



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148

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APRIL/MAY 2024 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 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



This year marks two milestones at the Branch!
June 6 is the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, and
June 15 is the 95th Anniversary of the Branch!

More information will follow!

Friday April 12 – Open Mic Night, 7-10pm, in the Lounge

Friday, April 12 – Fun Darts Night, Mixed Draw Doubles, 7pm

Saturday April 20 – Open 4-person Dart Tournament

Friday April 26 – Open Mic Night, 7-10pm, in the Lounge (final night for the season)

Wednesday, April 24 – 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 27 – Ladies Auxiliary Zone Convention

Sunday May 5 – Poppy Project meeting, Lounge, 1:30

Tuesday May 14 – RCMP Veteran's Event – information in bulletin

Mondays	Legion Seniors Darts are every Monday afternoon at 1pm – come out for an afternoon of fun and friendship! Our last Monday until the fall will be April 29.
Tuesdays	Foot Care Clinic, twice a month.
Thursday Afternoons	In conjunction with Community Living Renfrew County South, we are having a drop-in pool afternoon, every Thursday from 1-2:30. Pool is free during this time, and the Lounge will be open. Please join us for fun and comradeship.

Friday afternoons	Please join us for our weekly meat draws, starting around 3pm in the Lounge. Tickets are \$2/draw, and there are 5 draws: Breakfast Box, Beef Box, Metro Card, Pork & Chicken Box, and an LCBO Card.
Fridays	Open Mic nights are back at the Legion! Our April dates are April 12 and 26, which will be the final one for the season. Please join us in the Lounge from 7-10pm for some great local entertainment – all skill levels are welcome!
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.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: I hope everyone had a joyful and blessed Easter. By the end of April we will have held our 2024 election and will have a new Executive Committee elected. Thank you to all who let their names stand and congratulations to all who were elected. I truly hope that 2024/2025 will be an exciting and productive year especially as we are celebrating the 95th Anniversary of our Charter. May God be the center of that is said and done.

Lest We Forget

Comrade Bruce Ferguson, Padre and President

FROM THE OFFICE: 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). If you have changed your email address, or wish to be added to our email list, please contact the office (rclrenfrew@cogeco.net).

LAST POST: Our Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Ordinary Member/Veteran Comrade Robert Little. 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:

Bonnechere Manor: Louise Snow, Gerald Coules

Arnprior Villa:

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.

RCMP EVENT: You are invited to “come out of the woods” and join us to socialize with other RCMP retirees and their spouses. On Tuesday, May 14, we will be meeting at Royal Canadian Legion Br. 148 Renfrew from 1-4pm in the Lounge to share stories, comradeship, and maybe a few laughs. The bar will be open. It’s a great chance to meet with other area retirees and former coworkers. For more information call Barry Thomas at 613-791-6344. We hope to see you there.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The April 24 General meeting is also election night, to choose the 2024/2025 Executive. The following names were proposed for the 2024/2025 Branch Executive, from the Nominating Committee meeting of March 2, 2024 and General Meeting of Wednesday, March 27, 2024:

President:	Greg Walbeck	Bruce Ferguson	Robert Marsh
1 st Vice-President:	Ron Kilby		
2 nd Vice-President:	Bill McLeod	Ella Box	
3 rd Vice-President:	Cheryl Babcock-McMahon	Brian Snider	Joanie McNulty
Added Executive:	Sean Enright	Brady Enright	
	Doug Buzzell	Arlene Jamieson	
	Huguette Jobin	Pat Bryden	

Branch Annual Meeting and Elections is Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Nominations will re-open that night as well. You must be a member in good standing (dues paid for 2024) 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, 2024.

Debbie McDermid, Chair, Nominating Committee

PROPERTY: Thanks to Chris Thompson and Ron Kilby for their help with the Hall Bar. The Hall Bar is done and the kitchen and cooler, and Lounge cooler will be done in April.

Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair

SPORTS: For Legion Sports, Seniors Darts – we have one player. Mike Lafont, going to Provincials on April 6 2024 in Port Stanley, Ontario. Zone Mixed Darts we have 1 team of 4 and 1 team of 2 going to Kingston on May 18, 2024. Branch sports – We are hosting an open 4-person teams dart tournament on Saturday, April 20. Registration is from 10:00-10:45 with play at 11. Registration fee is \$40/team. We also have planned another Fun Darts Night, blind draw doubles, on Friday, April 12, 2024. Registration is from 6:00-6:45, with play beginning at 7:00. \$15/person.

Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair

ENTERTAINMENT: Bands for April & May are: April 2 – Second Gear; April 13 – Jerry Lee; April 20 – Smooth Country; April 27 – Lonesome Dreamers; May 4 – Tomgil Frank Band; May 11 – Silas; May 18 – Unwound; May 25 – Treblemakers. Remember new hours for Saturday's entertainment has changed to 3pm to 7pm.

Brian Snider, Entertainment Chair

OPEN MIC NIGHTS: Open Mic Nights have been booked for April. The dates are April 12 and 26, from 7-10pm in the Lounge. Stop by the Lounge on the second Friday of the month, for some great local entertainment. We are always welcoming anyone who sings, plays an instrument or who just wants to have fun. April 26 is the final night for Open Mic until the fall.

Joel McCrea, Open Mic Coordinator

1ST RENFREW SCOUTS: The youth will be working on their Beaver Buggies and Cub Cars the next couple of weeks to prepare for the big race on April 22. We will be out doing our part for Earth Day doing clean-up along the Millenium Trail and Ma-te-way. In May, we will see how many youth sign up



for soccer and if it will be the same night of our meetings. OPG is donating trees for us again this year. We will be planting with the Town at Ma-te-way on May 25, with a rain date of May 26.

Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming

LADIES' AUXILIARY: Things are slowly picking up for us. On April 6, we have 2 teams going to District Team Darts in Almonte - Good luck ladies! I'm happy to report our Comrade Laura Warren will attend Ladies Auxiliary Provincial Darts in Sutton on April 27. Good luck – I know you'll make us proud! On April 11, we have a trivia night theme "name that tune". Come on out for lots of fun. All proceeds will be going to Renfrew Hospice. On April 13, we will be supporting Valley Heritage Radio with their Pancake Breakfast. On April 27, we are hosting the Ladies Auxiliary Zone Convention for our area. May 5, we are supplying a light lunch for the RVH Auxiliary Spring Fashion Show, being held in the Hall. At the end of May we have some ladies participating in our Provincial Convention in Newmarket. They will bring back some information on changes and what is coming up. If you are interested in joining a fun, active group contact the Legion office and they will pass on my information.

Susan Fleming, LA President

YOUTH EDUCATION: Renfrew Branch held the Branch Public Speaking on Saturday, February 24. There were participants in the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate levels.

Primary Winners, Grades 1 to 3	
<p>1st Vaughan Smith, Our Lady of Fatima 2nd Bryce DeJesus, Our Lady of Fatima 3rd Sophie Brydges (2023 winner), St. Thomas the Apostle Our winners, with Comrade Ron Kilby</p>	
Junior Winners, Grades 4-6	
<p>1st Emmett Patterson, Our Lady of Fatima 2nd Dustin Proulx, Our Lady of Fatima 3rd Devan Deshpande, Our Lady of Fatima Our winners, with Comrade Ron Kilby</p>	

Intermediate Winners, Grades 7-9

1st Anna Boldt, St. Thomas the Apostle
 2nd Liam Seaman, Our lady of Fatima
 3rd Olivia Crook, Our Lady of Fatima

Our winners, with Comrade Ron Kilby



The first place winners moved to the Zone level, which was held at the Renfrew Branch on Saturday, March 9.



At the Branch Executive meeting of March 11, Lyric McIntyre was presented her certificate and medal for the 2023 Remembrance Literary Contest. Lyric placed 1st in District G intermediate Poem, and 2nd at the Provincial Level. Presenting her with her certificate and medal is 2nd Vice-President Comrade Tena Miller, and Comrade President Rev. Bruce Ferguson.

submitted by Debbie McDermid



POPPY PROJECT: the Poppy Project Committee is holding a meeting on Sunday, May 5 at 1:30 to start to plan out our next Remembrance displays. If you are interested in joining us, please either leave your name and number with office, or send an email to the office.

submitted by Debbie McDermid

LEGION SENIORS: I hope everyone had a Happy and Blessed Easter. Senior darts are going very well. We have 15 to 20 players each week. Everyone is enjoying themselves. There will be no darts on Monday April 1, 2023. The last day for Darts this season will be April 29, 2024, with a luncheon to close out the year. Darts will resume in September. I wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Tena Miller, Legion Seniors

CONSTITUTION & LAWS: Renfrew Branch brought forward to the recent Zone Convention a resolution to add Great-Great Grandchildren to the Poppy Manual so that funds could be used at Branch level for a Bursary. This Resolution has now been forward to District for their review.

Ella Box, Constitution & Laws

BURSARY: Applications for Renfrew Branch Bursaries will be available online through the Guidance office at St. Joseph's High School and Renfrew Collegiate Institute. 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, great grandchildren.

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

Deadline Date for applications is **June 7, 2024.**

Ella Box, Bursary 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. District G has representation on the Foundation Board. Renfrew Branch donated \$2,000.00 to assist this program. Deadline for applications is **April 26, 2024.**

Submitted by Ella Box

ZONE G-7 NEWS: Spring Zone Convention was hosted by Renfrew Branch on March 10. Guest speaker Ty Seeley, Deputy District G Commander, brought greetings from District Council and presented a summary of the various actions/events happening at the Provincial level of the Legion. Command is in need of submissions for the Military Book. 2025 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Legion. Branch Presidents & Zone Officers presented reports pertaining to their Branch or committee. Credential Report: 28 Accredited, 5 observers and 3 guest = total of 36. Certificates of Appreciation and Merit were presented to deserving Zone Officers. The convention delegates passed a motion to donate \$500.00 to District Youth Track & Field. Zone Ways/Means are asking all Branches to participate in their 50/50 tickets; draw will take place on October 5th at the Zone Octoberfest Dance that will be held at Chalk River Legion. After the Business meeting, delegates enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner catered by the Ladies Auxiliary. Delegates from Branch 148 were Comrades President Bruce Ferguson, Greg Walbeck, Tena Miller, Rob Marsh, Bill McLeod, Huguette Jobin, Kelly Berger, Cheryl Babcock and Ella Box.

Submitted by Ella Box

WAYS & MEANS: I am looking for volunteers to assist with the weekly Friday Meat Draws, and with Saturday 50/50 draws in the Lounge. If you would like to help with selling tickets, please contact me by email at joan.mcnulty@icloud.com, or call the office and leave your name and number.

Joanie McNulty, Ways & Means

NEVADA: Nevada sales are going slow ever since Covid. The old tickets in the machine have now been used, and the machine has been cleaned and refilled with a new box of tickets.

Ron Kilby, Nevada Chair

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK: Ontario Command is in need of Veteran submissions for Volume 11; submission forms are available in the Legion office or from the Ontario Legion

Website. We encourage Veterans to submit their story. All submissions must be returned to the Legion office for verification and correctness. Deadline date May 15, 2024.

Ella Box Coordinator, 613-432-6049

PUBLIC RELATIONS: *Did you Know?*

This year is the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, on Thursday, June 6 and June 15 is our 95th Anniversary of our Charter! We are planning a dinner and dance on Saturday, June 15. More information will follow shortly.

We are always 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. If you know of any high-school students looking for volunteer hours, please let us know by contacting the office.

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. 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

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD EASTER MONDAY – OFFICE OPEN No Seniors Darts today	2 Foot Clinic Hall: Cornhole league	3 BATTLE OF MOREUIL WOOD (1918)	4 NATO ACCORD SIGNED (1949) Weekly Pool with Community Living, 1:00-2:30	5 Meat Draw, Lounge, 3pm Hall: Dart League	6 Hall: Celebration of Life Lounge Entertainment: Second Gear, 3-7pm
7 Youth Darts, 1:30	8 Seniors Darts, 1pm Executive, 7pm	9 BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE (1917) – LEGION FLAGS LOWERED TO HALF-MAST	10	11 Weekly Pool with Community Living, 1:00-2:30 Hall: Trivia Night, 6:30	12 Meat Draw, Lounge, 3pm Open Mic, Lounge, 7-10pm Fun Darts Night, 7pm	13 Hall: Valley Heritage Radio Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-12 Lounge Entertainment: Jerry Lee, 3-7pm Hall: Stag & Doe
14 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK Hall: Valley Heritage Radio Round-up Dance, 1-5pm Youth Darts, 1:30	15 Seniors Darts, 1pm	16 Foot Clinic Hall: Cornhole League LA Meeting, 7pm	17	18 Weekly Pool with Community Living, 1:00-2:30	19 Meat Draw, Lounge, 3pm	20 Hall: Open 4-person dart tournament, 11am Lounge Entertainment: Smooth Country, 3-7pm
21 Youth Darts, 1:30	22 Seniors Darts, 1pm	23 Hall: Cornhole League	24 General Meeting, 7pm – Elections Night	25 ANZAC DAY BATTLE OF KAPYONG (1951) Weekly Pool with Community Living, 1:00-2:30	26 Meat Draw, Lounge, 3pm Open Mic, Lounge, 7-10pm – last one for the season Hall: Stag & Doe	27 Hall: LA Zone Convention Lounge Entertainment: Lonesome Dreamers, 3-7pm
28	29 Seniors Darts, 1pm – final day for the season Hall: RVHA	30 Foot Clinic Hall: Cornhole League				

May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Weekly Pool with Community Living, 1:00-2:30	3 JOHN McCRAE WRITES "IN FLANDERS FIELDS" Meat Draw, Lounge, 3pm Games Room: Dart League	4 ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY FOUNDED (1910) Hall: Food Handling Course Lounge Entertainment: Tomgil Frank Band, 3-7pm
5 BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC (1945) NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK LIBERATIONS OF NETHERLANDS (1945) Youth Darts, 1:30 Hall Rented: RVHA Poppy Project, Lounge, 1:30	6 CMHA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK	7 Hall: Cornhole League	8 VE DAY (1945)	9 Weekly Pool with Community Living, 1:00-2:30	10 Meat Draw, Lounge, 3pm	11 Hall: Cornhole Tournament Lounge Entertainment: Silas, 3-7pm
12 MOTHER'S DAY Hall: Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament – Renfrew Youth Darts fundraiser, 11am	13 Executive, 7pm	14 Foot Clinic RCMP Veterans Social Event, Lounge, 1-4pm Hall: Cornhole League	15 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES	16 Weekly Pool with Community Living, 1:00-2:30	17 Meat Draw, Lounge, 3pm Hall Reserved	18 INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY Hall Reserved Lounge Entertainment: Unwound, 3-7pm
19 CANADIAN ARMY FOUNDED (1855)	20 VICTORIA DAY – BRANCH CLOSED	21 NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILED (1939) LA Meeting, 7pm Hall: Cornhole League	22 General Meeting, 7pm	23 RCMP (1873) Weekly Pool with Community Living, 1:00-2:30	24 MAY 24-JUNE 2 – MEMORIAL CUP Meat Draw, Lounge, 3pm	25 YPRES (1915) Hall: Brian Wright Memorial Dart Tournament, 11am Lounge Entertainment: Treblemakers, 3- 7pm
26	27 U.S. MEMORIAL DAY	28 TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER (2000) Hall: Rotary Lobster Dinner	29 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS (1948) Foot Clinic	30 Weekly Pool with Community Living, 1:0-2:30	31 END OF SOUTH AFRICAN (BOER) WAR (1902) MAY 31-JUNE 16 RACF RUN Meat Draw, Lounge, 3pm	