

# ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148

*LEST WE FORGET*



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## **OCTOBER 2020 BRANCH BULLETIN**

### **Legion Mission Statement:**

*Our mission is to serve Veterans, including serving Military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country.*

### **MEETINGS:**

Branch 148 Executive Meeting	2nd Monday of each Month	7:00 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary Br 148 Meeting	3rd Tuesday of each month	7:00 p.m.
Branch General Meeting	4th Wednesday of each month	7:00 p.m.

The Branch does not have General Meetings the months of July, August and December.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Hello Comrades – I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. We have had a busy summer, with various barbecues over the past couple of months. I would like to thank everyone who helped during the bacon-on-a-bun barbecue in September and our recent barbecue – Tena, Kelly, Tracy, Chris, Jessica, Laura, Sheila, Nathan, Dennis and Joanie; to our Bar Stewards, Tim, Brian, and Kim for keeping the lounge open; to Debbie for her advertising

of all events on our website and Facebook pages; to Richard, for all that he has done around the Branch; and to everyone who has come out to support us. The Executive approved a gofundme page for the Branch, which is located at <https://gf.me/u/y2hpk2>. Every little bit helps to keep our doors open, so that we can continue to assist our veterans and local youth.

Please remember to wear your mask, and to sign the attendance book in the Lounge – this is mandatory and very important for contact tracing, should we be contacted by the Renfrew County and District Health Unit. Masks are mandatory now in the Province upon entering a building – when you are seated, you may remove your mask, but you must wear it when walking around in the Branch. We are doing everything to keep everyone safe.

Please take the time to read our bulletin, as there is information regarding the Poppy Campaign this year.

**Greg Walbeck, President**

**LAST POST:** Our Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Associate Members Frances Culligan, Bill Debenham and Sandford “Sandy” Cook.

“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.”

If you hear of a member passing away, please contact the office and let the Secretary know so that we can be sure to include them in the next bulletin.

**GREETINGS TO OUR HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS:** A warm hello to all of our members who are unable to visit the Branch:

**Bonnechere Manor** Dan Deslaurier, Mel Scobie, Louise Snow, Elwood Stafford

**Mirimichi Lodge** Cecil Code

**Groves Park Lodge** Norman Warren

**Quail Creek** Ann Hisko, Olga Llewellyn

**At home** Bernadette Lacourse, Ruth Purdie, Frank Ring, and Pat Currie

If you know of someone who should be included, please contact the office and let the Secretary know so that we can be sure to include them in the next bulletin.

**PROPERTY:** The building is in good shape. There are some small jobs to do when I get time.

**Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair**

**WAYS & MEANS:** Draws are doing well. I would like to thank all our volunteers who help.

**Richard Fitzsimmons, Ways & Means**

**MEMBERSHIP:** It’s that time of the year for your membership renewal, and the renewal stickers for 2021 are in the office. Just a reminder to members who may have forgotten to renew your 2020 dues, they can still be paid at the office or in the Lounge.

**Robert Marsh, Membership Chair**

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** I would like to welcome everyone back as our Legion is slowly getting back to somewhat normal. If I could take time to request anyone with a willingness to take

part in a colour party or take part in an act of remembrance as we have lost several members over lockdown. If you could please contact the office, or me directly at 613-582-3332 or 613-281-2729, or by email at [racm49ja@yahoo.com](mailto:racm49ja@yahoo.com).  
**Robert Marsh, Sgt-at-Arms**

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Service pins may be picked up at the Branch Office or may be presented at our October 28 General Meeting, and our November 25 General Meeting.

**Cheryl Babcock McMahon, Honours & Awards Chair**

<u>Affiliate:</u>	Kenneth Graham	10 years	Marion Graham	10 years
	Ian Matheson	5 years	Robert Saunders	10 years
	Elwood Stafford	20 years		
<u>Associate:</u>	Donna Brunelle	20 years	Randolph Dowell	15 years
	Eelow Ejetsiak	20 years	Richard Fitzsimmons	25 years
	John Forgie	30 years	Terry Garron	45 years
	Marilyn Gillespie	20 years	Robert Hunter	15 years
	Donna McLaren	35 years	Larry McMahon	15 years
	James Miller	25 years	Sylvia Pudsey	5 years
	Sylvia Sell	45 years	Marjorie Watts	15 years
<u>Life:</u>	Tom Anderson	45 years		
<u>Ordinary:</u>	Eric Brown	50 years	W.H. Coolican	40 years
	William McLeod	10 years	Tim Phinney	15 years
	Melville Scobie	15 years	Louise Snow	50 years
	Robert Tytler	35 years	Cathy-Lou Weaver	35 years



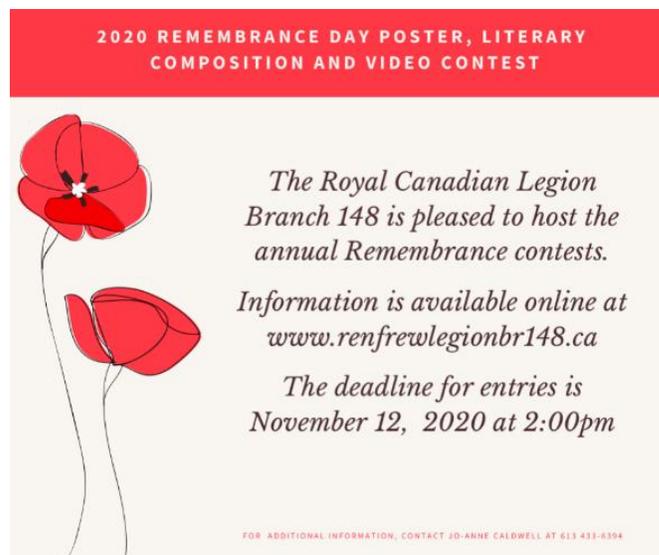
**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** On October 1, President Greg Walbeck and First Vice-president Bruce Ferguson, along with Comrade Ella Box, attended at the Bonnechere Manor, and awarded WW2 Veteran Comrade Louise Snow with her 50 year membership pin and medal. Louise’s family was also in attendance. Congratulations Louise and thank you for your service!

**Debbie McDermid, Public Relations**

**YOUTH EDUCATION:** Fostering Remembrance is a part of everything we do. Through The Royal Canadian Legion's longstanding annual Poster and Literary Contests, Canadian school children honour Canada's Veterans through creative art and writing and help perpetuate Remembrance. Entries can be mailed or dropped off at the Renfrew Legion. The deadline for submission is Thursday November 12, 2020 at 2:00pm.

For guidelines and additional information:  
<https://legion.ca/communities-youth/youth-education/remembrance-contests>.

**Jo-anne Caldwell, Youth Education**



**LADIES AUXILIARY:** Please note the Ladies Auxiliary Zone that was scheduled for Oct 25 in Petawawa has been cancelled. The next General meeting will be November 17 - 7pm Zone Commander Joan Smithers will be making her visit at this meeting. **Rose LaFont, LA President**

**POPPY:** As many of you have probably noticed, the accessibility modifications to the main door leading from the parking lot have now been completed, which will allow much easier access for our veterans, their families and the elderly to our hall and the lounge. Our 2020 Poppy Campaign will begin on October 2 this year, following the tradition of launching it on the last Friday in October. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, our campaign will take on a greatly reduced look. There will be no parade of any sort on November 11, but there will be a reduced ceremony at the cenotaph. There will be no tagging per-se this year, but poppy boxes will be placed in various businesses in Renfrew. You can also choose to donate through the Legion's website. As a reminder, all monies received remains in a Poppy Trust Fund and is used solely for the support of our veterans and their families. The importance of a ceremony honouring our Veterans and their sacrifices is considered paramount by the Legion, especially during the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second World War. We, as Legionnaires, have a duty to support the objectives of the Poppy Campaign and participate while working within the constraints imposed by the pandemic. As further information is received, this will be forwarded via our Legion website. There are Legion masks now available in our office for \$10.00 each. **We will remember them.**

**Bruce Ferguson, Poppy Chair**

**SCOUTS:** At this time Scouts Canada has closed our Scout Camp and all our meetings until further notice. **Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming**

**ENTERTAINMENT:** We have started our Saturday entertainment, and have moved into the hall, for social distancing (please note no dancing is permitted, and masks are mandatory in the hall until seated). We are also serving meals during the entertainment.

October 17 – Just Country, 4-8pm  
Meal: Homemade beans and ham, with coleslaw and biscuit for \$8.00

October 24 – Alan Wright and Friends, 4-8pm  
Meal: to be announced

October 31 – Last Call  
Meal: to be announced

Please come out for a night of great local entertainment and support your Branch.

**Fran Godin, Entertainment Chair**

**RENFREW SILVER SENIORS**: At this time of year, we give thanks for the various events we have had, but with the Covid-19 we try to reflect on what has happened to us and how we are going to cope and do our best to keep ourselves, our families, and friends safe. I know this is a very hard time, as we are confined to our homes. It is difficult on us Seniors, as we cannot visit friends and relatives. But we are trying our best. It is with sadness that our Seniors had to shut down during this epidemic. But we must abide by the Health rules that are put forward to us. Yes, I miss our get-togethers like most of you, I am sure. But please call a friend or neighbour just to say hello and how are you. As many of you have seen or heard, we will not be operating until we get notice from the Renfrew County Health, and the Royal Canadian Legion. Please, seniors, get your flu shot and try to be safe, wear your masks. I am sure we are all trying our best to be safe. All the BEST TO EACH OF YOU.

**Irene Rosebrugh, President – Executive, Renfrew Legion Silver Seniors**

**BURSARY**: Thank you cards received from several students conveying appreciation for their Branch Bursary. Card was also received from Renfrew Collegiate Institute thanking the Branch for their continuous support of granting Bursaries. The Provincial Bursary program is now open for this academic year. Applications are available in the Legion office or by referring to the website, on.legion.ca and clicking on Student Bursary – reminder completed applications must be mailed to Ontario Command. It was brought to our attention the communication between the status of the application is with provincial headquarters Bursary Secretary and the student themselves. It is the responsibility of the student to apply and follow up.

**Ella Box, Bursary Chair**

**MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK**: Volume #7 has been finalized; we should soon receive copies to be distributed to area schools and libraries. Ontario Command is now accepting submissions for Volume 8. Submission forms are available from the Legion office or Ontario Command website. Submission forms must come to the Branch to be verified for correctness and completeness. Fenety Marketing are the publishers of these books and once again will be conducting a telephone appeal to private citizens and business communities through Ontario. All proceeds raised from this project will continue to be used to assist various Veteran Transition Programs supported by Ontario Command.

**Ella Box**

**CONSTITUTION & LAWS & RESOLUTIONS**: A moratorium in response to COVID-19 was approved by Dominion Executive Council on March 20, 2020 which suspended the holding of Branch elections and placed all current and future Article 111 Complaints in abeyance until further notice. Declaration No.4 – 2020 indicates Branch elections will be rescheduled to the appropriate date in 2021 pursuant to Branch Regulations.

**Ella Box**

**TRIBUTE TO FALLEN COMRADES**: Due to the current pandemic situation, we will be unable to gather to remember our Fallen during Veteran's Week.

Veterans and Members passed since last November (2019)

Michael Barry (Associate Member)  
Murray Code (Affiliate Member)  
Frances Culligan (Associate Member)  
Forrest Fraser (Ordinary Member)  
John Godin (Affiliate Member)  
Patricia Kilby (Associate Member)  
Ivy Latendresse (Associate Member)  
Bruce Pudsey (Ordinary Member)  
Andrew Sunstrum (Navy Veteran)



Francis Belisle (WW 2 Veteran)  
Sandford Cook (Associate Member)  
Bill Debenham (Associate Member)  
Winnie Fraser (Associate Member)  
Lawrence Guest (WW 2 Veteran)  
Rheal Lafleur (Navy Veteran)  
Joseph Quilty (WW2 Veteran)  
John Sullivan (Ordinary Member)  
Walter Schroeder (WW 2 Veteran)

Ladies Auxiliary Members to Branch 148

Betty Belanger  
Liala Gilchrist

Elizabeth Eady  
Emily Harper

Mabel Eady  
June Logan

Julia Fawcett

**FROM THE OFFICE**: The office is operating a reduced schedule until further notice. The phones, email and regular mail are still being checked regularly. Please leave a message and someone will get in touch with you. Please contact the office if you are thinking on booking our hall for an event in 2021. If you wish to receive your Bulletin by email, please contact the office to be added to the list. If you have recently moved, please notify the office so that your information can be updated.

## October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Legion Early Bird Campaign/Renewals	2	3 Entertainment: Rick Rogers, 4-8pm
4 Mental Illness Awareness Week	5	6 Foot Clinic	7	8 Hall: Dart League	9	10 World Mental Health Day  Entertainment: Lock Stock & Barrel, 4-8pm Meal: Lasagna, Caesar salad and bun, \$10
11	12 THANKSGIVING MONDAY – Branch Closed	13 Foot Clinic  Joint Executive Meeting – 7pm, hall	14 Van Doos Anniversary (1914)	15 Hall: Dart League	16	17 Entertainment: Just Country, 4-8pm Meal: Homemade beans and ham and biscuit, \$8.00
18	19 Ladies' Darts – 7pm, Hall	20 Foot Clinic	21	22 Hall: Dart League	23	24 Entertainment: Alan Wright & Friends, 4-8pm  Meal: to be announced
25	26 Ladies' Darts – 7pm, Hall	27 Foot clinic	28 General Meeting, 7pm	29 Hall: Dart League	30 POPPY CAMPAIGN BEGINS	31 Entertainment: Last Call, 4-8pm  Meal: to be announced