



## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148

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Merry  
Christmas

Happy  
New  
Year

### DECEMBER 2024 / JANUARY 2025 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

Saturday, Dec. 7 – Ladies Aux. Pancake Breakfast, 830-11am. Pancakes, sausages, juice, tea & coffee – adults \$10, kids \$5

Monday December 9 – Executive meeting, 7pm

Friday, December 13 – Fun Darts Night, 7pm – Blind Draw Doubles, \$5/person  
Registration 6-6:45, with play at 7. – for further info/reg'n pls call 613-432-4246.

**No General Meeting This Month**

Wednesday, January 1 – our Annual Levee, in the Lounge, no charge

Saturday, January 11 – Zone Seniors Darts, host Renfrew Branch

Monday January 13 – Executive Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, January 22 – General Meeting, 7pm

Sunday, January 26 – Ladies Auxiliary Zone Darts

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:** I would like to thank everyone who assisted with this year's successful Poppy campaign: a big thank you to Comrade Cheryl Babcock and her Committee for the excellent Poppy Campaign this year; to Comrade Jessica for all her work on the Poppy Campaign, and all that she does for the Branch. Also, thank you to our Ladies Auxiliary for the excellent meal and the food for the people tagging on our Tagging days, to Comrade Susan Fleming for supplying the Cubs & Scouts, and the Girl Guides, and the parents for serving our November 11 meal; to Comrade Rob Marsh for the colour party and parade; to Pipe Major Melissa Friske for the pipe band, and to all of those that came out that day. Thank you to Randy Dowell for all of his help during the Poppy Campaign, and thank you to Richard Collins for the sound system for the November 11 service, and thank you to anyone who I may have missed. I would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. ***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 ([rcclrenfrew@cogeco.net](mailto:rcclrenfrew@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.

**POPPY:** I don't know where to start, but a huge thank you to everyone who assisted with this year's Poppy Campaign, for wreath deliveries and pick-ups, delivery and pick-up of counter boxes; Comrades Jessica, Kelly and Chris for counting the money from the tagging boxes and Comrade Ella for counting the money from the counter boxes; the 1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew Scouts and 653 Squadron Air Cadets for their assistance during the tagging weekend; the Ladies Auxiliary for their great soup and sandwiches every year for our volunteers, and for the great Remembrance Day dinner; Comrade Ella Box for organizing the four services at the nursing homes and the hospital; Comrade John Watts for taking on all of Calabogie, delivering wreaths and crosses, store counter boxes; all participants in the Horton and Calabogie Remembrance Services; Comrade Greg and Padre Bruce for their participation

in the Renfrew service, and piper Melissa Friske for the Lament during the Service, and for the Remembrance Day Dinner; and to Jessica from the beginning of this campaign. She guided me every step of the way, from the letters being sent out to all the dignitaries, Base Petawawa, Guides, Scouts, Cadets, Town Pipe Band, Zone G7 and police in a timely fashion, so that all had ample time to respond, and to keeping me on track on a day-to-day basis, she is truly a godsend. We do not yet have a final amount for this year's campaign, due to the ongoing Postal strike.

***Cheryl Babcock-McMahon, Poppy Chair***

**PROPERTY:** The building is in good shape. The walk-in cooler is working again. Thanks to Jim Miller for his work in getting the cooler going.

***Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair***

**FINANCE:** As all of you are most likely aware, it's been a tough summer for the Branch.

**The Lounge/patio:**

- even though it was perfect weather this summer and fall, and we had bands for all but two Saturdays, we still didn't make money – overall, we lost money.
- Wages are up as well the cost for utilities, bar supplies, insurance, etc.

**Auditorium:**

- Hall rentals count on Stag and Doe rentals, as the hall size is perfect for them, however, since Covid not many couples have them anymore (its mostly draws, etc.).

**Changes:**

Chief Bar Steward and Bar Steward job descriptions have been updated and will be rolled out to all bar staff over the next few weeks. Lounge bar hours are being revised and extended effective Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. New hours will be 1 to 8pm Thursday and Friday and 1 to 9pm on Saturday. We are in the process of completing interviews to hire a new Chief Bar Steward. We are looking to create a list of volunteers interested in working the auditorium bar, we will make a call out at list that can be used create a rotation to make it fair to all volunteers. We are looking for your support, any feedback good or bad along with suggestions to fill the bars are welcome and would be much appreciated on the following:

- bands that have been scheduled your thoughts good or bad, would you pay a cover charge to keep the bands versus raising bar prices, as if we want to compete with our competition then raising bar prices is not an option.
- Recommendations on new bands, or just playing the radio with playlists, karaoke.
- Any ideas for special themes in the lounge and auditorium and would you be interested in helping organize to get the ball rolling.
- We are also looking to open the lounge additional days and extend hours with the use of volunteers. Suggestions?
- Any other items on your mind.

***Sean Enright, Finance Chair***

**SPORTS:** As noted above, the Branch is hosting a Blind Draw Doubles fun darts night, on Friday, December 13. Registration is from 6:00-6:45, with play starting at 7:00. \$5/person to play. Come out for a fun night of darts – everyone is welcome. The Ray Megrath Memorial Open Triples Dart Tournament is Saturday, February 1 at the Branch. \$45.00/team.

For Zone Sports – Zone Cribbage is on Saturday, December 14 at Host Branch Barry's Bay. The Sign-up Sheet is on the "Sports" bulletin board. Zone Senior Darts are on Saturday, January 13, 2025, and we are the host Branch. The registration sheet is on the "Sports" bulletin board.

***Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair***

**ENTERTAINMENT:** I would like to take this time to introduce myself as the new Entertainment Chair, due to the recent resignation of Comrade Brian Snider, and I would like to thank Comrade Brian for his work on Entertainment over the past couple of years. We are in the process of booking bands for the new year. If you know of any band who may be interested in a booking, please pass along the entertainment email, at [renfrewlegionmusic@gmail.com](mailto:renfrewlegionmusic@gmail.com). Please ask them to supply either a YouTube or Instagram link, if the band has either. Entertainment will be listed on the board in the Lounge and advertised on Valley Heritage Radio.

***Brady Enright, Entertainment Chair***

**1<sup>ST</sup> RENFREW SCOUTS:** We are getting new youth every month which is great. We are up to 12 youth. If any one knows a youth who would like to join or adult who would like to give up 1 hour a week please contact me. The camp is doing well. The group is hoping we can use it more when the spring gets here. From everyone with 1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew Scouting we are wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

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

**LADIES' AUXILIARY:** We have had a steady year in catering or doing small fundraisers. We tried pulled pork sandwiches which was a success and we tried turkey on a bun which we sold out. We have tried pancake breakfast but unfortunately we are not getting enough people to come out, our last one will be December 7th, and we did a couple of trivia nights which were ok. If anyone has any ideas of fundraisers we can do please contact me and I would be glad to sit down with you. Wishing everyone happy holidays and a happy New year.

***Susan Fleming, LA President***

**YOUTH EDUCATION:** The Branch had a successful poster and literary contest this year. Now I am getting up for public speaking for 2025. If anyone is one is willing to help, it would be greatly appreciated. I would like to form a Youth Education Committee. Anyone with ideas on who we can get the public speaking numbers back up to pre-Covid numbers, would be greatly appreciated. I would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy new Year.

***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 [rcfrenfrew@cogeco.net](mailto:rcfrenfrew@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](mailto:membership.branch148renfrew@gmail.com).

***Chris Thompson, Membership Chair***

**LEGION SENIORS:** There is still a great turnout for our weekly Seniors darts. Our last meeting before Christmas will be Monday, December 16, returning on Monday, January 6.

***Ron Kilby, Legion Seniors***

**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:** Ontario Command Bursary program is intended to assist students for a maximum of 5 years provided they continue in the same subject of study. Students must complete a new application each academic year. Members, please help to get the word out that these bursaries are available to qualifying students in the amount of \$1,250.00 The responsibly for a completed application is that of the student. All applications must be mailed to RCL Ontario Command,89 Industrial Parkway N. Aurora ON L4G 4C4.

***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](mailto:joan.mcnulty@icloud.com), or call the office and leave your name and number.

***Joanie McNulty, Ways & Means***

**NEVADA:** Ticket sales are moving well, and the machine is filled with the 5-tab tickets. The machine is working great. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. ***Ron Kilby, Nevada Chair***

**MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK:** We received 20 books of Volume #11– copies were delivered to all schools in the Renfrew area, Long Term Care Homes and Renfrew Library. Command is now accepting submissions for Volume 12. This program relies on us as members for timely submissions with individual photos and personal stories of veterans. Submissions are only to contain a maximum of 200 words and not pages of documentation. An original photo is the best option; however, an original photo that has been reproduced at a photo lab such as Walmart is acceptable.

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

**ZONE NEWS:** Winners of the Zone G7 50/50 Draw held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were Fred Swat a member of Br. 550 Cobden who won the \$400.00 cash prize and Barbara Robido won the Cord of Wood. Thanks to all patrons and members who supported this Zone fund raiser.

***Submitted by Ella Box***

**NOTICE Re: LEGION DRESS DONATIONS:** Over the years several items of Legion dress have been donated to the Branch. Any member in need of a Legion Beret, Ladies or Men's Blazer, Trousers, Skirt, or Legion Tie – please come to the Branch and find something to fit your need. Thanks to Comrade Susan Fleming for organizing all the items in a neat fashion.

***Submitted by Ella Box***

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** *Did you Know?*

- Don't forget our LA's Pancake Breakfast, on Saturday December 7 – Adults \$10, kids \$5.
- Fun Darts Night, on Friday December 13 – registration from 6-6:45, with play starting at 7. \$5/person. Come out for a fun night of darts, and meet some new friends!
- We will be planning some fundraisers in the New Year, both for the Branch and for the Ladies Auxiliary – watch for posters!

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](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***

## December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  Youth Darts	<b>2</b>  Legion Seniors, 1pm	<b>3 INT'L DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES #GIVING TUESDAY</b>  Foot Clinic  Hall Reserved: Christmas Luncheon  Cornhole, 7pm	<b>4</b>  Celebration of Life	<b>5 INT'L VOLUNTEER DAY</b>  Community Living Luncheon  Community Living Pool, 1-2:30	<b>6 HALIFAX EXPLOSION (1917) NAT'L DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN</b>  Meat draw, 3pm Hall Reserved: Birthday Party	<b>7</b>  LA Breakfast, 8:30 – 11am  Hall Reserved: Photos with Santa, after Parade  Entertainment: Silas, 3-7pm
<b>8</b> Hall Reserved: Christmas Party  Youth Darts	<b>9</b>  Legion Seniors, 1pm  Executive, 7pm	<b>10 NOBEL PRIZE FOR PEACE AWARDED TO PEACEKEEPERS (1988)</b>  Blood Donor Clinic	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Community Living Pool, 1-2:30	<b>13</b>  FUN DARTS  Meat draw, 3pm	<b>14</b>  Hall Reserved: Christmas party  Entertainment: Second Gear, 3-7pm
<b>15</b>  Hall Reserved: Christmas Party  Youth Darts	<b>16</b>  Legion Seniors, 1pm – last day for 2024 (off until Jan. 6)	<b>17</b>  Foot Clinic  Cornhole, 7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Community Living Pool, 1-2:30  LA Christmas Dinner/Meeting, 7pm	<b>20</b>  Meat draw, 3pm	<b>21</b>  Entertainment: Spare Change, 3-7pm
<b>22</b>  Youth Darts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 CHRISTMAS DAY OPERATION SANTA CLAUS FALL OF HONG KONG (1941)</b>	<b>26 BRANCH CLOSED</b>	<b>27</b>  Meat draw, 3pm	<b>28</b>  Entertainment: Jerry Lee, 3-7pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>* NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH *</b>  <b>HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?</b>			

## January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>HAVE YOU RENEWED YET?</b>			<b>1 NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>  Branch Levee, Lounge – info to follow	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Meat draw, 3pm	<b>4</b>  Entertainment: To Be Announced
<b>5</b> Hall Reserved: Celebration of Life	<b>6</b>  Legion Seniors, 1pm	<b>7</b>  Foot Clinic  Cornhole, 7pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Community Living Pool, 1-2:30	<b>10</b>  Meat draw, 3pm  Hall Reserved	<b>11</b>  Hall Reserved: Zone Senior Darts  Entertainment: To Be Announced
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Legion Seniors, 1pm  Executive, 7pm	<b>14</b>  Cornhole, 7pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Community Living Pool, 1-2:30	<b>17</b>  Meat draw, 3pm	<b>18</b>  Hall Reserved: Christmas party  Entertainment: To Be Announced
<b>19</b>	<b>20 CAMH BLUE MONDAY (MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS)</b>  Legion Seniors, 1pm	<b>21</b>  Foot Clinic  LA Meeting, 7pm Cornhole, 7pm	<b>22</b>  General, 7pm	<b>23</b>  Community Living Pool, 1-2:30	<b>24</b>  Meat draw, 3pm	<b>25</b>  Entertainment: To Be Announced
<b>26</b>  Hall: LA Zone Darts	<b>27 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>  Legion Seniors, 1pm	<b>28</b>  Cornhole, 7pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Community Living Pool, 1-2:30	<b>31</b>  Meat draw, 3pm  Hall Reserved	