



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148

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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 th 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 April 14 and 28 – Open mic night, in the Lounge. All musical levels welcome.

Wednesday, April 26 – General Meeting, 7pm – this is also Elections night. If you wish to vote in the elections, please have your membership card with you, and ensure your dues are paid up to date. Zone Officers will be in attendance, so please either dress in uniform or in suitable attire.

Saturday April 29 – Open four-person dart tournament, Saturday April 29, 2023. Registration from 10am to 10:45am, with play at 11am. Registration fee is \$40 per team.

Friday, May 5 – Branch fundraiser – we are hosting a Murder Mystery! Cocktails at 5pm, with dinner at 6pm. Please see the poster at the back of the bulletin. LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Friday May 12 and 26 – Open mic night, in the Lounge. All musical levels welcome.

Friday May 26 – 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 (until April 24, 2023)
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: 2024 will be an extremely exciting and busy year for Branch 148 as we celebrate the 95th Anniversary of our Charter. One of the events that will be happening is the hosting of the Zone Convention on March 10th, 2024. That will consist of a parade to the Cenotaph, weather permitting, the convention itself followed by a dinner, hopefully put on by our Ladies Auxiliary. Another event that we will be looking at is an Anniversary Dinner to be held, tentatively, on June 15th, 2024. ***Comrade Bruce Ferguson, President***

FROM THE OFFICE: As noted in our Property Report, the Branch has experienced an unexpected large expense, with the replacement of the furnaces in the building. We are working on various fundraising ideas to help offset this expense. If you wish to donate towards this, we are accepting donations, or if you have any ideas for a fundraiser, please contact the office.

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. 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, Gerald Coules	<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.

LOUNGE HOURS: After careful consideration of the proposed changes to the Lounge hours, it was decided to leave the bar hours as follows:

Mondays – 12-6	Tuesdays – 12-6
Wednesdays – 12-6	Thursdays – 12-10 (until May 1), then 12-6
Fridays – Open Mic nights – 12-11	Regular Friday Hours – 12-6
Saturdays – 12-10	Sundays: closed

Please stop by and help support our Branch. We are looking forward to warmer weather so everyone can enjoy the sun on the deck, along with the Saturday entertainment.

PROPERTY: Earlier in March, we were having problems with the furnaces (underneath the Lounge). Unfortunately, the company who repairs our furnaces advised that they are no longer able to get parts, and the furnaces must be replaced, at a cost of approximately \$30,000. We have received quotes from various local companies and will be working with Layton Knight-Locke Plumbing & Heating for the replacement and upkeep of the new furnaces.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The April 26 General meeting is also election night, to choose the 2023/24 Executive. The following names were proposed for the 2023/2024 Branch Executive, from the Nominating Committee meeting of March 17, 2023 and General Meeting of Wednesday, March 22, 2023:

President:	Bruce Ferguson	Greg Walbeck
1 st Vice-President:	Bill McLeod	
2 nd Vice-President:	Tena Miller	

3 rd Vice-President:	Cheryl Babcock	
Added Executive:	Ella Box	Ron Kilby
	Rose LaFont	Joanie McNulty
	Arlene Jamieson	

Branch Annual Meeting and Elections is Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Nominations will re-open that night as well. You must be a member in good standing (dues paid for 2023) and have been a member of Renfrew Branch for one year at date of elections. Members letting their name stand for election must be present at the April meeting, or signify in writing their willingness to accept office. In order to receive a voting ballot, members may be required to show their membership card. Zone Officers will be in assistance to run our elections and install the elected officers. The new Elected Officers take over on June 1, 2023.

Debbie McDermid, Chair, Nominating Committee

FUNDRAISING: Our open mic nights every second Friday in the Lounge are going well, and are very successful. We are finalizing details for our Murder Mystery Show – “Death by Chocolate”. Tickets will be going on sale shortly, \$25.00 each. There are a limited number of tickets available, so purchase yours early to avoid disappointment. ***Brian Snider, Fundraising Chair***

YOUTH EDUCATION: Results from the Poster and Essay Contest, at the Zone, District and Provincial levels:

Primary, Gr 1-3: Paisley Crown, Central Public School 1st Place, Colour Poster, Zone
Senior, Gr. 10-12: Anna McLeod, St. Joseph’s High School, 1st Place, B&W Poster, Zone
Senior, Gr. 10-12: Anna McLeod, St. Joseph’s High School, 1st Place, B&W Poster, District
 Anna has advanced to the Provincial Competition. Good luck Anna!

The Renfrew Branch held our Public Speaking contest on February 19, 2023, after a two-year hiatus. We had a number of wonderful speakers over the afternoon.

Primary Students (Grades 1-3)

1st Place: Sophie Brydges, St. Thomas the Apostle, topic “*How to Be the Favourite Child*”

Junior Students (Grades 4-6)

1st Place: Sadie Brydges, St. Thomas the Apostle, topic “*How to Get out of Going to School*”

2nd Place: Anna Boldt, St. Thomas the Apostle, topic “*Red Pandas*”

3rd Place: Rebecca Rebertz, St. Thomas the Apostle, topic “*The Good Ol’ Days*”

Intermediate Students (Grades 7-9)

1st Place: Alexander Tracey, Our Lady of Fatima School, topic “*The Cold War*”

2nd Place: Noah Higgs, Our Lady of Fatima School, topic “*Climate Change*”

3rd Place: Madilyn Doidge, Our Lady of Fatima School, topic “*The Story of My Name*”

1st Place winners advanced to the Zone level, held March 4, 2023 at the Renfrew Branch.

Primary Students (Grades 1-3) - 1st Place: Sophie Brydges, Our Lady of Fatima

Junior Students (Grades 4-6) - 2nd Place: Sadie Brydges, Our Lady of Fatima

Intermediate Students (Grades 7-9) - 3rd Place: Alexander Tracey, Our Lady of Fatima

Sophie advances to the District Public Speaking contest, held on Saturday, March 25 at Renfrew Branch.

SPORTS: Upcoming Branch Sports: Open four-person dart tournament, Saturday April 29, 2023. Registration from 10am to 10:45am, with play at 11am. Registration fee is \$40 per team. Results from District Senior Darts, held at Brockville on March 11, 2023 – Comrade Dave Chamberlain is heading to Senior Provincial Darts April 15, 2023 in Port Credit, Ontario - Good Luck Dave!

Upcoming Zone Events: (a) Washer Toss, June 10, 2023 in Deep River; and (b) Zone Golf, June 24, 2023 in Petawawa. Please check the “Sports” bulletin board in Lounge for any further information and sign-up sheets. 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: We are hosting an Open 4-person dart tournament on Saturday, April 29 (this is the former Daryl Lecuyer Memorial). Registration fee is \$40/team, with registration from 10-10:45am, and play starting at 11am. Our next fun darts night will be a Blind Draw Doubles fun dart night, Friday May 26, 2023. Registration from 6pm to 6:45pm, with play at 7pm. This event is open to everyone. \$10 registration fee. Our annual Homeless Vets Mixed Doubles Tournament is set for Saturday, June 10 – more information to follow.

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

1ST RENFREW SCOUTS: 1st Renfrew Scouting The weather is improving so a good sign for us to get out and about. Things are going well with the group. In the next couple of weeks we will be starting our Scout Trucks, Beaver Buggies and Cub Cars. Race day will be after Easter. We have some excited kids when we told them we are going to the races. Also in April we will find a trail in the Renfrew area to hike on and clean up for Earth day. In May we will be starting our plants for the gardens. As well would like to spend some time at the camp in May. Happy days are coming.

Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming



LADIES' AUXILIARY: On January 31, the Ladies' Auxiliary donated \$1,000 to Renfrew Hospice.

From left: Marjorie Joly, (Executive Director, Hospice Renfrew), Susan Fleming, (Ladies Auxiliary, Secretary & Treasurer), Rose Lafont, (Ladies Auxiliary, President), Lisa Rousselle, (Ladies Auxiliary member).

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. We will be wrapping up Legion Seniors at the end of April. Monday, April 24 will be our last meeting until the fall.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN: We celebrate Easter each year and it comes to remind us of the love of a Perfect God for flawed mankind. Jesus Christ died on the cross, He was buried and on the third day He rose again to bring hope to the world. As you celebrate this wonderful holiday remember that Christ gave His life for us willingly and unconditionally and so we should extend the same love to family, friends and others around us. This Easter take time to remember all those who sacrificially serve others, the armed forces, the doctors and nurses, volunteers and teachers and all others who never count the costs of blessing others. Say a special prayer for them and ask God to bless them and their loved ones. May the blessings of God and his amazing grace be with you as you celebrate this Easter with thanksgiving in your heart. Have a blessed Easter. Padre Bruce and Comrade Tena.

Comrade Rev. Bruce Ferguson, Padre

LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT: Smart Serve Certification. Just a reminder that anyone with a Smart Serve certificate will be required to recertify by July 1, 2023, to continue to work as a bar steward or doorman. Cost of recertification is 29.95 for certificates that were issued prior to July 1, 2018 or current certificates that have not expired. If you would like to obtain your Smart Serve Certificate, the cost is 44.95. Both options include the training session and two attempts at completing the final exam. Anyone interested in obtaining their Smart Serve Certification, the training course can be found on the Smartserv.ca website. Once you have either renewed or received your Smart Serve Certificate, it will now be valid for 5 years. If you would prefer to do the training in person, the nearest centre is in Carleton Place at the Canadian Career Academy. All Final Tests are completed online and will be proctored. You will be required to allow access to your web camera for I.D. verification and test monitoring purposes. You can launch your test any time – 24/7.

Kelly Berger, Leadership & Development

BURSARY: Applications for Renfrew Branch Bursaries will be available online through the Guidance office at St. Joseph's High School and Renfrew Collegiate Institute High School. Renfrew Branch will grant bursaries of \$1,000.00 to qualifying students graduating from Grade 12 who NEED financial support. Applications must be completed in full to be considered.

Eligibility: Be accepted in an institution offering post-secondary education.

- Canadian and Commonwealth War Veterans: children and grandchildren.
- Ordinary members (veterans) of Legion Branch 148, their children and grandchildren.
- Students must be graduating from Renfrew Collegiate or St. Joseph's High School.

Deadline Date for applications is **June 9, 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: Nevada sales are going well. We are hoping to have the machine cleaned shortly. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Easter.

Ron Kilby Nevada Chair

MESSAGE FROM ZONE VETERANS SERVICES CURLEY ANDREWS (Zone G7 Veterans & Seniors Chair): The good news: pension indexing rate for 2023 is 6.3 percent. This is effective as of 01 Jan 2023. This indexing is for Public Service, Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP and federally appointed judges. **Last Post Fund:** The Last Post Fund is a national not-for-profit that is committed to ensuring no Canadian veteran is denied a dignified funeral. More than 160,000

veterans from across Canada have received assistance to date. For more information call 1-800-465-7173. Taxpayers Ombudsperson: Did you know Canada has a taxpayer's ombudsperson to represent your rights. He is working independently of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Avoiding distracted driving: Follow these tips to stay safe on the road...texting, high speed snacking, ready set, forget fidgeting, plan your route beforehand, if you drop something let it go, family first and four legged safeties. New PSHCP coverage numbers: vision care increased from \$270.00 to \$400.00a1 every two years, yearly amounts from massage, etc. from \$5300.00 to \$5500.00. The deal is the final package for this is four-year renewal term. If a Veteran cannot afford a funeral, call 1-800-465-7113.

Submitted by Ella Box

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK: Ontario Command is in need of submissions for Volume 10; forms may be picked up at the Legion office or refer to the Ontario Command Website All submissions must be returned to the Legion office to be verified for correctness. Deadline Date **May 15, 2023**.

Ella Box

RITUAL & AWARDS MANUAL: Legion informal Dress will consist of a blue shirt, available only through Legion supply, will be embroidered with the Legion crest. A Legion name tag may be worn on the right side of the blue shirt, below the collar, entered with the bottom of the nametag levelled/lined up with the upper edge of the pocket. Undress Service ribbons can be worn on the left side, levelled/lined up with the right side nametag. No other pins, member designation pin, blazers, ties, epaulettes, shoulder badges, medals, or else are to be worn with Legion informal Dress.

Ella Box

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The Branch is getting busier, with rentals and activities, and we are hoping that things are returning to a sense of normal, especially with the warmer weather soon approaching. As noted in the Office and Property reports, the Branch will be holding various fundraisers to help reduce the cost of the new furnaces. 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) for current information.

Debbie McDermid, PRO



Death by Chocolate

Friday May 5th

in support of the Renfrew Legion

Murder is on the Menu
Everyone is a suspect
And only you can solve the case!

Tickets available at the Legion
\$25 each

Join us for Cocktails - 5pm, Dinner - 6pm



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 RCAF FOUNDED (1924) Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe Entertainment: Rick King & Ottawa Valley Famers, 4-8pm
2	3 BATTLE OF MOREUIL WOOD (1918) Legion Seniors, 1pm	4 NATO ACCORD SIGNED (1949) Foot Clinic	5 Club 51, 1pm	6 Hall: Dart League, 7-10pm	7 GOOD FRIDAY – BRANCH CLOSED	8 Entertainment: Country Reflections, 4-8pm
9 BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE (1917)	10 EASTER MONDAY Legion Seniors, 1pm	11 Joint Executive, 7pm	12 Club 51, 1pm	13 Hall: Dart League, 7-10pm	14 Open Mic Night in Lounge, 7-10pm	15 Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe Entertainment: Pitch Black, 4-8pm
16 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK Hall Reserved: VAR Fundraiser	17 Legion Seniors, 1pm	18 Foot Clinic LA Meeting, 7pm	19 Club 51, 1pm	20 Hall: Dart League, 7-10pm	21 Hall Reserved	22 Hall Reserved: Wedding Reception Entertainment: Treblemakers, 4-8pm
23 Hall Reserved: Baby Shower	24 Legion Seniors, 1pm	25 ANZAC DAY BATTLE OF KAPYONG (1951)	26 Club 51, 1pm General Meeting, 7pm – ELECTION NIGHT	27 Hall: Dart League, 7-10pm	28 Open Mic Night in Lounge, 7-10pm Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe	29 Hall Reserved: Open Dart Tournament Entertainment: Lock Stock & Barrel, 4-8pm
30 Hall Reserved: Fundraiser						

May 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CMHA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK	2 Foot Clinic	3 JOHN McCRAE WROTE "IN FLANDERS FIELDS" Club 51, 1pm	4 ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY FOUNDED (1910)	5 LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS (1945) Hall: Murder Mystery Night, 5pm	6 Hall Reserved Entertainment: Rick King & Ottawa Valley Famers, 4-8pm
7 BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC (1945)	8 VE DAY (1945) Executive, 7pm	9	10 Club 51, 1pm	11	12 Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe Open Mic Night in Lounge, 7-10pm	13 Hall Reserved Entertainment: Jerry Lee, 4-8pm
14 MOTHERS DAY	15 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES	16 Foot Clinic LA Meeting, 7pm	17 Club 51, 1pm Hall Reserved – Poetry Show, 4-6pm	18	19 CANADIAN ARMY FOUNDED (1855)	20 Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe Entertainment: Smooth Country, 4-8pm
21 NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILED (1939)	22 VICTORIA DAY – BRANCH CLOSED	23 RCMP (1873) 150 TH ANNIVERSARY	24 Club 51, 1pm General Meeting, 7pm	25 YPRES (1915)	26 MAY 26–JUNE 4 – MEMORIAL CUP Open Mic Night in Lounge, 7-10pm Hall Reserved: Fun Darts Night, 6pm	27 Entertainment: Treblemakers, 4-8pm
28 Hall Reserved: VAR AGM	29 TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER (2000) US MEMORIAL DAY	30 Hall Reserved: Rotary Lobster Dinner	31 END OF SOUTH AFRICAN (BOER) WAR (1902) Club 51, 1pm Foot Clinic			