



BRANCH 148 - Renfrew, ON

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148

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### JUNE-JULY 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

Friday June 6 – D-Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Low Square, 11am

Saturday June 7 – Renfrew Youth Darts Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament

Friday June 13 – Legion Seniors Cornhole, 1-3pm - \$5/player with all proceeds to the Branch

Saturday June 14 – Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament for Homeless Veterans

Wednesday June 25 – General Meeting, 7pm – final meeting until September

Friday, June 27 – Legion Seniors Cornhole, 1-3pm - \$5/player, with all proceeds to Branch

Tuesday, July 1 – Canada Day Barbecue, 12-6pm – Steak on a bun w/coleslaw \$8 or Jumbo hot dog w/coleslaw, \$6 – Lounge open 12-6pm

Wednesday July 2 – Ladies Auxiliary Euchre, 1-3pm - \$5/player

Mondays	Legion Seniors Darts are taking a summer break and will return in September!
Thursdays (new date)	Foot Care Clinic, twice a month
Thursday Afternoons	The Thursday afternoon pool with Community Living is also taking a summer break, and will return in the fall.
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

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** We will be holding a D-Day ceremony on Friday June 6 at the Cenotaph at 11am. We are looking for anyone willing to participate in the colour party. Please call me

at 613-432-4246 if you can assist. We will be assembling at the Cenotaph at 10:45. We will be holding a Canada Day Barbecue at the Branch, Tuesday July 1 – steak on a bun with coleslaw for \$8, and jumbo hot dogs with coleslaw for \$6. Barbecue will be from 12pm-6pm, and the Lounge will be open during the same hours, so please stop in and help support your Branch. If you can help with the Barbecue, please give me a call at the above number.

**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](mailto:rclrenfrew@cogeco.net)).

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:** I am happy to announce that the Reverend David McFarlane was appointed to the position of Chaplain to Branch 148. Reverend David is presently the Minister of Renfrew Presbyterian Church here in Renfrew plus two other churches in the summer. I have agreed to continue as Reverend David's assistant to perform the Chaplain's duties whenever he is unable to do so.

**Reverend Bruce Ferguson, Assistant Chaplain**

**LAST POST:** Our Deepest sympathy is expressed to the families of Community Veterans Barry Brush and Christine Edgar. 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

Forest Hill Nursing Home, Kanata:

Ben Kane

Groves Park Lodge:

Ray Dick

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.

**PROPERTY:** The men's washroom has a water leak, and we are getting quotes. The urinals are not in service until further notice.

**Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair**

**SPORTS:** Zone: Zone Golf is Saturday, June 28 at Branch 550 Cobden. The Registration sheet is on the Sports Bulletin Board. Branch: We are holding our annual Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament for Homeless Veterans, on Saturday June 14. Registration fee is \$30/team, with \$5 from each entry going to Homeless Veterans. For further information or team registration, please call Sheila Riopelle at 343-558-1587, or Laura Warren at 613-717-3959. The Dave Palfreyman Memorial Golf Tournament has been booked for Saturday August 30. Due to an increase in green fees, registration fee is \$100/player, with a dinner to follow at the Branch. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Sports Bulletin board in the Lounge.

**Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair**

**ENTERTAINMENT:** We have amended our entertainment to every second weekend, and have changed our times to 4-8pm. Please stop into the Lounge and enjoy some great local entertainment. Entertainment is announced on Valley Heritage Radio and also listed on our website.

Upcoming Entertainment:

June 7 – Bonnechere River Band	July 5 – Rick Rogers	August 2 – no band
June 14 – Spare Change	July 12 – no band	August 9 – Unwound
June 21 – Midnight Special	July 19 – Spare Change	August 16 – no band
June 28 – Country Reflections	July 26 – Lock Stock & Barrel	August 23 – Lonesome Dreamers

August 30 – to be announced

***Brady Enright, Entertainment Chair***

**1<sup>ST</sup> RENFREW SCOUTS:** Our year is coming to an end. We have tree planting at Ma-te-way and a trip to Ottawa to the Attitude Gym. The camp is coming along. Due to a few break-ins, we are looking into security cameras. Unfortunately, some are getting into the camp and using it as they please. Get out and do some adventures! Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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

**LADIES' AUXILIARY:** We have a few things coming up for catering. I will be starting euchre again on July 2 at 1pm, and it will be on every Wednesday for the summer. I am honoured to have my fellow comrades vote me in again as their President. If you see any of the following ladies out and about, congratulate them on their positions: Lisa Rouselle, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Secretary, Liz Wright, Treasurer Sonia VanGenderen, Sports Officer Laura Warren, and added Executive Brenda Gilchrist, Cheryl Fraser, Madge Virgin and Lianne Lariviere. Comrades Laura Warren, Cathy Buzzell and Diane Utronki enjoyed going to Provincial Darts in Iroquois Falls, where they met new people and visited with old friends. Great job ladies, going that far! Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. I hope to see everyone when they stop in the Legion to hear the bands or come for some great food at our barbecues.

***Susan Fleming, LA President***

**MEMBERSHIP:** With Dominion Command increasing the per capita rate (effective January 1, 2025) to \$39.51 per member, we have had to increase the membership dues. A motion to increase membership dues by 20% was brought to the January General Meeting for approval. As there was a low turnout for the January General meeting, it was brought to the February General meeting and approved. Membership dues for 2026 will be \$60.00 with this increase taking effect on September 1, 2025.

***Chris Thompson, Membership Chair***

**2025/2026 EXECUTIVE:** At the April 23 General Meeting, the 2025/26 Executive was elected and installed by Zone Commander Wayne Bennett:

President:	Greg Walbeck	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President:	Debbie McDermid
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:	Sean Enright	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice-President:	Cheryl Babcock
Added Executive:	Brady Enright Randy Dowell	Chris Thompson Ella Box	Joanie McNulty Ron Kilby

The new Executive commence duties on June 1.

**YOUTH EDUCATION:** We congratulate Makenna Craig, Renfrew Collegiate student who took 1<sup>st</sup> place at District level for her Senior Essay. She also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Provincial level. The Legion citizenship awards will be presented to deserving students of Our Lady of Fatima School.

***Ella Box, Acting Youth Education Chair***

**LEGION SENIORS:** We had a very nice season with the Seniors Darts. We are now closed for the summer will return September 8th have a great summer everyone. **Ron Kilby, Legion Seniors**

**FINANCE:** Auditorium has many bookings; bar sales are so/so. The lounge continues to struggle, the last few Thursdays and a couple Saturdays we didn't have enough sales to pay the bartenders. This will be a topic at the next executive meeting. The weather hasn't been in our favour for the patio either. Total debt as of May 28, 2025, is \$47k. The Ontario Trillium grant to renovate (total makeover) the women's and men's bathrooms was denied. There is now a new rental agreement put in place with the Chip Stand. A new 3-year contract with Cogeco put in place, and the LA phone and Lounge phone lines have been disconnected. However, office phone is linked to lounge. This contact was negotiated a better price, a savings of \$224 a month plus an additional credit of \$50 for the next 5 months. The bar inventory has been completed.

Upcoming: We will be taking part in this December's holiday campaign (Smile Cookie) thanks to Richard Dean from the Renfrew Tim Hortons. It's a joint smile cookie campaign, which could bring in 8-10K for our branch. Comrade Debbie advised that she has already been in touch with the Renfrew Wolves, who are on board for volunteering, and Comrade Jessica may reach out to the air cadets as well. Richard and I will be meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss details. I am still working on the budget for next Fiscal Year and will introduce more ways to make money and/or make cuts. Increasing our debt can no longer be an option. We are still trying to find new ways to get patrons in the lounge and open more days on a volunteer basis, and we are continuing to advertise for more volunteers to work the bar and help with fundraising events. We will be reviewing the Snow removal contract. I have been keeping track of costs versus profit to understand where changes are needed. We also need to find new ways to utilize the lounge more.

**CHIEF BAR STEWARD REPORT:** We have been advertising for some more volunteer bar stewards to open the lounge more. 3 individuals have inquired so far. We will be open July 1 this year, there will be music, games and a barbecue.

***Submitted by Sean Enright, Finance Chair & Chief Bar Steward***  
613-639-3906, seanenright24@gmail.com

**CONSTITUTION & LAWS:** Year-end Summary: Over the past year amendments to the Poppy Manual, Ritual & Awards Manual and General By-Laws for Branches were reviewed at meetings. We reviewed and discussed some of the resolutions that were in the Dominion Convention Booklet. Our Branch Resolution (to grant great-great grandchildren a bursary from poppy funds) was forwarded to the Provincial Executive Director for consideration. We also reviewed sections of our Branch Regulations during executive meetings. I attended the District Resolutions Committee meeting that was held in conjunction with the Spring Convention. I wish to express thanks to my committee members comrades Bill Welsh and Clayton McKechnie for their assistance.

***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 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.

Be children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of Canadian and Commonwealth War Veterans. 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 6, 2025**.

***Ella Box, Bursary Chair***

**TRACK & FIELD:** On May 7, I attended at both Renfrew Collegiate and St. Joseph's High to donate \$750 to each school for purchasing of necessary track and field equipment for the schools.

**Brady Enright, Track & Field Chair**



Renfrew Collegiate Institute



St. Joseph's High School

**LEGION CADET MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE:**

On Tuesday May 27 at the annual 653 Champlain Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Cadet inspection, Comrade President Greg Walbeck presented the Legion Medal of Excellence to Flight Sergeant Abigail Brisco. Congratulations!



**VETERANS CARE:** During the past year Thinking of You cards - in celebration of Valentines, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas were delivered or mailed to Veterans and Spouses of Veterans. In February we distributed Valentine cards to Veterans in the Renfrew area made by school children from across Canada. Special visits were made to 4 of our Veterans who celebrated special milestone birthdays. On June 6, 2024 we visited Veterans living at Bonnechere Manor and presented them with the commemorative D Day Pin.

**Submitted by Ella Box**

**RENFREW YOUTH DARTS:** On Feb. 15 the Tykes had their EODA District shoot. Brooke Lepage and her partner from another area came in 1st. They qualified to play at EODA Provincials where they placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. On March 7-9 in Kingston, the Renfrew Youth Darts has played EODA Provincials and had Maddie Buzzell placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and made Team Ontario, and Bentley Lariviere placed joint 3<sup>rd</sup>. On March 15 we played in Smith Falls for the District Legion shoot. Nathaniel Lepage placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in senior singles, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Senior 4-Team. Wyatt Jones and his partner from Brockville placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Doubles, and Brooke Lepage and

Bentley Lariviere placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. In 4-team Juniors our team of Maddie Buzzell, Kaylee Pierunek, Bentley Lariviere and Wyatt Jones placed 1<sup>st</sup>. On April 26 they played in the Legion Branch Provincials in Brockville and had a great day but fell short. Our team of Maddie Buzzell, Kaylee Pierunek, Bentley Lariviere and Wyatt Jones placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. On May 3 we took out Tykes to Cornwall for an open tyke tournament. This tournament is made up of all youth leagues in our district. We had Brooke Lepage and Kaylee Pierunek take 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Wyatt Jones and his partner from Cornwall Lilly and in joint 4<sup>th</sup> was Brooklyn Buzzell and Nolan Buzzell which will be joining our team in September. On May 14 we took Maddie Buzzell to Nationals in Saint-Hyacinthe Quebec to represent Ontario. She played in the Nationals, Bursary Shoot, 2025 WDF World cup qualifiers and the 2025 WDF- Ranked Canadian Youth Open over 5 days. We would like to Thank the Royal Canadian Legion #148 for sponsoring our Youth players and letting us use your facilities throughout the year for our practices and our fundraising tournaments. We are hosting a Mixed Doubles dart tournament on Saturday, June 7 at the Branch.

***Submitted by Rose LaFont, Renfrew Youth Darts***

**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. The meat draw tickets are \$2 each per draw or 3 tickets for \$5 per draw. ***Joanie McNulty, Ways & Means***

**NEVADA:** Things are very slow on tickets sales maybe we can sell some on dart tournaments and cornhole games. If you would like to volunteer at various dart tournaments or cornhole to sell Nevada tickets, please let the Office know.

***Ron Kilby, Nevada Chair***

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

With our shortfall in our budget, we are coming up with new and different ideas for fundraising within the Branch. If you have any ideas for fundraisers – or are willing to help out for even a few hours – please contact the Branch Office at 613-432-6450 to let us know you can assist. If you know of any high-school students looking for volunteer hours, please let us know by contacting the office. 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***



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The Legion Seniors are hosting bi-weekly cornhole, Friday afternoons from 1-3pm in the Hall. \$5/player to play, with all proceeds towards the Branch. If you are curious to try cornhole, stop in on Friday June 13 or Friday June 27!

The Branch is now selling Pepperoni sticks! We have partnered with Halenda's Meats, selling pepperoni sticks at the Branch! Each stick is \$2 each, or a bag of 10 (6 mild, 4 spicy) for \$20. Please help support your Branch! The pepperoni sticks are available at both the Lounge Bar and Auditorium Bar, and during Office hours.



RENFREW LEGION  
BRANCH #148

JUNE 20, 2025

**LEGION FUNDRAISER**  
At 30 Raglan St S, Renfrew, ON  
STARTS AT 6PM-9PM  
613-432-6450



**Event Activities:**  
Door Prizes  
Art Performance from Meadow Evelyn 8pm  
Music Performance from Olivia Smart 9pm

Join us in this Legion Fundraiser to help support us so that we can keep supporting our community. With your support, we can continue to offer a variety of programs, including fundraising events, volunteer opportunities, celebrations, and entertainment. Together we can support each other and keep our community thriving.

Meadow Evelyn Olivia Smart

We are also holding a Canada Day BBQ, from 12-6pm – the menu is steak on a bun, with coleslaw for \$8 or jumbo hot dog, with coleslaw, for \$6 – the Lounge will also be open during the same hours. Join us on Tuesday for food, fun and comradeship!

Comrade Meadow Congdon is holding a fundraiser on Friday, June 20, to coincide with the mural she has been working on in the Lounge! Stop in the Lounge between 6 and 9pm for the unveiling of the mural and enjoy the entertainment of Olivia Smart at 7pm. Freewill donation at the door.

Renfrew Legion Br. 148

**CANADA DAY BBQ**

Steak on a bun & coleslaw, \$8.00 each  
Jumbo Hot dog & coleslaw, \$6.00 each  
12pm - 6pm

AT THE LEGION  
TUESDAY, JULY 1/25  
LOUNGE OPEN 12-6 PM





**Ladies' Auxiliary Euchre**  
Wednesday afternoons,  
July 2 - Aug. 27  
1:00 - 3:00pm \$5/person

Royal Canadian Legion Br 148 Renfrew  
30 Raglan St. S.



**EUCHRE**

The Ladies Auxiliary are holding weekly Euchre, every Wednesday afternoon, from July 2 to August 27. Cost is \$5 per player.

June 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 CANADIAN ARMED FORCES DAY PRIDE MONTH</b>  Hall Reserved: Celebration of Life	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Foot Care Clinic	<b>4 MIRACLE AT DUNKIRK (1940) – 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY</b>	<b>5</b> Hall Reserved: Gold Buying event	<b>6 D-DAY (1944)</b>  D-Day Wreath Laying, Cenotaph, 11am  Meat Draw, 3pm  Hall Reserved: ABBA Tribute Show	<b>7</b>  Hall: Renfrew Youth Darts Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament  Entertainment: Bonnechere River Band, 4-8pm
<b>8</b>  Hall Reserved: Celebration of Life	<b>9</b>  Executive, 7pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Seniors Cornhole, 1-3pm  Meat Draw, 3pm	<b>14</b>  Hall: Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament for Homeless Veterans  Entertainment: Spare Change, 4-8pm
<b>15 FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  LA, 7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Meat Draw, 3pm  Mural Unveiling in Lounge – 6-10pm	<b>21</b>  Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe  Entertainment: Midnight Special, 5-8pm
<b>22</b>  Hall Rented: 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Hall Reserved: Blood Donor Clinic	<b>25</b>  General Meeting, 7pm (last one until September)	<b>26</b>	<b>27 CANADIAN MULTICULTURALISM DAY</b>  Seniors Cornhole, 1-3pm  Meat Draw, 3pm	<b>28</b>  Hall Reserved: Anniversary  Entertainment: Country Reflections, 4-8pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

July 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1 BEAUMONT HAMEL (1916) CANADA DAY</b> Canada Day barbecue, Branch, 12-6pm Lounge open, 12-6pm	<b>2</b> Ladies Auxiliary Cards, 1-3pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Meat Draw, 3pm	<b>5</b> Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe Entertainment: Rick Rogers, 4-8pm
<b>6</b>	<b>7 CANADA CEASES COMBAT IN AFGHANISTAN (2011)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Foot Care Clinic	<b>11</b> Meat Draw, 3pm	<b>12</b> Hall Reserved: Anniversary Entertainment: no band
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Executive, 7pm	<b>15</b> LA, 7pm	<b>16</b> Ladies Auxiliary Cards, 1-3pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Meat Draw, 3pm	<b>19</b> Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe Entertainment: Spare Change, 4-8pm
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<b>27 KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE (1953)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Ladies Auxiliary Cards, 1-3pm	<b>31</b>		