



## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148

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### FEBRUARY / MARCH 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	4 <sup>th</sup> 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

Thursday February 2 – Seniors' Sandwich luncheon, by the Ladies' Auxiliary, 12:00-1:00  
Sandwiches, pickles & Dessert, \$7.00

Friday February 3 and 17 – 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.

Friday February 17 – We are hosting a fun darts night at the Branch, Blind Draw Doubles. Registration from 6-6:45, with play time at 7pm. \$10.00 entry fee. Come out for a fun night of darts with friends and meet new people! Everyone is welcome.

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:** I have decided that it's time to step down as Poppy Chair effective May 31, 2023. It's time that someone else take over this extremely important legion committee as I am getting older and need to take a step back. I would be glad, though, to help out wherever possible. I will be staying on as President of the Legion and your Padre. Last Friday during the "Open Mic" fun night, I was finally pressured enough to come up and play my guitar and sing a few songs. Well, thankfully, they didn't boo me or heckle me, and nobody left, but they didn't invite me back. Just kidding. I thoroughly enjoyed myself. So if I can do it, so can you. Come out Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and listen to the great talent we have in Renfrew County and also support our Fundraising Committee.

***Comrade Bruce Ferguson, President***

**LAST POST:** Our Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Ladies Auxiliary member Ruth Purdie and to the family of Ordinary Member Comrade Douglas W. Forgie. 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	<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.

**FUNDRAISING:** The Musical Variety nights have started up again for 2023, all and went well for this, both on Jan 6 and Jan 20. We are extremely close to having all the funds for the floor. Once we purchase the flooring and lift the rug, we will see if anything else will be needed to be purchased for the underlay. If anyone would like to help with removal and cleanup, please call me at 613-401-4883.

Murder Mystery Show – We have scheduled a Murder Mystery show and dinner on Friday, May 5. Further information will be announced closer to the date. ***Brian Snider, Fundraising Chair***

**YOUTH EDUCATION:** Youth Education Public Speaking has been scheduled for Sunday, February 19 in the main hall.

**SPORTS:** Sports: Results from District Regular Darts, held at Mallorytown on January 14, 2023 – No one from the Branch is moving on to Provincials.

Results from Zone Senior Darts, held at Renfrew on January 21, 2023 – moving on to District: 2 teams of 4 persons, 2 teams of 2 persons, 3 teams of 1 person. District to be held in Renfrew on February 4, 2023.

Upcoming Zone Sports: (a) Mixed Darts, February 25, 2023 in Pembroke – sign-up sheet has been posted; (b) Washer Toss, June 10, 2023 in Deep River; and (c) Zone Golf, June 24, 2023 in Petawawa. 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.

Upcoming Branch Sports: Blind Draw Doubles fun dart night, Friday February 17, 2023. Registration from 6pm to 6:45pm, with play at 7pm. This event is open to everyone. \$10 registration fee.

***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:** Hello from everyone with 1st Renfrew Scouting. We are enjoying our new meeting hall here at the Legion. Our 1st meeting we took the youth around and explained what the Legion does for the vets and our community. I think I answered all the questions the little ones had like why all the pictures of male and females hanging in the hall, explained all the flags painted on the dart boards. Hopefully when they get older they will become volunteers with the Legion. We got out last week to slide at Mateway, nice if we can do more outdoor activities soon. The Ventures are busy getting ready for school exams so we don't see them very often. They did get out at their Leaders home and did tin foil dinners over a campfire and finished off with s'mores. The camp is closed for the winter. Anyone interested in joining our group as a leader or youth please contact me and we will get things started with a great adventure.

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

**LADIES' AUXILIARY:** Ladies Auxiliary had their Zone Team darts on January 22 with 2 teams playing and 2 teams qualifying to go to districts April 1/2023 in West Carleton. Congratulations to team Laura Warren, Sheila Riopelle, Colleen Warren and Lianne Lariviere for placing first. On February 2/2023 we will start doing some Senior Lunches. For February 2 it will sandwiches pickles and desert for \$7.00. We will be preparing the spaghetti dinner for the Hospice Valentine's Fundraiser on February 11. In March we will be hosting our annual Joanne Ciphery memorial dart tournament. It is mixed doubles. \$30 a team with \$10 from every team going towards Kitchen up dates.

***Rose LaFont, LA President***

**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.

**PROVINCIAL BURSARY PROGRAM:** Ontario Command Bursary Assistance Program is open to students of:

- Ex-Service personnel or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces
- (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy) & their children & grandchildren;
- Commonwealth war veterans & their children & grandchildren
- \* Ordinary & Life Members of The Royal Canadian Legion - children & grandchildren \* Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion & their children only \* LA members & their children & grandchildren. Applications are available in the Legion office, and must be submitted before March 31, 2023.

***Ella Box, Bursary Chair***

**CONSTITUTION & LAWS & BRANCH REGULATIONS:** Legion Dominion By-Laws, amended to December 2022, Provincial By-laws amended to November 2022. – Please refer to the Legion website; hard copies are no longer available. Amendments to our Branch regulations, submitted on October 28, 2022 were approved by Ontario Command on January 5, 2023. ***Ella Box***

**NEVADA:** Hope everyone had nice Christmas and New Year. The Nevada machine has been emptied and cleaned, and oiled, and new tickets put in - now Jessica can get her books up to date and clear out old tickets. I will be using one box of tickets strictly for darts and other functions.

***Ron Kilby Nevada Chair***

**PROVINCIAL NEWS:** Legionnaires can take pride in the accomplishments of our organization to improving the quality of life for Veterans in general. The wheels of progress turn slowly. Our organization has challenged the government and continues to do so, for defaulting on the promises made to Veterans, for benefits and future care and comfort. Perley Health encompasses 3 Veteran units Rideau, Ottawa, and Gatineau. Some Veterans are assigned to rooms in the Gatineau secure wing due to their condition. All Veterans accepted into the facility



are or will be housed in the 'Rideau Veterans Residence' unless their conditions dictate a more secure accommodation. To date, 159 beds are available for qualified veterans (WWII and Korea) and other qualified veterans (OQVs, Peacekeepers). There is no wait list for QV. There are 72 OQVs occupying beds with 19 on the waiting list. Perley Health is continuing to negotiate with Veterans Affairs Canada and the Government for an additional 70 beds to accommodate more OQVs and veterans. Perley Health is also responsible for Seniors Village, a LTC which has agreed to accommodate, although not mandated, 25-28% Veterans and their spouses who qualify for LTC. A program managed by the City of Ottawa Long Term Care department.

**Ella Box**

**MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK:** Comrades, we are in desperate need of submissions to complete Volume 10; with this being the tenth year of this program, Command is hoping to make this somewhat of a special edition. All veterans deserve to be recognized in this special book of Remembrance. Submission forms may be picked up at the Legion office or refer to the website [www.on.legion.ca](http://www.on.legion.ca) - all completed submission forms must be submitted the legion office for review by April 28, 2023; anyone needing assistance please contact Ella @ 613-432-6049.

**Ella Box**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** At the December 12 Executive Meeting, the Branch was pleased to make two donations to the community, to the Renfrew Food Bank and to the 653 Champlain Air Cadets.



Presenting the Cheque to Christina Ouellet, Renfrew Food Bank is Comrade President Bruce Ferguson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Tena Miller.

We also donated \$500 from the Poppy Fund to the 653 Champlain Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. From left: Sgt Cage Prevost, Sue White, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Comrade Tena Miller, Comrade President Bruce Ferguson, OCdt Brendan Dillon, and FSgt Jack Gordon.



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.

**Debbie McDermid, PRO**

## February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Have you paid your 2023 dues yet?			<b>1</b> Hall: General Meeting, 7pm (rescheduled January 25 meeting)	<b>2</b> Hall: Seniors Luncheon, 12-1pm  Dart League, 7pmj	<b>3</b> Lounge: Music Variety Show, 7-10pm	<b>4</b> Hall: Seniors District Darts  Lounge: Pitch Black, 4-8pm
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Hall: Foot Care Clinic  Hall: Pipe Band	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Dart League, 7pmj	<b>10</b> Boardroom: Reserved Hall: Reserved	<b>11</b> Hall: Hospice Fundraiser  Lounge: Country Reflections, 4-8pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Executive Meeting, 7pm	<b>14 VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	<b>15 CANADIAN FLAG DAY</b>	<b>16</b> Hall: Seniors Luncheon, 12-1pm  Dart League, 7pmj	<b>17</b> Hall: Fun Darts Night, 7-10pm  Lounge: Music Variety Show, 7-10pm	<b>18</b> Hall: Reserved  Lounge: Debenhams, 4-8pm
<b>19</b> Main Hall: Branch Public Speaking Contest	<b>20 FAMILY DAY – BRANCH CLOSED</b>	<b>21</b> Hall: Foot Care Clinic  Ladies Auxiliary, 7pm	<b>22</b> General Meeting, 7pm	<b>23</b> Hall: Ontrac Job Fair  Dart League, 7pmj	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Entertainment: Lock Stock & Barrel, 4-8pm, in Hall
<b>26</b> Hall Reserved: Birthday Party	<b>27</b>	<b>28 GULF WAR ENDS (1991)</b>				



## March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Have you paid your 2023 dues yet?			1	2 Hall: Seniors Luncheon, 12-1pm  Dart League, 7pmj	3 <b>WORLD HEARING DAY</b>  Lounge: Music Variety Night, 7-10pm	4 Hall: Zone Public Speaking  Entertainment: Midnight Ramblers, 4-8pm
5	6	7 Hall: Foot Care Clinic	8 <b>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY</b>	9 Hall: Ontrac Food Handling Course  Dart League, 7pmj	10	11 Hall: Joanne Ciphery Memorial Dart Tournament  Entertainment: Backbeat, 4-8pm
12	13 <b>COMMONWEALTH DAY (RCEL SUPPORT)</b>  Executive, 7pm	14 Ladies Auxiliary, 7pm	15	16 Hall: Seniors Luncheon, 12-1pm  Dart League, 7pmj	17 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> Lounge: Music Variety Night, 7-10pm	18 Entertainment: Debenhams, 4-8pm  Hall: Stag & Doe, 8pm
19	20	21 Hall: Blood Donor Clinic	22 Hall: Foot Care Clinic  General Meeting, 7pml	23  Dart League, 7pmj	24	25 Hall: District Public Speaking  Entertainment: Lock Stock & Barrel, 4-8pm
26 Hall: Fiddle Show	27	28	29	30 Hall: Seniors Luncheon, 12-1pm  Dart League, 7pmj	31 Lounge: Music Variety Night, 7-10pm  Hall: Fun Darts Night, 7-10pm	