



## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148

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### AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 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

<u>Saturday August 12</u> – Ladies’ 4-player and ladies’ doubles dart tournament, with \$5.00 from each entry towards the Museum Fund	
<u>Saturday, September 2</u> – Dave Palfreyman Memorial Golf Tournament	
Mondays	Legion Seniors Darts will return in September, at 1pm – date to be announced
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:** Greetings everyone. I hope the summer is treating you well. The Executive Committee has been very busy over the past number of weeks dealing with several issues relating to the survival of our Legion. With the amount of salaries being paid and the forthcoming increase in wages beginning in October, the Finance Committee determined that we could not continue to exist financially over the next few months. A recommendation was made to the Executive that we close the Lounge Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning the 31<sup>th</sup> of July. The Lounge will remain open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays as usual. On a much brighter note, we have just received an email from Mediaplusadvertising, with the authorization of Command, wanting to produce a television commercial encouraging Canadians to pause to remember veterans on November 11 this year. They chose Renfrew’s Cenotaph as the location to do this filming, as it was decided to be the nicest for what they want. There is more information in the “From the Office” section of this newsletter. This will put our Legion on the map for many years to come. More information will be forthcoming via all social media outlets. So stay tuned and have a good rest of the summer.

***Comrade Bruce Ferguson, President***

**FROM THE OFFICE:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 148 is excited to share that we have been chosen to be featured in a nationally televised commercial for Remembrance Day. This commercial will feature a re-enactment of a small-town Remembrance Day ceremony and will be shot on Wednesday, August 30 in Renfrew. We are inviting Legion members to participate, either in uniform

or as part of the crowd, dressed for November weather. We will be meeting at the Branch at 7:30am and should be finished around 9:30am. We are hoping to be able to do a parade to the Cenotaph.

We are continuing with our Furnace Fund, and If you wish to donate towards this, we are accepting donations, or if you have any ideas for a fundraiser, please contact the office (613-432-6450).

**LAST POST:** Our Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Associate Member Larry McMahon. 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, 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 CHANGE:** Due to rising costs and declining clientele, we have amended our Lounge hours as follows, until further notice:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – CLOSED  
Thursday – 12-6  
Friday – 12-6  
Saturday – 12-9  
Sunday – CLOSED

**OFFICE HOURS CHANGE:** With the change in Lounge hours, we have also adjusted our office hours as follows:

Monday – 12:00 – 4:00  
Tuesday – 8:00 – 4:00  
Wednesday – 8:00 – 4:00  
Thursday – 8:00 – 4:00  
Friday – 8:00 – 12:00

**FINANCE:** My name is Kelly Berger, this year I will be heading up the Finance Committee. I look forward to working with the Finance Committee and continuing the work that was done with last year's committee.  
*Kelly Berger, Finance Chair*

**PROPERTY:** I have been busy making some minor repairs around the building. We are expecting our new furnace to be installed soon. We recently upgraded our Auditorium lighting to LED.

*Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair*

**SPORTS:** The Branch is hosting an Open Ladies' Dart Tournament, on Saturday, August 12. Registration from 10-10:45, with play at 11. Four ladies' teams, followed by ladies' doubles. Registration fee: \$15/player per teams, \$15/player per doubles. \$5 from every entry towards the Branch 148 Museum Fund. Prize money based on number of teams entered. Cash bar and Canteen. For further information/registration please contact Rob Marsh, 613-281-2729 or Laura Warren, 613-717-3959. The Dave Palfreyman Memorial Golf Tournament is on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at the Dragonfly Golf Links. \$70/person, includes 18 holes of golf and golf cart. BBQ Dinner at Branch. Shotgun start at noon. Signup sheets now posted on the "Sports" Bulletin Board in the Lounge. There has been no announcement yet regarding Zone sports. ***Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair***

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Entertainment is financially fluctuating in sales from week to week. For August entertainment we will have Lorne Daley, Jerry Lee, Unwound, and Lock, Stock and barrel. For September entertainment we will be having Rick King, Smooth Country, Unwound, Pitch Black, and Lock, Stock and Barrel. All dates can be found on the board in the lobby or on the outside bulletin board. We wish everyone a safe and fun filled summer. ***Brian Snider, Entertainment Chair***

**1<sup>ST</sup> RENFREW SCOUTS:** Before we know it summer will be over. We have a few jobs at the camp to complete before the youth sign up for Scouting. We will again be meeting on Mondays between 6:20pm and 7:20pm at the Legion starting September 11th. Anyone interested in becoming a Leader or know if a youth looking for a great experience give me a call. ***Yours in Scouting, Renfrew Group Commissioner Susan Fleming***

**LADIES' AUXILIARY:** Hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer. With having a new executive starting in June we are working together on Celebrations of Life and a few Wedding Dinners. In September we would like to have a hen party with a cup of tea and make squares to get ahead for upcoming lunches. We are always looking for new members to join us, if you're interested give me a call and I will get you signed up. ***Susan Fleming, LA President***

**HONORS AND AWARDS:** I will be starting to put a list together for anyone that is to receive pins, bars and / or Medals at the end of September, October. Anyone that is missing any they were to receive and did not or will be receiving this year please let me know. ***Rose LaFont, Honours & Awards Chair***

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the different colour parties in the last year. It is my honour and privilege to be your Sergeant-at-arms for another year. ***Robert Marsh, Sgt-at-arms***

**MEMBERSHIP:** It's my honour to be your Membership Chair for another year. Anyone wishing to volunteer for functions? Please call the office and let Comrade Jessica know. Membership dues for next year will be going up from \$47 to \$50 a year. Our next General meeting will be on September 27 at 7pm. Any member is welcome to attend a general meeting. ***Robert Marsh, Membership Chair***

**LEGION SENIORS:** The Renfrew Legion Seniors are on summer break and will commence their weekly meetings in September. ***Tena Miller, Legion Seniors***

**LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT:** The AGCO (Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario) has announced they have extended the deadline to renew your smart serve to September 1, 2023. This is due to the volume of re-certifications that needed to be completed. If your Smart serve expiry date is between June 30, 2023, and August 31, 2023, your certificate will remain valid until September 1.

Any certificate issues prior to September 1, 2018 (with no expiry date) will also be valid until 11:59 pm August 31, 2023. The cost of recertification is 29.95 for certificates that are valid and have not expired. Courses are available online, and all final exams are also done online at Smartserve.ca. Anyone interested in getting their Smart Serve, the Training course a can be found on the Smartserve.ca website. The cost is 44.95 and includes two attempts at completing the final exam. Once you have either renewed or received your Smart Serve Certificate, it will now be good for 5 years. Please keep in mind that the website is busy, so please be patient when trying to do the training course and then the final exam.

***Kelly Berger, Leadership & Development***

**BURSARY:** Bursary: Renfrew Branch granted 2 Branch Bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to qualifying students graduating from Renfrew Collegiate Institute. These funds were approved from the Poppy Account. We also granted a \$500.00 Bursary from our Lottery Account to a great great granddaughter of a Veteran.

**YOUTH EDUCATION:** The Legion Citizenship Award was presented to Wyatt Kelly, Grade 7 student of Our Lady of Fatima School.

***Ella Box, Bursary Chair***

**CONSTITUTION & LAWS:** Over the last few months we have received several amendments/updates to the General By-Laws, Poppy Manual and Ritual/Awards Manual and Officers Manual. Please refer to the Legion website for all the updates. Our amended Branch Club House rules were approved at our June general meeting. All required documents have been submitted to Ontario Command for review and certification.

***Presenter Ella Box***

**WAYS & MEANS:** Branch volunteers attended the Renfrew Roots Festival for the sale of 50/50 tickets on Friday and Saturday. Eric Melcher won the Friday draw (181.00), and Caroline Mathieu was the winner on Saturday (\$211.00). Thank you to all who volunteered.

**POPPY:** Plans are underway for this year's Poppy Campaign. Further information will follow.

**NEVADA:** Nevada machine still working just needs a little TLC till we can get some service done on it, Hope everyone has a great safe summer.

***Ron Kilby Nevada Chair***

**ZONE G7 NEWS:** Zone G7 Ways & Means: Brenda Logan of Barry's Bay was the winner of 50/50 Draw in the amount \$500.00 - thanks to all who supported this Zone fundraiser.

***Ella Box***

**MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK:** Ontario Command is in the process of introducing volume 11 of this important Remembrance Program. For the past 2 years there were not enough veteran submissions, therefore Youth Education entries were utilized to complete the book. Please consider completing a submission for yourself or a member of your family that have served their country. Fenety Marketing are the publishers of this book, once again their sales representatives will be conducting a telephone appeal to private citizens and business throughout Ontario. Submission forms are available on the Legion website or from the Legion office. If you require assistance with completing a submission please contact me.

***Ella Box Coordinator, 613-432-6049***

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Did You Know?

- Members can now download a membership card to their Apple or Android mobile phone – if you have a profile on the Member Services Website, just follow the instructions listed. Renewing members can also request a Digital Card during the renewal process. When you renew each year, you will receive an email with your new Digital Card to upload to your phone.

Members who prepay for multiple years will receive their Digital Card showing the membership year paid.

- Team Ruck 2 Remember presents their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Ruck Event is from August 25-27, 2023, starting at Kincardine Branch 183 in the Bruce County area, and conclude in Warton, ON.
- Legion Week: National Legion Week is September 17-23, 2023. We are planning some activities at the Branch, and the Renfrew Community Information Night (formerly Newcomers' Night) is at the Branch from 6-8pm. We will have a table set up at the Information Night. We encourage and welcome all recently joined members to attend!

The Branch was nominated for "Best Banquet Facility" in the 2023 Renfrew Mercury Reader's Choice Awards, and we placed at the Diamond Level (1<sup>st</sup> Place)!

We are also looking for volunteers to assist at the Branch, for barbecues, meals, selling tickets, etc. It is only an hour or two of your time. Please contact the office at 613-432-6450 to let us know you are able to assist. The Poppy Campaign is soon approaching, and as a Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, assistance with the Poppy Campaign is paramount. The sign-up sheet for poppy tagging will be posted late September and presented at the September General Meeting.

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. If you have an email address, please provide it to the Office so that you may be added to our email lists.

***Debbie McDermid, PRO***

August 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> NORAD FORMED (1957) New Lounge Hours in Effect New Office Hours in Effect	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3pm	<b>5</b> Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe  Entertainment: Lorne Daley & the Ricochet Riders
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS (AUG 7-13)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> CANADIAN PEACEKEEPERS DAY	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3pm	<b>12</b> INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY Main Hall: Ladies' Dart Tournament  Entertainment: Jerry Lee
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Executive, 7pm	<b>15</b> VICTORY OVER JAPAN (1945)  Foot Clinic	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3pm  Hall Reserved: Wedding	<b>19</b> DIEPPE RAID (1942)  Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe  Entertainment: Unwound
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3pm	<b>26</b> Hall Reserved: Mayor's Breakfast  Hall Reserved: Celebration of Life for Larry McMahon, 2:00  Entertainment: Lock Stock & Barrel
<b>27</b> LA Cards, 1pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Foot Clinic	<b>30</b> Filming of Commercial at Cenotaph, 8am <b>Assemble at Branch 7:30</b>	<b>31</b>		

## September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>LEGION EARLYBIRD CAMPAIGN / RENEWALS</b>					<b>1</b> Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3pm	<b>2 SECOND WORLD WAR ENDS (1945)</b>  Hall: Dave Palfreyman Memorial Golf Tournament  Entertainment: Rick King
<b>3 MERCHANT NAVY VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>4 LABOUR DAY</b>  Hall Reserved	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 BATTLE OF MEDAK POCKET(1993) SEPT 8-29 CANADA ARMY RUN</b>  Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3pm Hall Reserved	<b>9</b> Hall: Wedding  Entertainment: Smooth Country
<b>10 FIREFIGHTERS' NATIONALMEMORIAL DAY WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY</b>  Hall Rented	<b>11 ATTACKS ON SEPT. 11 (2001)</b>  Executive, 7pm	<b>12</b>  Foot Clinic  LA Meeting, 7pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY</b>  Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3pm	<b>16</b>  Entertainment: Unwound
<b>17 OPERATION MEDUSA (2006) BATTLE OF BRITAIN (1940)</b>  Hall: LA Zone Darts	<b>18 NATIONAL LEGION WEEK (17<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup>)</b>	<b>19</b>  Hall: Blood Donor Clinic	<b>20</b>  Hall: Newcomers' Night	<b>21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE</b>	<b>22</b>  Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3pm  Branch Dinner	<b>23</b> Hall: Wedding  Entertainment: Pitch Black
<b>24 POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL</b>  Hall Youth Darts League	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Foot Clinic	<b>27</b>  General Meeting, 7pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3pm  Hall: Haley Dinner	<b>30</b> Hall: Dart Tournament for Autism  Entertainment: Lock Stock & Barrel