercise. Guards who made the mistake of standing under the windows and forgetting to look up often had water poured onto their heads.

Sometimes, the prisoners dropped more unpleasant things. If they were lucky, it was only wads of paper. One of the British lieutenants reportedly enjoyed dropping some truly disgusting objects.

Usually they weren't caught, although sometimes the entire group lost privileges as a result. One officer was court-martialed in Leipzig for saying "b-----d Germans"; he was sentenced to 3 months in a German military prison.



**The only known photograph of the original “Cock” glider taken on 15 April 1945. Photo made by Lee Carson, one of two American newspaper correspondents assigned to the task force which captured the castle.**

## French Humor

The French prisoners went out of their way to drive the Germans crazy. Colditz prisoners usually had four roll calls in the courtyard every day. The French would start a call and response chant between two groups.

They chanted insulting verses without moving their lips so the Germans couldn't tell who was doing it. Sometimes they would keep it going through the entire roll call. One of the favorite ones was from World War I:

### **The French Volunteer**

Once the Germans asked for volunteers from among the prisoners to work for them outside the prison. Unexpectedly, a French prisoner stepped forward and announced he would like to work for the Germans.

There was a tense silence. He was asked what his profession had been before the war. He replied "undertaker" and was marched off to the cooler with laughter and cheering.

### **Inspection Surprise!**

Sometimes the Germans would rush into the barracks at night and do surprise inspections, while the prisoners stood at attention next to their bunks. This naturally annoyed the prisoners, so the French planned a surprise.

One warm night, the guards came running up the stone stairs to the French officers' quarters. When they came into the room, all of the officers were standing at attention by their bunks totally naked! The guards had to give up the inspection after a few minutes because they couldn't stop laughing.

### **Playing by the Rules**



***French prisoners of war at Oflag IV-C, Colditz Castle, Sachsen, Germany, 1940s***

To their credit, the Germans in command at Colditz castle took the **Geneva Convention** seriously and made a sincere attempt to abide by the rules. They tolerated a remarkable amount of verbal abuse and annoying

pranks without violent retaliation, although sometimes group privileges were withdrawn.

Security Officer Eggers wrote in his book on Colditz history, *Colditz, The German Story*:

"I told the British Senior Officer once, 'I will never allow you gentlemen the honour of getting me rattled. Correct behavior under the Convention or under our own disciplinary code is my line'.

I was provoked beyond belief time and time again for four years on end by the hotheads among hundreds of officers of all nationalities."

He also reported being a target for snowballs and had his cap stolen (and returned). Colditz was unusual among POW camps in strict adherence to the Convention. Prisoners at many other camps were not so lucky.

### **Show Time! Theater Colditz**

Colditz history also included more harmonious activities. There was a theatre on the third floor of the castle, left over from the days when the castle was occupied by Saxon royalty. Prisoners looked forward to these rather professional productions.

*Gaslight*, *The Importance of Being Ernest*, *The Man Who Came To Dinner* and *Pygmalion* were performed. There was also an original farce called *Ballet Nonsense* (glimpsed in the film *The Colditz Story*) with the six hairiest prisoners playing ballerinas.

The Germans supplied the prisoners with paint and tools for the stage sets along with make-up for actors. The German garrison also attended these shows; there wasn't much competition for entertainment in the small town of Colditz.

### **Colditz Concert: First British Home Run**

Plays, concerts and original shows were a big part of Colditz history. The theater was the setting for an escape leading to the first British Home Run.



*Scene from the Colditz Story*

The escape was originally planned for the showing of *Ballet Nonsense*, but the German uniforms weren't ready yet. The escape came two months later following a performance of Beethoven's First Symphony. Lieutenant Airey Neave and a Dutch officer, Lieutenant Tony Luteyn, waited until the concert was

over (Luteyn even performed in it). They climbed under the stage to a hole in the floor and dropped down into the room below.



Dressed as German officers, they walked right through the guardhouse near the entrance and out the main gate of the castle. Both men made it home. Airey Neave later became a member of Parliament but was assassinated by an Irish terrorist group.

Captain Pat Reid, author of three books on Colditz history, helped with the escape; he picked the locks for the men to get them to the guardhouse. The 1953 film, *The Colditz Story*, incorrectly shows Pat Reid as the officer who walks out during the show. Reid did make a home run himself, but on a later daring escape across the German courtyard, squeezing through an air duct to freedom



The castle buildings have been painted off-white and look a lot prettier than they did during the war years, but climbing the steep walkway and walking through the stone passages still gives one some feeling of what it must have been like.

Visiting the castle is a fascinating experience. Being here and seeing the strength of this castle inspires enormous respect for the men who were locked up here and who used all their wits and courage to get out.

## **YOUTH EDUCATION**

The support from the schools has been over the moon with 376 entries. New and old teachers have supported this program and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your participation. Without the teachers and schools support the program would not continue

Public Speaking will be on February 6th 2023 at Branch #63 Collingwood. Registration will be 12:30 with the speeches to begin as soon as all participants have signed in.

### Royal Canadian Legion - Youth Education Programs



Information will go out in the New Year. I would ask the schools to email me with the students participating so we can present the certificates that day.

Youth Education chair  
Yours in Comradeship  
Nancy Phillips 705-445-2489  
Shirley Martin 705-445-1975



## Poster, Poems and Essays Report for 2022-2023 Term

### COLOUR POSTERS

#### PRIMARY

<b>First place</b>	Clara Georgas	Nottawa Elementary School
<b>Second place</b>	Amelia Przybyla	St. Mary's Catholic School
<b>Third place</b>	Mae Wallace	Nottawa Elementary

#### JUNIOR

<b>First place</b>	Lilia Smith	Nottawa Elementary
<b>Second place</b>	Clara McKee	Nottawa Elementary
<b>Third place</b>	Brooklyn Chatterson	Nottawa Elementary

#### INTERMEDIATE

<b>First place</b>	Mila Bandrowski	Mountain View Elementary
<b>Second place</b>	Haley Marshall	St. Mary's Catholic School
<b>Third place</b>	Ivy Foubert	Nottawa Elementary

#### SENIOR

<b>First place</b>	Hannah Moore	Collingwood Collegiate
<b>Second place</b>	Norah Fearon	Our Lady of the Bay
<b>Third place</b>	Maria Jacques	Our Lady of the Bay

### BLACK AND WHITE POSTERS

#### PRIMARY

<b>First place</b>	Connor St. Croix	St. Mary's Catholic School
<b>Second place</b>	Arlie Collins	Nottawa Elementary School
<b>Third place</b>	Aaron Kryslak	St. Mary's Catholic School

#### JUNIOR

<b>First place</b>	Lou Foubert	Nottawa Elementary
<b>Second place</b>	Bre Emonts	Cameron Street Elementary
<b>Third place</b>	Paisley B. Currie	Nottawa Elementary

#### INTERMEDIATE

<b>First place</b>	Lola Reynolds	St. Mary's Catholic School
<b>Second place</b>	River Jackson	Admiral Collingwood Public School
<b>Third place</b>	Becca Crawford	Nottawa Elementary School

### POEMS

#### SENIOR

<b>First place</b>	Marcee Thompson	Our Lady of the Bay
<b>Second place</b>	Kaitlyn Boersen	Our Lady of the Bay
<b>Third place</b>	Rose Martin-Chase	Our Lady of the Bay

#### INTERMEDIATE

<b>First place</b>	Eva Kwasnicki	Admiral Collingwood E.S.
<b>Second place</b>	Sonja Ferris	Nottawa Elementary School
<b>Third place</b>	Phoebe Clarke	Mountain View Elementary

## ESSAYS

### INTERMEDIATE

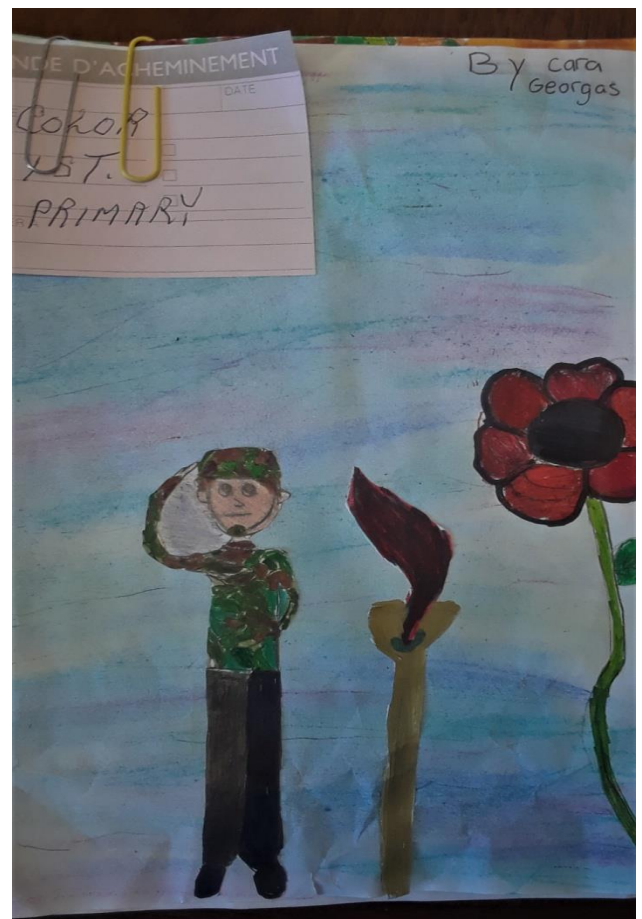
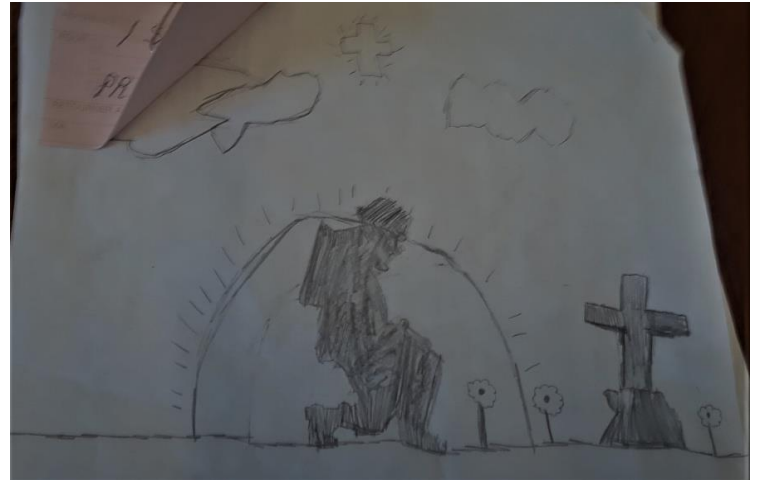
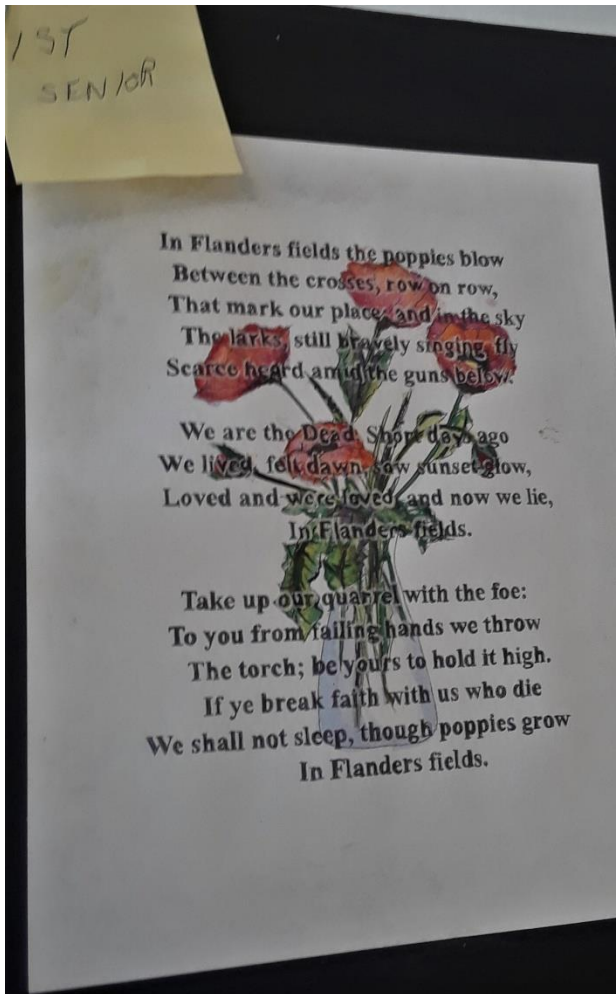
**First place** Rylie Gorman  
**Second Place** Allie Mc Crank  
**Third place** Charley O'Neil

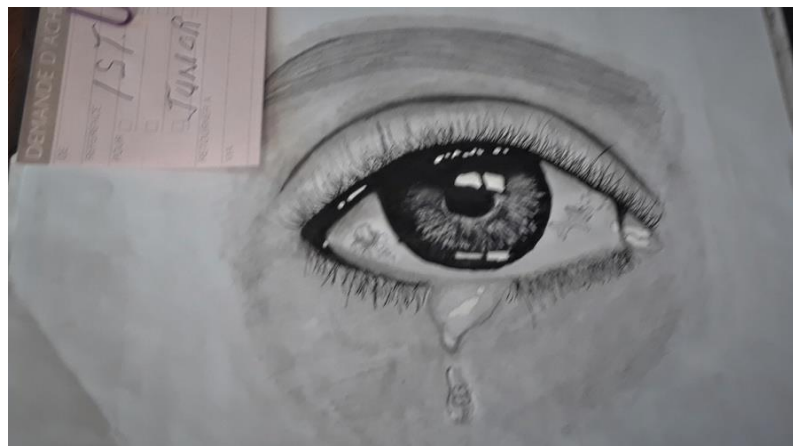
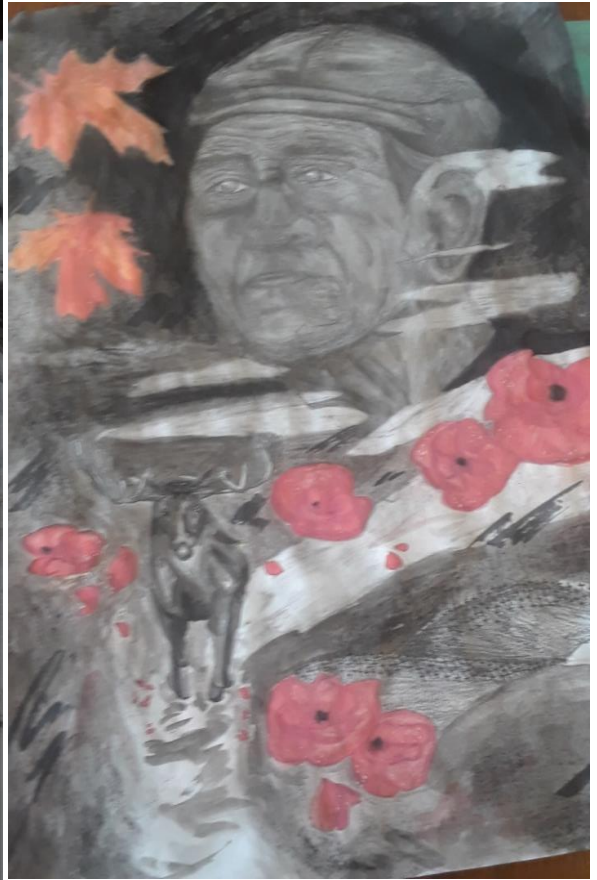
### JUNIOR

**First place** George Graham

Admiral Collingwood E.S.  
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The Home School House







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*Lisa and Robert were Christmas shopping. The shopping centre was packed , and as Lisa walked through one of the malls she was surprised when she looked around to find that her husband Robert was nowhere to be seen. She was quite upset because they had a lot to do and hence, she became so worried that she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was.*

*In a quiet voice he said, "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about five years ago where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"*

*Lisa choked up and started to cry and said, "Yes, I do remember that shop."*

*He replied, "Well, I'm in the Tim Hortons right next door having a coffee and donut."*



## LAST POST



### **THOMAS 'CHRIS' CHRISTOPHER McLEAN**

Chris passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Collingwood General & Marine Hospital on October 15 2022 at the age of 67. Chris was the loving father of Katherine



George (Keith) and cherished "Bubba" of Lincoln. Fondly remembered by Monika McKean.

Chris was a 49 year member of Branch 63 joining the Branch when he was 18 years old. He will be remembered by all of us at the Branch.



### **DAVID HOLROYD**

Dave passed away peacefully surrounded by family, on November 23 2022, at the age of 72. His passing ends a long and courageous battle with heart and lung diseases.

Dave will be fondly remembered by his loving wife of 53 years, Marg (nee Gibson) and both of his children, Rob (Tina Smith) and Mandy (Oval Thompson). He will be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Sidney, Oakley, Kai and Harrison.

Born on Oct 14 1949, as the youngest of eight. He is survived by his sister Lillian Hutchinson (Fred) of Thornbury, his in laws Peter and Mary Gibson, Charlotte Holroyd, Fay & Jack Greig, Laurel Gibson, son in law Don Cockerill and a great many nieces and nephews.

Dave was very active in the community. He was involved for many years in the Kinsmen Club of Collingwood, the Blue Mountain Golf & Country Club and the Trinity United Church. He was a member of the Collingwood Legion, Branch 63 for 12 years.

He will be deeply missed by all of us at the Branch.



**DIANNE ELIZABETH WILCOX**  
**December 5 1945- October 7 2022**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Dianne Elizabeth Wilcox who passed peacefully at the age of 76 at Campbell House Hospice. Beloved wife of 56 years to Donald Wilcox and loving mother of Lorri-Ann Drury (Kevin) and Jason Edgar-Moser -Wilcox (Jennifer) Grandmother of Dylan, Noah and Abigail. Sister of Mary, Pat, Charles, Lorraine, John, Alphonse, George, James, Leslie, and Loretta (deceased).

Dianne was a long time member of the Collingwood Ladies Auxiliary and loved to play darts. This took her all the way from Monday Night Mixed Darts League to the Legion Provincials. Dianne received her high school diploma when she was 50 from the Adult Learning Centre. She was a cheerleader and fan for the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Blue Jays.

Dianne will be greatly missed by her family, friends and all of us at Collingwood Legion.



**DONNA WHITE**

Donna passed away suddenly on Friday, November 25 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital at the age of 77. Donna was the beloved wife of Walter White. Will be missed by her daughter Corina and her husband Mike Whelan and her son and his family. Cherished grandmother of Mitchell and Hope and great grandmother of Lennox. Loving sister of Doreen (the late Dave Dick), the late Murray (Bernice) Ferguson, the late Joyce Morgan (Larry Parker), Howard (Lesley) Ferguson and Ruby (Herb) Klinck. Predeceased by her daughter Kelly and parents, Cecil and Elsie Ferguson.

Donna was a member of the Collingwood Legion for 16 years. We will miss her wonderful smile and kindness here at the Branch.



## **ROBERT LAWSON**

Robert Lawson passed away unexpectedly on November . 3 2022 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital surrounded by his family at the age of 89.

Robert was predeceased by his wife Betty Ann (2008). He is survived by his children, Mike (Shirley), Debbie (John) Black, Brent (Linda), Wendy (Grant) Logan and Jeff (Taunya). Forever cherished grandfather of 12 and great grandfather of 4.

Robert proudly served his country as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force for 25 years. He also spent time working at the Collingwood Shipyards.

Robert was an Ordinary Member of Collingwood Legion, Branch 63 for many years. He will be deeply missed by all and by everyone at the Branch.



## **HODGSON, Michael Cdr (Ret'd) (RCN) CD, SSM**

Michael passed away peacefully December 25, 2022 at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital. Born June 28, 1938 to James and Georgina Hodgson in Carlisle, England, Michael emigrated to Canada with his family in 1951.

Michael was accepted into the Royal Canadian Navy Officer Training Program in 1956. His career spanned 42 years, including six Nato tours, surviving a helicopter crash into the North Sea and being part of Canada's heightened response to the Cuban Missile crisis. Retired from his Naval Career in 1998, Michael continued to serve as a justice of the peace in Nova Scotia. He volunteered for many charities and causes over the years.

He moved to Collingwood to be closer to family in 2017 where he took residence at Raglan Village. He is predeceased by his wife, Sarah and survived by his sons, Peter Hodgson (Juanita), Robin Hodgson, grandchildren Isabeau(Michael), Jared(Carli) and Keenan (Julie) and two great grandchildren Aubrey and Ezra.

Michael joined the Collingwood Legion in 2017. He quickly became involved in the production of the The Dufflebag, contributing articles and helping in photocopying and putting together the final copies. He was also a regular participant in our General Meetings. He will be missed by all of his family and many friends. As per Michael's wishes and in keeping with a time-honoured naval tradition, his ashes will be committed to the sea.



## **SICK AND VISITING**

Since my last report I delivered a Fruit basket to Norm Barker, sympathy cards were sent to Walter White and family [my sister] in Donna's passing, also to the family of Dave Holroyd in his passing.

Wishing all our comrades a wonderful and MERRY CHRISTMAS, and should anyone need help in any way kindly call or get in contact with the Legion,

Yours In Good Health and Comradeship  
 Ruby Klinck  
 Sick and Visiting Chair



## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Please welcome new and transferred member to Branch 63 Collingwood. Eileen Scott, an Affiliate, Jim Scott, an Affiliate, Bradley Craig, an Associate, Michael Yarlett, an Ordinary, Robert Holroyd, an Associate, Paul Gurr, an Associate, Raymond Lacroix, an Affiliate, Michael Peterson, an Ordinary, Brian Olver, an Associate, Jason Barr, an Ordinary, Jean Claude Blais, an Ordinary, Linda Milhausen, an Associate, Lynda Reid, an Affiliate, Don Paul, an Associate, Mary Vansickler, an Affiliate, John Ballie, an affiliate, Sarah Ledesma, an Affiliate, Glen Monaghan, an Affiliate, Mary Warll, an Associate and Cory Charette, an Affiliate.

The following members have transferred their membership to Branch 63. Jean Claude an Ordinary Member, Paul Hawman, an Affiliate, Zack Gorman, an Associate and Susan Campbell-Fournell, an Affiliate.

If you know any of our new members or meet them in the Branch, please extend a big welcome to them. Any questions from any members that cannot be answered in the Branch can be emailed to me at [membership@collingwoodlegion.ca](mailto:membership@collingwoodlegion.ca) and I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

If you have renewed your 2023 Renewal, they are still available at the bar. The renewal cost is \$65. You can also renew on line at [Legion.ca](http://Legion.ca). You will need your membership number and

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will need to set up a profile. Your renewal sticker can be picked up (with a copy of your receipt) or will be mailed to you.

The Legion has introduced a Virtual Card which will be sent to your email and can then be put on your phone. New members applying in person can indicate if they would rather have a Virtual Card or a plastic membership card (you cannot have both). Members applying on line will automatically be issued a Virtual Card. This new service is new but will provide different options for members in the future.

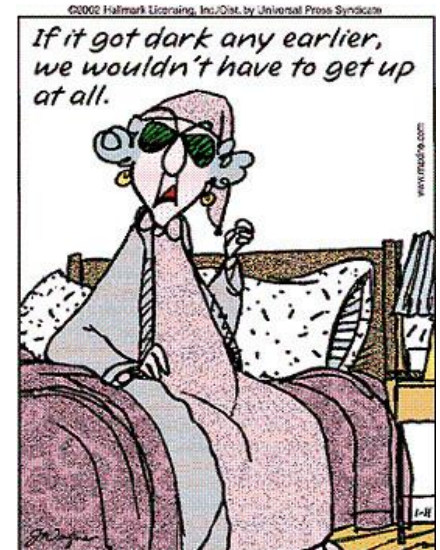
Pat Graham  
Membership Chair

## **POPPY REPORT**



Nothing to report at this time

Yours in Comradeship  
Hans Muller and Jamie Berman,  
Co-Chairs of the 2022 Poppy Campaign



*The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered.*

*"Interesting," the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.*

*She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's, a funeral director.*

*The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.*

*She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."*

## **TRIVIA January Historic Events Quiz**

1. What ill-famed disaster occurred off the coast of central Florida killing seven people on January 28, 1986?
  - a. Ocean Oil Operation exploded
  - b. American Airlines DC-10 crashed
  - c. French freighter Grandcamp exploded
  - d. Space Shuttle Challenger exploded
2. The popular narrative poem "The Raven" was first published in January of 1845. Who is its author?
  - a. Thomas Godfrey
  - b. Edgar Allan Poe
  - c. William Wordsworth
  - d. Ann Taylor
3. After failing to take Germany by a coup in 1923, who became chancellor of Germany on January 30th, 1933?
  - a. Rudolf Hess
  - b. Kurt von Schleicher
  - c. Adolf Hitler
  - d. Joseph Goebbels
4. The first Emmy Awards were presented on January 25th at the Hollywood Athletic Club. In what year?
  - a. 1949
  - b. 1969
  - c. 1959
  - d. 1939
5. In January of 1848, what was discovered by James W. Marshall in California?
  - a. Silver
  - b. Black Beard's Buried Treasure
  - c. Gold
  - d. Natives
6. Observed on the third Monday of January each year, in what year did the very first Martin Luther King Jr. Day take place?
  - a. 1996
  - b. 1990
  - c. 1976
  - d. 1986



7. On January 15th 1559, the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn was crowned at Westminster Abbey in London. What was her name?
  - a. Queen Mary I
  - b. Queen Elizabeth II
  - c. Queen Elizabeth I
  - d. Queen Victoria I
8. Which annual sports championship game or series was first played on January 15, 1967?
  - a. World Series - Baseball
  - b. U.S. Open - Golf
  - c. Super Bowl Game - Football
  - d. Stanley Cup Finals - Hockey
9. The forty-seventh state to enter the union did so on January 6th of 1912. Which one?
  - a. Arizona
  - b. Alaska
  - c. New Mexico
  - d. Oklahoma
10. U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans effectively ending the War of 1812 on January 8th, 1814. What soon-to-be US president led these forces?
  - a. James Monroe
  - b. Martin Van Buren
  - c. John Quincy Adams
  - d. Andrew Jackson
11. The first US presidential election ended on January 10th, 1789 resulting in George Washington being the first president of the United States. Who was his vice-president?
  - a. James Wilkinson
  - b. Thomas Jefferson
  - c. John Adams
  - d. Alexander Hamilton
12. The largest heist in the history of the United States at the time, what company's building was successfully robbed of \$1.2 million in cash and about \$1.5 million in other securities (checks, bonds, money orders, etc.) in January of 1950?
  - a. Dunbar Inc.
  - b. Brink's Inc.
  - c. Loomis Fargo
  - d. Bank of America
13. The first Boy Scout troop was organized in England in January of 1908. Who was responsible for their formation?
  - a. Ernest Thompson Seton

- b. Robert Baden-Powell
  - c. Rudyard Kipling
  - d. Frederick Russell Burnham
14. Thomas Edison received a patent for which of his "inventions" on January 27, 1880?
- a. Cement
  - b. Electric Incandescent Lamp
  - c. Motion Picture Camera
  - d. Phonograph
15. On January 1st 1959, who appropriated power in Cuba after leading a revolution that drove out Dictator Fulgencio Batista?
- a. Fidel Castro
  - b. Che Guevara
  - c. Nelson Mandela
  - d. Hugo Chavez



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## TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. **Space Shuttle Challenger exploded** - It is believed that many of the crewmembers survived the initial breakup of the spacecraft, but died when the crew compartment hit the ocean's surface.
2. **Edgar Allan Poe** - According to Poe, the poem was inspired by the talking raven in the Charles Dickens' novel 'Barnaby Rudge - A Tale of the Riots of Eighty'.
3. **Adolf Hitler** - Immediately after his appointment, Hitler organized a rapid expansion of the state police and a new security force consisting entirely of Nazis devoted to crushing out whatever opposition to his party might face.
4. **1949** - Designed by Louis McManus, the Emmy statuette renders a winged woman holding an atom.
5. **Gold** - Just a small settlement of approximately 200 inhabitants, San Francisco became a boomtown of about 36,000 by 1852.
6. **1986** - It was officially honored in all 50 states for the first time in the year 2000.
7. **Queen Elizabeth I** - She was twenty-five years old at the time.
8. **Super Bowl Game - Football** - The Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers share the record for the most Superbowl appearances at eight (2013).
9. **New Mexico** - Hawaii was the last state to enter statehood in 1959.
10. **Andrew Jackson** - General Jackson also led the battle that defeated the Creek Indians at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.
11. **John Adams** - John went on to become the second president of the United States in 1797.
12. **Brink's Inc.** - All eleven members of the gang responsible for the robbery were eventually caught. About \$58,000 of the \$2.7 million was recovered.
13. **Robert Baden-Powell** - Baden-Powell was a lieutenant general in the British Army.
14. **Electric Incandescent Lamp** - Despite popular belief, Thomas Edison did not invent the light bulb. Rather, he simply improved upon an existing 50-year-old idea.
15. **Fidel Castro** - Castro then installed a Communist dictatorship.

## WEB PAGE REPORT

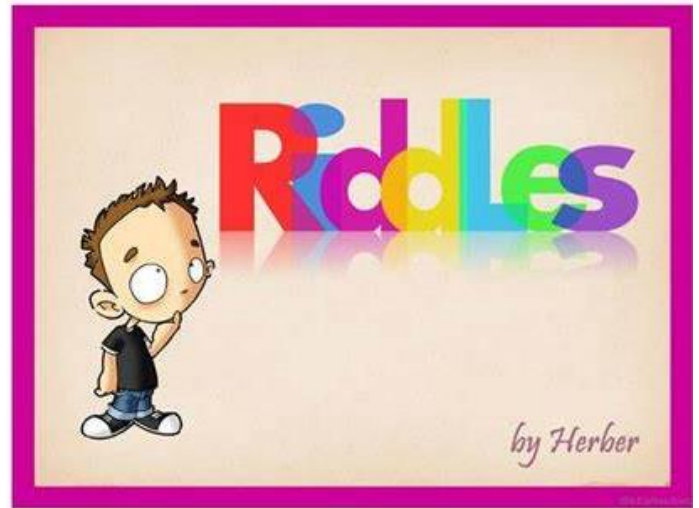
Our web page is still out there. ([collingwoodlegion.ca](http://collingwoodlegion.ca)) . The current issue of *The Dufflebag* and the past two issues are on the site along with some Branch history and pictures. We are planning to have up to 6 past *Dufflebags* on the web page so you will be able to enjoy past issues that you may have missed. As always, any ideas or contributions are always welcomed.

Pat Graham  
Web Page Coordinator



## RIDDLES

1. **Riddle:** What 8 letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Keep on doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?
2. **Riddle:** What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you?
3. **Riddle:** A boy was at a carnival and went to a booth where a man said to the boy, "If I write your exact weight on this piece of paper then you have to give me \$50, but if I cannot, I will pay you \$50." The boy looked around and saw no scale so he agrees, thinking no matter what the carny writes he'll just say he weighs more or less. In the end the boy ended up paying the man \$50. How did the man win the bet?
4. **Riddle:** What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
5. **Riddle:** What has many keys, but can't even open a single door?
6. **Riddle:** What has six faces, but does not wear makeup, has twenty-one eyes, but cannot see? [What is it?](#)
7. **Riddle:** What is more useful when it is broken?
8. **Riddle:** Samuel was out for a walk when it started to rain. He did not have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes were soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?
9. **Riddle:** A bus driver was heading down a street in Colorado. He went right past a stop sign without stopping, he turned left where there was a "no left turn" sign, and he went the wrong way on a one-way street. Then he went on the left side of the road past a cop car. Still - he didn't break any traffic laws. Why not?
10. **Riddle:** I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. What am I?
11. **Riddle:** What 4-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?



**Q:** *What did God say after he created man?*

**A:** *I can do better than this! And then he created woman!!!.*

**Q:** *Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?*

**A:** *! Because even back then men wouldn't ask for directions .*

Remember...Once you get over the hill, you'll begin to pick up speed.

## **MUSEUM and PRO REPORT**

WELCOME to 2023 and may it be one of the best years of your life. May it also bring you to the Branch for the Comradeship that I have been missing because of recent events in my life. Not only did Dianne's passing bring on shock, I have had some medical problems of my own. I want to take this space to offer several words of thanks to my fellow Comrades.



To President Rob who looked after me as far as Dianne's Celebration of life was concerned. To Sue and the Ladies of the Branch I thank you all. The compliments I got from the relatives and friends about the food were plenty.

I know I have been absent from the Branch, but that will change in the New Year as I have been given my marching orders from the family. No more sitting at home feeling self pity. They remind me that is not what Dianne would want.

My New Year's resolution is to be as active as I once was and can be again. Maybe as age grabs hold of me I will do things a little slower but I want to fill a promise I made to the late Jack Johnston when he introduced me to the Museum group.

So in the meantime, I offer my thanks for all the good wishes and support shown me the last two-plus months.

Self pity is out the door and I will see you all in 2023 as we get back to "My Normal"  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Comrade Donald Wilcox  
PRO and Museum  
Chairman

*A man walked into a bar and sat down next to a man with a dog at his feet.*

*"Does your dog bite?" he asked. "No." A few minutes later the dog took a huge chunk out of the man's leg.*

*"I thought you said your dog doesn't bite!" he said indignantly. The other guy replied, "That's not my dog."*



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A thinking of you card was sent to Dorothy Allen. Get well cards were sent to Diane Wilcox, Ruby Klinck, Jean Siimpson

Sympathy cards sent to Donna Spencer's daughter, also to Sue Muller and Beverly Stephenson on the passing of their mother Florence Brown.

Sympathy cards were also sent to the Diane Wilcox family and to Ruby Klinck on the passing of her sister Donna White.

Season Greetings and a Happy New year.

Yours in Comradeship

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

At 11:38 a.m. EST, on January 28, 1986, the space shuttle *Challenger* lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Christa McAuliffe is on her way to becoming the first ordinary U.S. civilian to travel into space. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old high school social studies teacher from New Hampshire, won a competition that earned her a place among the seven-member crew of the *Challenger*. She underwent months of shuttle training but then, beginning January 23, was forced to wait six long days as the *Challenger*'s launch countdown was repeatedly



delayed because of weather and technical problems. Finally, on January 28, the shuttle lifted off.

Seventy-three seconds later, hundreds on the ground, including Christa's family, stared in disbelief as the shuttle broke up in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the wrenching tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.

In 1976, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) unveiled the world's first reusable manned spacecraft, the *Enterprise*. Five years later, space flights of the shuttle began when *Columbia* traveled into space on a 54-hour mission. Launched by two solid-rocket boosters and an external tank, only the aircraft-like shuttle entered into orbit around Earth. When the mission was completed, the shuttle fired engines to reduce speed and, after descending through the atmosphere, landed like a glider. Early shuttles took satellite equipment into space and carried out various scientific experiments. The *Challenger* disaster was the first major shuttle accident.

In the aftermath of the disaster, President Ronald Reagan appointed a special commission to determine what went wrong with *Challenger* and to develop future corrective measures. The presidential commission was headed by former secretary of state William Rogers,



and included former astronaut Neil Armstrong and former test pilot Chuck Yeager. The investigation determined that the disaster was caused by the failure of an “O-ring” seal in one of the two solid-fuel rockets. The elastic O-ring did not respond as expected because of the cold temperature at launch time, which began a chain of events that resulted in the massive loss. As a result, NASA did not send astronauts into space for more than two years as it redesigned a number of features of the space shuttle.

In September 1988, space shuttle flights resumed with the successful launching of the *Discovery*. Since then, the space shuttle has carried out numerous important missions, such as the repair and maintenance of the Hubble Space Telescope and the construction of the International Space Station.

On February 1, 2003, a second space-shuttle disaster rocked the United States when *Columbia* disintegrated upon re entry of the Earth’s atmosphere. All aboard were killed. Despite fears that the problems that downed *Columbia* had not been satisfactorily addressed, space-shuttle flights resumed on July 26, 2005, when *Discovery* was again put into orbit.

The Space Shuttle program formally ended on August 31, 2011 after its final mission, STS-135 flown by Atlantis, in July 2011.

## **RIDDLE ANSWERS**

1. **Answer:** The word is starting! starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I. Cool,huh?
2. **Answer:** Your name.
3. **Answer:** The man did exactly as he said he would and wrote "your exact weight" on the paper.
4. **Answer:** The letter M.
5. **Answer:** A piano.
6. **Answer:** A die (dice).
7. **Answer:** An egg.
8. **Answer:** This man is bald!
9. **Answer:** He was walking...not driving.
- 10.**Answer:** The letter E. End, timE, spacE, Every placE
- 11.**Answer:** NOON.



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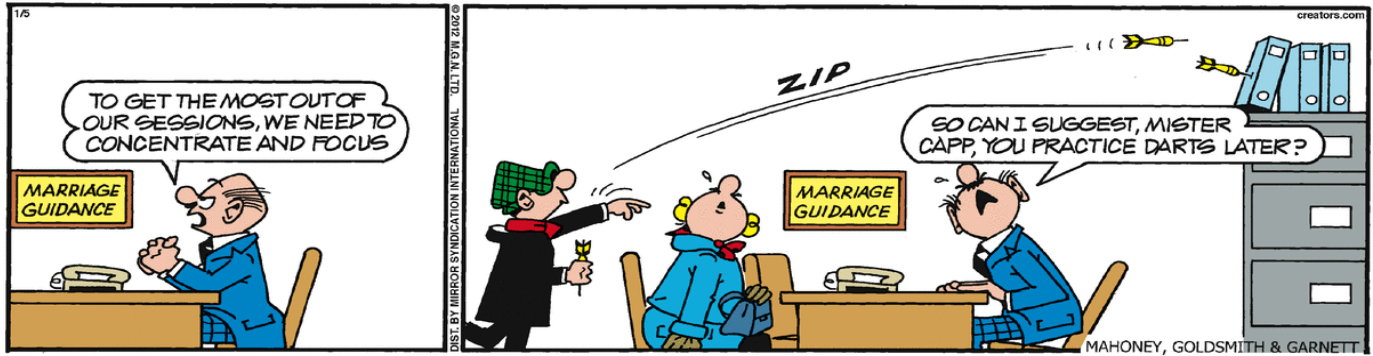
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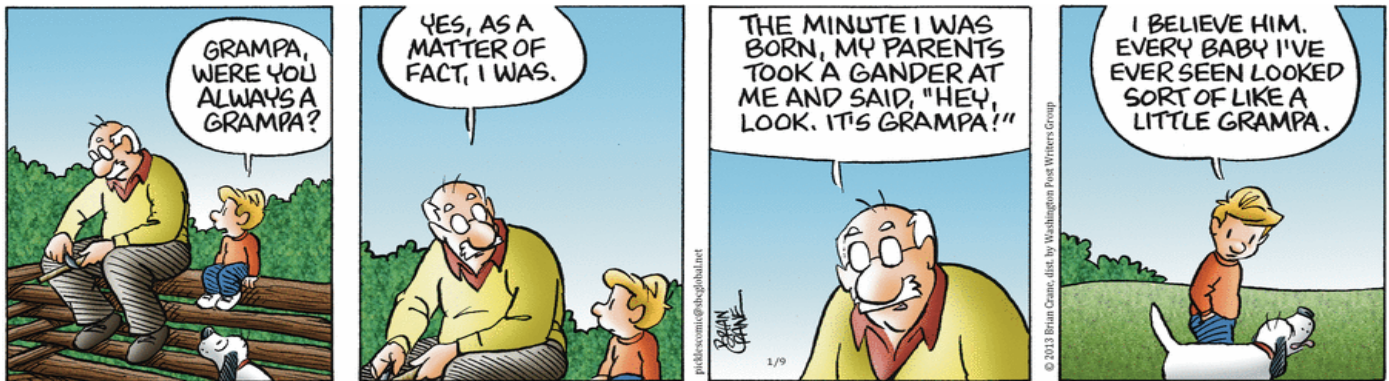
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