



BRANCH 148 - Renfrew, ON

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 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



Poppy Tagging weekend is November 1 & 2, and the sign-up sheet has been posted to the office door. Please sign up for a 2-hour shift, or perhaps share a shift with a friend (1 hour each). High School students looking for volunteer hours are welcome!

The local Remembrance Services are listed in this newsletter.

We will also be hosting our annual Remembrance Day dinner and awards night. More information to follow.

Saturday, Oct. 5 – Ladies Aux. Pancake Breakfast, 830-11am. Pancakes, sausages, juice, tea & coffee – adults \$10, kids \$5

NEW DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 16 – Joint Executive meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, October 23 – General Meeting, 7pm

Saturday Oct. 26 – Billy Debenham Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament, \$30/team – for further info/reg'n pls call 613-717-3959 or 613-432-4246.

<p><u>Saturday, Nov. 2</u> – Ladies Aux. Pancake Breakfast, 830-11am. Pancakes, sausages, juice, tea & coffee – adults \$10, kids \$5</p> <p>NEW DATE: <u>Wednesday, Nov. 18</u> – Executive meeting, 7pm</p> <p><u>Friday, Nov. 22</u> – Fun darts night, 7pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday, Nov. 27</u> – General Meeting, 7pm</p>	
Mondays	Legion Seniors Darts are every Monday afternoon at 1pm – come out for an afternoon of fun and friendship!
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.
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: Thank you to Comrades Dennis & Joanie McNulty, Susan Fleming, and Jessica Thompson for all their help with the chicken dinner we had for Legion Week. We are always looking for volunteers for various functions around the Branch. If you are asked, please think about saying yes. We need more volunteers, and if you know of a high-school student looking for hours, please have them contact the office. The Poppy Campaign is starting, and the sign-up sheet will be placed on the Office Door. Please sign up, even if only for a couple of hours.

Comrade Greg Walbeck, 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: 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 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.

REMEMBRANCE & VETERANS WEEK: If you wish to join us during Remembrance Week, please make note of these dates in your calendar:

Veterans week this year is Nov 5 to Nov 11th

Remembrance Ceremony at Horton, Sunday Nov. 3, 1pm

Groves Park Lodge Gem Hall Thursday Nov 7th @ 10:30 a.m.

Renfrew Victoria Hospital Special Care Unit 3rd Floor Thursday Nov 7th @ 2:30 p.m.

Chartwell Quail Creek Front Lounge Friday November 8th @ 10:30 a.m.

Bonnechere Manor Rotary Hall Friday November 8th @ 2:00 p.m.

Calabogie Remembrance Day Service, Sunday Nov. 10, 2pm – fellowship after the service at Calabogie Community Hall

Renfrew Remembrance Service, Low Square, Nov. 11, 11am – fellowship after the service at the Branch

The Residents & Activity Staff of Quail Creek, Renfrew Victoria Hospital, Bonnechere Manor and Groves Park Lodge appreciate the Legion's efforts in organizing these Special Remembrance Ceremonies; many of the residents are unable to attend the public parade and ceremonies on Nov. 11. All members are welcome to participate in these special services – full dress uniform – otherwise suitable attire is requested. Please contact Ella Box for more information at 613-432-6049.

Submitted by Ella Box

POPPY: The Poppy Tagging sheet has now been prepared and has been posted to the office door (due to the decreased Lounge hours). Poppy tagging has been set for Friday November 1 and Saturday November 2. Please add your name (or split a shift with a friend) to help us have a successful tagging campaign. This is a great opportunity for any high school students looking for some volunteer hours. For any further information or questions, please call Jessica at the office.

Cheryl Babcock-McMahon, Poppy Chair

POPPY TRUST COMMITTEE: Monetary donations will be made to the Ottawa Service Assistance Bureau and District G Veterans Care Fund at the upcoming Fall District G Convention.

Ella Box, Poppy Trust Committee

PROPERTY: The building is in good shape. We are still waiting for parts to repair the kitchen cooler.

Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair

SPORTS: The Billy Debenham memorial mixed Doubles is on the 26th of October 2024, 10:00-10:45 registration time, with play at 11. Registration fee is \$30/team. There is nothing yet on Zone sports – we are waiting for District to set their dates. I will keep everyone updated. There will be some more blind draw doubles coming up shortly. These will be held on Friday nights.

Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair

ENTERTAINMENT: Hello all, with fall upon us and it is becoming cooler in the air, we will soon be bringing the bands from outside and have them play in the Lounge again.

Oct. 5	Katie & Just Country	Nov. 2	Aces & Eights	Sat. Dec. 7 – Silas
Oct. 12	Rick King	Nov. 9	Tomgil Frank Band	Sat. Dec. 14 – Second Gear
Oct. 19	Silas	Nov. 16	4 Better Times Band	Sat. Dec. 21 – Spare Change
Oct. 26	Lorne Daley	Nov. 23	Country Reflections	Sat. Dec. 28 – Jerry Lee
		Nov. 30	Rick King	

Brian Snider, Entertainment Chair

1ST RENFREW SCOUTS: We are just getting started for this year and we have been busy. Our meetings are every Monday unless it is a holiday. We have been out to the Scout Camp for a meeting and hoping we have a few more out there before winter. We are having our Apple Day October 19th from 9am till noon. We will be at most of the stores so please stop by the youth and tell them about your Scouting experience, they do enjoy the conversations. During the Legion Poppy Tagging we will be out to support the legion and the Vets. There are a few more things to do at the camp, and we are hoping to get the camp opened.

Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming

LADIES' AUXILIARY: There have been a few events in the last while. I would like to thank my comrades who came out to assist in these events. For all the card players who came out during the summer to support us, thank you. We will be having cards on Sundays in the hall, hopefully you come out to support us again. Our pancake breakfasts will continue the first Saturday of every month. We enjoy your visits. Some of our ladies participated in Zone darts, they did very well and had lots of fun. I would like to congratulate the winners: Comrade Laura Warren came first in singles, Comrade Lianne Lariviere placed second and Comrade Colleen Warren placed third. In Doubles Comrades Laura Warren and Sheila Riopelle placed first, Comrades Cathy Buzzell and Diane Utronki placed second and Comrades Lianne Lariviere and Colleen Warren placed third. Good luck at Districts. With Poppy Tagging coming up November 1st and 2nd, we will be busy with serving lunch and supper, so we hope to see you there. We are planning some activities as a way for us to raise some money, when the details are completed I will let you know. Hello to our members who are unable to come out to our meetings and helping us in the kitchen.

Susan Fleming, LA President

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: It is that time of the year again, with Remembrance day fast approaching. The Horton service will be held Sunday, November 3 at 1pm, Sunday November 10 in Calabogie at 2pm, and the Renfrew service on the 11th. I am always looking for members to take part in a colour party – if you are interested please call me at 613-281-2729. It makes no difference if you are a new member of the colour party or one of my regulars please let me know if you are available for these dates. Don't forget we also have the long-term care homes and the RVH to do as well.

Robert Marsh, Sergeant-at-arms

YOUTH EDUCATION: With the poster and essay contest now open, I have delivered all packages to the respective schools and will be following up in the next week or so with reminder letters and material that I ordered from Veterans Affairs. I would like to send out a special thank you to Comrades Jo-anne Caldwell and Ella Box for their guidance with my first year as Branch Youth Education, and also a special thank you to Comrade Debbie McDermid for advertising over all of our social media platforms and radio to get out the information to homeschooled students, I would also like to thank Comrade Liz Wright from our Ladies Auxiliary for providing me with contact numbers for retired teachers who are willing to help with judging when the time comes.

Robert Marsh, Youth Education Chair

MEMBERSHIP: Now is the time to renew your membership for 2025. Dues may be paid in person, by e-transfer to rcIrenfrew@cogeco.net (please specify your name in the notes), mailing or dropping off a cheque, or online at Legion.ca. If you have any questions about your membership or transfer application, please feel free to contact me at membership.branch148renfrew@gmail.com.

Chris Thompson, Membership Chair



POPPY PROJECT: We are pleased to announce that a group in Calabogie is joining the Poppy Project! The displays around the Branch will be going up at the start of the Poppy Campaign (Friday, Oct. 25). If you are interested in helping, please leave your name and number with office, or send an email to the office.

submitted by Debbie McDermid

LEGION SENIORS: Seniors darts started nice turnout hoping more will come out to play. Darts are every Monday at 1 pm.

Ron Kilby, Legion Seniors

HONOURS & AWARDS: The following people will be receiving their service pins:

Affiliate

Marlene Myles	5 years	Lawson Smith	5 years
Glenyce Boyce	10 years	Klaus Ewert	25 years

Ordinary

Daniel Clouthier	5 years	George Fawcett	5 years
Gary Pond	5 years	Aaron Todd	5 years
Bruce Golden	10 years	Greg Lewis	15 years
William McElveny	25 years	David Bolger	40 years
Keith McCallum	45 years	Marcel Benoit	50 years
W. H. Eady	65 years		

Life

Bruce Ferguson	20 years	Greg Walbeck	50 years
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Associate

Elva Brohart	5 years	Nora Snider	5 years
Glen Styles	5 years	Brian Lockhart	10 years
Christina Miller	15 years	Penny Hill	20 years
Bonnie Kane	20 years	Tim Laforce	20 years
Jim Caughey	20 years	Debbie McDermid	20 years
Donald Hall	25 years	Marilyn Lafont	25 years
Nancy Landreau	25 years	Deborah Batalha	30 years
Nancy Lepine	30 years	Carmen Box	35 years
John Forgie	35 years	Eleanor Guyea	35 years
Nellie Kingsbury	35 years	Tim Megrath	35 years
Marjorie Watts	35 years	Graham Jamieson	45 years

If you are unable to attend the November 11 dinner, pins can be picked up in the office.

*Submitted by Clayton McKechnie, Honours
& Awards Chair and Cheryl Babcock-McMahon*

CONSTITUTION & LAWS: Manuals and booklet are no longer printed in hard copy - please refer to the Legion websites for updates. The Legion office has a hard copy of the Officers Manual for anyone wishing to read. At the recent Dominion Convention, 31 resolutions were to be considered by the delegates.

Ella Box, Constitution & Laws

BURSARY: Over the summer we received thank you cards from students expressing their appreciation for being granted a branch bursary to help in their secondary education. The Legion's Provincial Bursary program is now open to accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. This program is designed to assist students who are entering or continuing their post-secondary education including courses and training programs of a technical or vocational nature. Applications can be found on the Ontario Command Legion's website - www.legion.on. ***Ella Box, Bursary Chair***

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. This Friday, October 4, we will be holding our annual "turkey" draws – there will be four draws of one turkey each, and the fifth draw is the LCBO Card. Tickets are \$2 each, per draw.

Joanie McNulty, Ways & Means

NEVADA: Nevada ticket sales are going slow still approximately one box of small tickets left then we will be reverting back to larger tickets. ***Ron Kilby, Nevada Chair***

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK: Ontario Command is now introducing to you Volume 12 of this important Remembrance Program. Please consider completing a submission for yourself or a member of your family that have served their county. We must use the Submission form dated May 2024. Volume 11 Books will be delivered to the branch in early October.

Ella Box Coordinator, 613-432-6049

PUBLIC RELATIONS: *Did you Know?*

- Now that fall is in the air, the Branch is getting busier:
- Community Living Pool is back for another season at the Branch, from 1-2:30 upstairs in the Games Room – the pool is free at this time, and the Lounge will be open. Please stop in with your pool cue for a fun afternoon of comradeship with our friends from Community Living!
- Don't forget our LA's Pancake Breakfasts, on Saturday October 5 and Saturday November 2! Adults \$10, kids \$5.
- Saturday October 19 is Apple Tagging Day – please support our 1st Renfrew Scouts!
- Saturday, October 26 is our annual Billy Debenham Mixed Doubles Dart tournament
- The Poppy Campaign starts on Friday, October 25 – Poppy tagging weekend is Friday November 1 and Saturday November 2 – we are looking for volunteers to assist with delivering poppy boxes and wreaths, and volunteers for the tagging, and picking up the boxes and wreaths after Remembrance Day
- We will be holding our annual Remembrance Day Dinner on Monday, November 11 – further information will follow soon!
- Fun darts will be returning on Friday, October 22.

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***

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?		1 NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK Foot Clinic	2	3 Comm Living Pool, 1pm	4 Meat Draw – Turkey Draws! 4 turkeys, 1 LCBO card	5 LA Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-11 Entertainment: Katie & Just Country, 3-7pm
		6 LA Cards, 1pm Youth Darts, 1pm	7 Seniors Darts, 1pm Scouts, 6:30	8	9 Hall: Ontrac Food Handling Course	10 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY Comm Living Pool, 1pm
13	14 THANKSGIVING VAN DOOS ANNIVERSARY (1914)	15 LA Meeting, 7pm Cornhole, 7pm	16 DATE CHANGE: Joint Executive, 7pm	17 INT'L DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY Comm Living Pool, 1pm Cornhole, 7pm	18 Meat Draw, 3pm Hall Reserved	19 SCOUTS APPLE DAY Hall Reserved: VAR Fundraiser Entertainment: Silas, 3-7pm
20 LA Cards, 1pm Youth Darts, 1pm	21 Seniors Darts, 1pm Scouts, 6:30	22 Cornhole, 7pm	23 General Meeting, 7pm	24 ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS (1946) Comm Living Pool, 1pm Cornhole, 7pm	25 START OF THE POPPY CAMPAIGN Meat Draw, 3pm Hall: Town of Renfrew Halloween	26 Billy Debenham Dart Tournament, 11am Entertainment: Lorne Daley & Ricochet Riders, 3-7pm
27 Hall Rented	28 Seniors Darts, 1pm Scouts, 6:30	29 Cornhole, 7pm	30	31 Comm Living Pool, 1pm Cornhole, 7pm		

November 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?					1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SILVER CROSS MOTHER <u>POPPY TAGGING DAY</u> Meat Draw, 3pm	2 <u>POPPY TAGGING DAY</u> LA Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-11 Entertainment: Aces & Eights, 3- 7pm
3 Youth Darts, 1pm	4 Seniors Darts, 1pm Scouts, 6:30	5 DEADLINE FOR YOUTH EDUCATION ENTRIES Foot Care	6	7 Comm Living Pool, 1pm	8 INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY Meat Draw, 3pm	9 Entertainment: Tomgil Frank Band, 3-7pm
10 PASSCHENDAELE (1917) Youth Darts, 1pm	11 FRIST WORLD WAR ENDS (ARMISTICE) (1918) Remembrance Day Dinner – further info to follow	12 Cornhole, 7pm	13	14 KING CHARLES III BIRTHDAY (1948) Comm Living Pool, 1pm Cornhole, 7pm	15 Meat Draw, 3pm	16 Entertainment: 4 Better Times Band, 3-7pm
17 Youth Darts, 1pm	18 DATE CHANGE: Executive meeting, 7pm Seniors Darts, 1pm Scouts, 6:30	19 LA Meeting, 7pm Cornhole, 7pm	20	21 Comm Living Pool, 1pm Cornhole, 7pm	22 Meat Draw, 3pm Hall: Fun Darts Night	23 Entertainment: Country Reflections, 3- 7pm
24 Youth Darts, 1pm	25 Seniors Darts, 1pm Scouts, 6:30	26 Cornhole, 7pm	27 General Meeting, 7pm	28 Comm Living Pool, 1pm Cornhole, 7pm	29 Meat Draw, 3pm Hall Reserved	30 JOHN McCRAE'S BIRTHDAY (IN FLANDERS FIELDS) (1872) Hall: RVH Staff Christmas Party Entertainment: Rick King, 3-7pm