

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148



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## DECEMBER 2022 / JANUARY 2023 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 during the months of July, August, and December.

### UPCOMING DATES

Friday, December 9 – Musical Variety Night in Lounge, from 7-10pm. All musical levels welcome. Please contact Lawson Smith at 613-323-5987 to register or for further information. This is a Branch fundraiser for Lounge renovations. Get into the Festive mood by wearing your ugliest Christmas sweater!

Friday December 30 – We are hosting a fun darts night at the Branch, the “Battle of the Sexes”. Registration from 6-6:45, with play time at 7pm. \$5.00 entry fee. Come out for a fun night of darts with friends and meet new people!

Sunday, January 1, 2023 – Annual New Year’s Levee, 1-6pm – the Levee will be in the main hall, with entertainment by Rick King & and the Ottawa Valley Famers. Light lunch served. \$5.00 cover charge at the door, doors open at 12:30.

LOUNGE EXTENDED HOURS: The Lounge is continuing the extended Friday Hours, from 12pm to 9pm – stop by and enjoy a break!

Mondays	Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm – join us on Monday afternoons for fun darts
Tuesdays	Foot Care Clinic, twice a month
Saturdays	Weekly entertainment - please check our Facebook page or our website, listen to Valley Heritage Radio Coming Events, or call the Branch for more information

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT / POPPY CHAIR:** Fall is almost over, and winter has almost arrived. 2022 has been an unusual year for Branch 148, but we were able to muddle our way through it to the point that I believe we have had the best Poppy Campaign in a number of

years. To date, Comrades, we have received \$27, 948.60, which will be used to assist our Veterans and their families and provide student bursaries in 2023. Thank you all. "We will remember them!"

Tena and I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Please keep safe and enjoy the festive season.

***Comrade Bruce Ferguson, President/Poppy Chair***

**LAST POST:** 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.

"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 anyone knows of any local senior veterans who are not Legion members, please let the office know.

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

<u>Bonnechere Manor:</u>	Louise Snow, Ruth Purdie	<u>Mirimichi Lodge:</u>	Cecil Code
<u>Island View Retirement:</u>	Bernadette Lacourse	<u>Arnprior Villa:</u>	Ben Kane

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:** Everything is in good shape. There are a few small, odd jobs to be taken care of.

***Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair***

**FUNDRAISING:** We have held a successful Music Variety Night in the Lounge on November 25, and we are holding other evening on Friday, December 9 in the Lounge, from 7-10pm. All music skills are welcome, and please contact Lawson Smith at 613-323-5987 to register or for further information. Currently, we are raising funds for the Lounge, to replace the flooring. We have some other fundraising ideas in the new year and I will have them advertised on our website, Facebook page, and Valley Heritage Radio.

***Brian Snider, Fundraising Chair***

**YOUTH EDUCATION:** The judging at the Branch level for the 2022 Remembrance Poster and Essay contest has been completed, and winners have been forwarded to the Zone level. The list of winners are attached to this newsletter.

**CHAPLAIN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:** The miracle of Christmas is that God chose to come to be with us in Jesus Christ. While we may over-romanticize the stable where Jesus was born, we can know that this birthing place speaks volumes about God's infinite courtesy towards all people. Jesus was born in an earthy, raw, smelly stable, not in a temple or royal palace. Being born in such a place is God's way of showing that Christ comes to us in all sorts of human conditions – earthy, smelly, broken and accomplished. No matter what we've done or haven't done, God comes to be with us in Jesus Christ where we are in life, and out of his great love for all humanity. I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas season. Although the commercial celebration of Christmas started even before Thanksgiving, the Christmas season for the Church extends until **January 10** with the **Baptism of the Lord**. Don't be in a hurry to take down the Christmas decorations too soon! Even though we've endured some tough challenges this year, there have also been many blessings for which I thank God. Most especially, I thank God for the countless hours many of you have put in, in keeping the Branch alive and during this year. May God bless you for your goodness! May the message of Christmas motivate all of us to seek ways

to make peace, not war. May we be stimulated to accept others who may seem different from us, rather than sit and complain about those strangers. May we initiate a smile toward one another, and not a frown. May we do this every day in 2023.

***Padre Bruce Ferguson***

**SPORTS:** We are hosting a Fun Darts “Battle of the Sexes” Night, on Friday, December 30, 2022 at 7pm. Registration is from 6pm to 6:45, with a \$5.00 entry fee. Come out for a fun night of darts with friends, and meet some new people. Within the Zone, Zone G7 Senior Darts are being held at the Renfrew Branch on Saturday, January 21, 2023. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Zone Mixed Darts are Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Pembroke Branch 72, with the sign-up deadline Wednesday, February 22, 2023. All sign-up sheets are posted on the Sports Bulletin Board in the Lounge. Please note – you must be a member in good standing with all Legion dues paid up to date in order to compete, as per the Provincial Sports Manual.

***Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair***

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Our entertainment is doing well. Many thanks to everyone who has come to the Branch on a Saturday evening to enjoy great entertainment. Please watch our Facebook page, our website or listen to Valley Heritage Radio Coming Events for upcoming events.

***Fran Godin, Entertainment Chair***

**1<sup>ST</sup> RENFREW SCOUTS:** We have had a few more join our group in the last while. Hope to have some fun activities for the youth in the new year. We are making plans to have the camp opened for the spring. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.

***Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming***

**LADIES' AUXILIARY:** At the November 11 dinner, the Ladies Auxiliary were pleased to present a cheque for \$5,000 to the Branch, to assist with the Lounge renovations. The Branch is planning on replacing the flooring in the Lounge over the next year.



**LEGION SENIORS:** The Renfrew Legion Seniors are holding their weekly meetings on Mondays at 1pm in the main hall. All dart players 55 and older are welcome to come out for a fun afternoon of darts. No pre-registration required.

**BURSARY:** The Ontario Provincial Bursary Assistance Program is now open to accept applications for this school year. Applications are available in the Legion office or may be found online at the Ontario Command Legion website. Members, please help to get the word out that these bursaries are available to qualifying students in the amount of \$1,000.00. Completed applications must be mailed to Ontario Command.

***Ella Box, Bursary Chair***

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** At the November 11 dinner, we presented a number of membership pins and Executive bars & medals. We were pleased to award Comrade Rev. Bruce Ferguson with his life membership, and our Legionnaire of the Year award was presented to Comrade Debbie McDermid, Branch PRO. Congratulations to you both!



Comrade Rev.  
Bruce Ferguson  
& Honours &  
Awards Chair  
Comrade Rose  
Lafont



Comrade Debbie  
McDermid with  
Honours &  
Awards Chair  
Comrade Rose  
Lafont

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** I would like to take this time to wish all of our members a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and stay safe. I hope to see everybody back in 2023.

***Robert Marsh, Sgt-at-Arms & Membership***

**NEVADA:** Nevada sales are improving even with the high costs of everything. Poppy campaign was a success after Covid, it was nice to see great number of people out at Remembrance Day service. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

***Ron Kilby Nevada Chair***

**CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:** The Ontario Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation, a registered Charity, is a partnership of the Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and Auxiliaries in Ontario Command. Foundation funds are used to support programs such as the provincial bursaries, medical equipment, medical research and programs for aging veterans. This program is open to fund medical equipment for hospitals, not-for-profit homes, Hospices, Fire Stations. Comrade Wayne Bennett represents District G on the Foundation Board. Renfrew Branch donated \$2,000.00 to assist this program. Deadline for applications is April 28, 2023.

***Ella Box***

**POPPY PROJECT:** Once again this year, the Branch was decorated with our displays of hand-made poppies. We would like to thank everyone for their support over the past couple of years.



Comrades Bill McLeod, Huguette Jobin and  
Ron Kilby





The poppy display during the Remembrance Day dinner, and sketches of passed WW1 soldiers, reproduced by the Museum Sciences Course at Algonquin College, Ottawa



This display was created by Whitewater Forge, in memory of veterans past.



Sgt-at-Arms Comrade Rob Marsh presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Whitewater Forge

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Photos are being still submitted to Legion Magazine Please keep our monthly calendars handy for information, and feel free to review our Facebook page (Royal Canadian Legion Br. 148 Renfrew) or our website ([www.renfrewlegionbr148.ca](http://www.renfrewlegionbr148.ca)) for current information. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe Christmas, and the best in the New Year.

***Debbie McDermid, PRO***

## Renfrew Legion Branch 148 2022 Remembrance Competition Winners

<b>Category 2 Junior Essay</b>			
1. Fabianna Hutchingame Admaston Public School	2. Isabella Boldt Admaston Public School	3. (none)	
<b>Category 3 Intermediate Essay</b>			
1. Adisson Budden Renfrew Collegiate	2. Clara Di Paolo R.C.I.S.	3. Riley Jamieson R.C.I.S.	
<b>Category 4 Senior Essay</b>			
1. Lacey Shea Renfrew Collegiate	2. Liam Tobin Renfrew Collegiate	3. (none)	
<b>Category 2 Junior Poems</b>			
1. Jordyn Butler Admaston Public School	2. Taylor Kranz Admaston Public School	3. Bree Raymond Admaston Public School	
<b>Category 3 Intermediate Poems</b>			
1. MaKenna Craig Renfrew Collegiate	2. Sadie Chamberlain R.C.I.S.	3. Mia St. Michael R.C.I.S.	
<b>Category 4 Senior Poems</b>			
1. Wesley Ryan Renfrew Collegiate	2. Molly Chamberlain Renfrew Collegiate	3. Abbie Legris Renfrew Collegiate	
<b>Category 2 Junior B/W Poster</b>			
1. Olivia Crook Our Lady of Fatima	2. Bianca DeJesus Our Lady of Fatima	3. Hunter Galaski St. Joseph's Calabogie	3. Miles Desjardins Our Lady of Fatima
<b>Category 3 Intermediate B/W Poster</b>			
1. AriaHnnie Breen Our Lady of Fatima	2. Colby Carthy R.C.I.S.	3. Meghan Morrison Our Lady of Fatima	
<b>Category 4 Senior Black/ White Poster</b>			
1. Anna McLeod St. Joseph's High School	2. Jadzia Pomponio-Litvenchuk St. Joseph's High School	3. Shayne Adam Renfrew Collegiate Institute	
<b>Category 1 Primary Colour Poster</b>			
1. Paisley Crown Central Public School	2. Andrea Grant Central Public School	3. Dawson Kunopaski Admaston Public School	
<b>Category 2 Junior Colour Poster</b>			
1. Knoxon McLaughlin Queen Elizabeth Public School	2. Julia Beckett St. Joseph's Calabogie	3. Alice Harper St. Thomas the Apostle School	
<b>Category 3 Intermediate Colour Poster</b>			
1. Becca Welsh R.C.I.S.	2. Sadie Wilson St. Joseph's High School	3. Peyton Church R.C.I.S.	
<b>Category 4 Senior Colour Poster</b>			
1. Brooklyn Holley Renfrew Collegiate Institute	2. (none)	3. (none)	

December 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>  Hall: Mixed Dart League	<b>2</b> Hall Reserved: Dart Tournament	<b>3</b> Hall Reserved: Baby Shower  Entertainment: Heartbreakers, 4-8pm, Lounge
<b>4</b> Hall Reserved: Baby Shower	<b>5</b> Hall: Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>6</b> Foot Clinic  Pipe Band	<b>7</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>8</b>  Hall: Mixed Dart League	<b>9</b> Hall Reserved: Craft Sale, 5-9  Lounge: Musical Variety Show, 7-10pm	<b>10</b> Hall Christmas Party  Entertainment: Pitch Black, 4-8pm, Lounge
<b>11</b>  Hall: Valley Animal Rescue sale	<b>12</b> Hall: Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm Hall Reserved: Christmas Party Executive, 7pm, Boardroom	<b>13</b> Foot Clinic  Ladies' Auxiliary, 7pm	<b>14</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>15</b>  Hall: Mixed Dart League	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Hall Reserved: Christmas Party  Entertainment: Lock Stock & Barrel, 4-8pm, Lounge
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Hall: Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>20</b> Blood Donor Clinic	<b>21</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>22</b>  Hall: Mixed Dart League	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> No entertainment in Lounge
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Hall Reserved: "Battle of the Sexes" Fun Darts Night	<b>31</b> No entertainment in Lounge

## January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Hall: Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>3</b> Foot Clinic Pipe Band	<b>4</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>5</b> Seniors Luncheon  Hall: Mixed Dart League	<b>6</b> Music Variety show in Lounge, 7-10pm	<b>7</b> Hall Reserved: Band & Meal in Hall – Band: Pitch Black, 4-8pm
<b>8</b> Hall Reserved: Celebration of Life	<b>9</b> Hall: Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm  Executive, 7pm	<b>10</b> Foot Clinic Pipe Band	<b>11</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>12</b>  Hall: Mixed Dart League	<b>13</b> Hall Reserved	<b>14</b> Hall Reserved: Private Party  Entertainment: Smith & Austin, 4-8pm
<b>15</b> Hall Reserved: Fiddle Show, 2-6	<b>16</b> Hall: Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>17</b>  LA Meeting, 7pm	<b>18</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>19</b> Seniors Luncheon  Hall: Mixed Dart League	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Hall Reserved: Zone G7 Seniors Darts  Entertainment: Blender Project, 4-8pm
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Hall: Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>24</b> Foot Clinic Pipe Band	<b>25</b> Club 51, 1pm  General Meeting, 7pm	<b>26</b>  Hall: Mixed Dart League	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Hall Reserved: Ray Megrath Memorial Dart Tournament  Entertainment: to be announced
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Hall: Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>31</b> Pipe Band				