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JANUARY 2021 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: ALL MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL AFTER PROVINCIAL LOCKDOWN HAS BEEN LIFTED.

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	SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	

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

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GREG WALBECK: Hello Comrades – Once again, our Branch is closed in compliance with the Provincial Lockdown of December 26, 2020, and will reopen once the lockdown is lifted. I would like to thank our Ladies' Auxiliary for their kind donation to the Branch. I also would like to thank everyone who helped on our Saturday meals, and if you would like to assist with the meals once the Branch reopens, please call and leave a message with the office, or speak to Fran Godin. Please continue to follow the provincial health guidelines. We have to work together to get through this, and we will achieve our goals by working together. If you have not yet paid your 2021 membership fees, you may do so by e-transfer to the office email listed above, online at www.legion.ca, or you may drop off your payment (in a sealed envelope with your name and address) into the locked mailbox to the left of the main entry doors. Please note that the Foot Care Clinic is still meeting in the Branch, as it is deemed a provincial "essential service". The Foot Care Clinic will be open January 25 and 26, and February 2 and 16. These dates are subject to change.

FROM THE OFFICE: The office is once again closed to the public due to the Provincial lockdown, however, the phones, email and regular mail are still being checked regularly. Please leave a message and someone will get in touch with you. There is now a locked mailbox by the auditorium doors that is checked daily. Please contact the office if you are thinking on booking our hall for an event in 2021. The Branch is set up for e-transfers for donations, hall rentals and membership renewals. 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.

LAST POST: Our Deepest sympathy is expressed to the families of Veteran David Lorente and Ordinary Members Larry Thivierge and John Durocher.

"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 later in December or January.
Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair

WAYS & MEANS: The Friday and Saturdays draws are still doing well. I would like to thank all volunteers who help.
Richard Fitzsimmons, Ways & Means

ENTERTAINMENT: Our entertainment and Saturday meals have been cancelled until the Branch can be reopened.
Fran Godin, Entertainment Chair

BURSARY: The Bursary Program is designed to assist students entering or pursuing their post-secondary education, including courses or programs of a technical and vocational nature, outside of and beyond secondary school. Approved bursary assistance is not based upon scholastic standing but rather on the successful completion of the current year of study and recommendation by the District Bursary Committee. **ASSISTANCE:** Students applying for assistance may be granted a Bursary based on documented need in the amount of \$750.00 per scholastic year (September to August) as determined by the District Bursary Committee. Students entering a diploma or certificate course, usually of a shorter duration with reduced tuition, may be granted assistance at a rate to be determined by the District Bursary Chairman. Refer to www.legion.on under Youth Programs.
Ella Box, Bursary Chair

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK: Reminder: Ontario Command is accepting submissions for Volume 8. Forms may be picked up at the Legion Office or refer to the Ontario Command Website for a submission form. All submissions must be returned to Renfrew Branch to be checked for correctness.
Ella Box

CONSTITUTION & LAWS & RESOLUTIONS: On December 3, 2020 Ontario Provincial President Garry Pond, released Declaration 7 – Branch Special General Meetings – Virtual.

Please refer to www.on.legion.ca under “media/newsletter” for further details. At present the Branch continues to operate under the Executive Committee. ***Ella Box***

VETERANS CHRISTMAS CARE: Christmas cards, gifts and treats were delivered to veterans, spouses of veterans living in long term care and Chartwell Quail Creek and those who are confined to their home. Due to COVID Protocols we were unable to visit our veterans as in past years. However this gesture let them know we were thinking of them. Special thanks to comrade Cheryl Babcock for her donation of all the Christmas cards with attractive printing and decorations on the envelopes. Thanks to Comrades Bill McLeod, Rev. Bruce Ferguson, Rob Marsh, John Watts and Carmen Box for all their assistance in making the deliveries. ***Ella Box***

ZONE G 7 NEWS: The January 10, 2021 Zone Council meeting cancelled due to lockdown, postponed until further notice. ***Ella Box***