



BRANCH 148 - Renfrew, ON

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OCTOBER NOVEMBER 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 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

Saturday, October 25 – Billy Debenham Memorial Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament
Friday, October 31 – Renfrew Legion Halloween Dance, 8pm to 12am - \$5/person, must be 19-plus
Friday October 31 / Saturday November 1 – Poppy Tagging Weekend
Tuesday, November 11 – Annual Remembrance Day Dinner – information listed in the newsletter
Saturday, November 29 – Christmas Craft Sale, 9am – 4pm



Poppy Tagging weekend is October 31 & November 1, 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.

Mondays	Legion Seniors Darts are meeting every Monday at 1pm in the hall. They are not meeting on Monday, Oct. 13.
Thursdays (new date)	Foot Care Clinic, twice a month
Thursday Afternoons	The Thursday afternoon pool with Community Living has started and is every Thursday afternoon at 1pm.

Friday afternoons	Please join us for our weekly meat draws, starting around 3pm in the Lounge. Tickets are \$2/draw or 3 for \$5, and there are 5 draws: Breakfast Box, Beef Box, Metro Card, Pork & Chicken Box, and an LCBO Card. Friday October 3 is our Thanksgiving draw, with 4 Metro Cards, and 1 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: Hello Comrades, our Poppy Tagging weekend is Friday October 31 and Saturday November 1. Please sign our Poppy tagging chart. It is only 2 hours out of your day – if you are unable to do 2 hours, you can split the shift with a friend for 1 hour each. Anybody with some ideas for raising some needed funds for the branch please contact myself or the **Comrade Greg Walbeck, President**

FROM THE OFFICE: In August, letters were mailed out to our members asking them to consider making a donation to the Branch in order to assist with bringing in additional funds to pay down our debt. To date, \$5,870.00 has been applied to paying down our outstanding debts. Your support is greatly appreciated. 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

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.

NATIONAL 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 November 5th to November 11th.

Remembrance Ceremony in Horton, Sunday November 2 at 1pm

Groves Park Lodge Gem Hall, Friday November 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Renfrew Victoria Hospital Special Care Unit 3rd Floor, Friday Nov 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Calabogie Remembrance Day Service, Sunday November 9, 2pm – fellowship after the service at the Calabogie Community Hall
 Chartwell Quail Creek Front Lounge, Monday November 10 at 10:30 a.m.
 Bonnechere Manor Rotary Hall, Monday November 10 at 2:00 p.m.
 Renfrew Remembrance Service, Low Square, Tuesday November 11, 11am – fellowship after the service at the Branch.

The Residents and Staff of Chartwell Quail Creek, Renfrew Victoria Hospital, Groves Park Lodge and Bonnechere Manor appreciate the Legion's efforts in organizing these Remembrance Ceremonies, many of the residents are unable to attend the public parade and events on November 11th. All members are welcome to participate in these services - full dress uniform – otherwise suitable attire is requested. Please contact Ella @ 613-432-6049 for more information. **Submitted by Ella Box**

PROPERTY: The lines in the parking lot are done, and the wall into the Lounge has been fixed.
Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair

FINANCE & CHIEF BAR STEWARD REPORT: Unfortunately, it was another tough summer at the branch, Lounge continues to struggle during the week. Opening July 1st was a success, we plan to do the same next year. The annual golf tournament was a big day as always. Auditorium did not have many bookings in August, slowest month of the year. Looking ahead Sept has 10 bookings which includes the bar and October already has 13. Another new volunteer bartender started in August putting us up to 7 volunteer bar stewards. Big thank you goes out to Sue, Mark, Amanda, Meadow, Erin, Jessica and Chris for volunteering your time, it is much appreciated. We are still struggling to get our finances on the right track during these challenging times; we are working on balancing the budget each month first and second working on paying down the debt. We appreciate all the members who have donated money to help with this. You will see a revised monthly report in October showing all revenue and expenses, if we have excess money at end of month we will list what outstanding bills the money has been put towards and the breakdown of funds, if we don't have enough to cover the month we will list in detail which bills didn't get paid. Upcoming: Reminder that thanks to Richard Dean from the Renfrew Tim Hortons we will be taking part in this year's Smile Cookie holiday campaign happening Nov 17th to 23rd. Comrade Debbie has secured volunteers from the Renfrew Wolves and Comrade Jessica has secured volunteers from air cadets to help decorate the cookies. Pre order forms will be available mid to end of October anyone interested in ordering a box for yourself, family, friends or businesses please contact me or the office for more details. Pre-orders will be delivered during the week of the campaign. For every dollar spent the Renfrew Legion will receive fifty cents, this is great for the branch, and you get to enjoy a dozen awesome tasting cookies, it's a win.

Submitted by Sean Enright, Finance Chair & Chief Bar Steward
 613-915-3906, seanenright24@gmail.com

SPORTS: There is no information yet for any Zone sports. The Branch is hosting our annual Billy Debenham Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament, on Saturday, October 25. Registration is from 10 to 10:45 with play at 11. \$30/team. If you are interested in signing up a team, please call 613-717-3959 or myself at 613-432-4246. This tournament fills quickly. **Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair**

ENTERTAINMENT: I would like to thank those volunteers who are planning some fundraising events at the Branch. We will have some solo acts in the Lounge in October and we are hoping the variation will bring in some new patrons. 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:

October 4	Mitch Desilets, 5-8pm
October 11	No band
October 18	Aerik Watson, 4-8pm
October 25	No Band
November	To be announced

Brady Enright, Entertainment Chair

1ST RENFREW SCOUTS: Registration is open for youth and leaders. Please contact me if you are interested. I am hoping to get out to the Scout Camp for some meetings. Let the adventures begin.

Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming

LADIES' AUXILIARY: I would like to thank everyone who came out to support us in our fundraising effort such as cards, yard sales, and Renfrew Legion Rumble in the Valley. Also thanks to all the Ladies Auxiliary members and family and friends who helped during the summer. I hope to see everyone out for our next fundraiser dance on October 5. ***Susan Fleming, LA President***

MEMBERSHIP: The early-bird renewal is now open, and as previously stated, our membership fees are now \$60.00/year. You may renew your membership in the Lounge (during Lounge hours), in the Office (during Office hours) or, if you have an active profile on www.legion.ca.

Chris Thompson, Membership Chair

HONOURS & AWARDS: The following members will be receiving their membership pins at the November 11 dinner:

Affiliate

Kenneth Graham

15 years

Robert Saunders

15 years

Associate

Robert Barker

35 years

Terry Garron

50 years

James Miller

30 years

Life

Tom Anderson

50 years

Ordinary

Eric Brown

55 years

Louise Snow

55 years

Mairon Graham

15 years

P.J. Kelly

45 years

Ian Matheson

10 years

Kerby Bentley

30 years

Marilyn Gillespie

25 years

Dianna Seeley

5 years

Randy Dowell

20 years

Jane Johnson

5 years

Leanne Stubinski

35 years

Richard Fitzsimmons

30 years

Donna McLaren

40 yrs

Marjorie Watts

20 years

If any of our out-of-town members wish to receive their pins by mail once postal service resumes, please contact the Office.

Chris Thompson, Honours & Awards Chair

YOUTH EDUCATION: The documentation for the upcoming Remembrance Poster, Poem and Essay contest have been delivered to the schools and to the homeschool hub. Deadline for submissions to the Branch is 3pm on November 3, 2025. ***Submitted by Debbie McDermid***

LEGION SENIORS: The Legion Seniors have started another season of Monday Afternoon darts, starting at 1pm. Everyone is welcome. ***Ron Kilby, Legion Seniors***

CONSTITUTION & LAWS, BRANCH REGULATIONS COMMITTEE: The Ontario Command website have good resources to assist you with carrying out your duties of your position. All forms and manuals must be saved to your computer before they are filled out or printed.

Ella Box, Constitution & Laws

BURSARY: Over the summer we received several thank you notes/letters from students expressing their gratitude for being granted a branch bursary to assist in their education. The Provincial Bursary Program opened up on September 1st. This program is designed to assist students who are entering or continuing their post-secondary education including courses of a technical or vocational nature. New for this term 2025/26 applications will be fillable on line and emailed to bursary@on.legion.on. Applications will not be accepted by fax. ***Ella Box, Bursary Chair***

MILITARY RECOGNITION BOOK: Ontario Command is now collecting submissions for the 13th edition, and need your help. If you have a loved one – past or present – who served in the Canadian Armed Forces, I invite you to share their story. Please use the submission form dated June 2025.

Submitted by Ella Box

POPPY TRUST COMMITTEE: The Committee is pleased to report donations from the Poppy Account will be made to the Ontario Charitable Foundation, Ottawa Service Assistance Fund, District G Veteran's Care Fund and Homeless Veterans Program. They will be presented at the upcoming Fall District G Convention.

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK: Ontario Command is now introducing to you Volume 13 of this important Remembrance Program. Please consider completing a submission for yourself or a member of your family that have lived or live in Ontario and have served or are currently serving. We must use the Submission form dated June 2025. Volume 12 Books will be delivered to the Branch in early October. ***Ella Box, Coordinator 613-432-6049***

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.mcnuity@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?*

As Remembrance Day is quickly approaching, our volunteers are busy with fundraisers, and dedicating their time to the Poppy Campaign. If you are able to volunteer your time for tagging or for delivery and pick-up of wreaths and poppy boxes, please contact the Office and leave your name and number. With our on-going 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) 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



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, and are actually quite good – please help support your Branch! The pepperoni sticks are available at both the Lounge Bar and Auditorium Bar, and during Office hours.

On Sunday, October 5, there is a fundraiser dance featuring Spare Change, from 2-6pm in the Hall. A light lunch will be served, and there will be door prizes and raffles! Entry is \$10/person, and proceeds to the Building Fund.



RENFREW LEGION FUNDRAISER DANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025, 2-6PM

ENTERTAINMENT BY



LIGHT LUNCH SERVED

ADMISSION \$10/PERSON

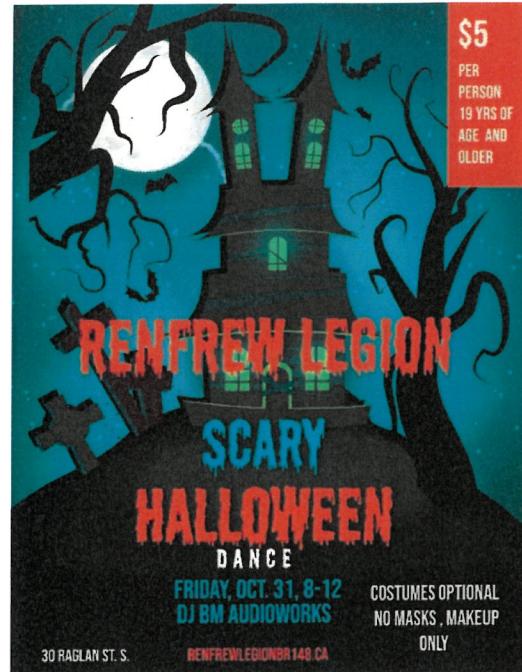
DOOR PRIZES!

RAFFLES!

THIS IS A BRANCH FUNDRAISER FOR
THE BUILDING FUND

Food donations appreciated
call Susan at 613-433-9516

Friday October 31 ae are also hosting a Halloween dance, with music by BM Audioworks. Entry is \$5/person, and must be 19-plus. Costumes are optional, and please use face makeup only – no masks please.



Legion 

Renfrew Legion Branch 148 invites you to our Annual Remembrance Day Dinner

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Social Hour: 5pm Dinner: 6pm

Ham with scalloped potatoes, carrots, roll, and dessert

\$20/person – tickets available in Legion Office & Lounge

Free tickets available for Veterans with caregiver or spouse (Must call office to reserve tickets)

www.renfrewlegionbr148.ca



The November 11 Remembrance Day dinner is ham & scalloped potatoes, carrots and a roll, and dessert, tea/coffee for \$20/person. Social hour at 5pm with dinner at 6pm.

We are offering free tickets to veterans with their spouse or caregiver. Please reserve your tickets in advance by contacting the office at 613-432-6450.

We are also hosting a Christmas Craft Sale, on Saturday, November 29, from 9am to 4pm. Tables are \$25 each, plus one donated item for raffle. All vendors are welcome! Please call Susan at 613-433-9516 to reserve a table.



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 World Vegetarian Day NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK NATIONAL SENIORS DAY	2 Community Living Pool, 1:00 -2:30	3 Weekly Meat Draw in the Lounge, 3pm – thanksgiving draw – 4 Metro cards, 1 LCBO Card	4 Hall Reserved Entertainment: Mitch Desilets, 5-8pm
5 Youth Darts, 1pm Hall Reserved: Branch fundraiser dance, 2-6pm \$10/person	6 Legion Seniors, 1pm	7 Cornhole League, 6pm	8	9 Foot Clinic Community Living Pool, 1:00 -2:30	10 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY Weekly meat draw, 3pm	11 Hall Reserved
12 Youth Darts, 1pm Hall Reserved	13 THANKSGIVING BRANCH CLOSED	14 VAN DOOS ANNIVERSARY (1914) Cornhole League, 6pm Joint Executive meeting, 7pm	15	16 Community Living Pool, 1:00 -2:30	17 INT'L DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY Weekly meat draw, 3pm Hall Reserved	18 Hall Reserved Entertainment: Aerik Watson, 4-8pm
19 Youth Darts, 1pm Hall Reserved	20	21 Cornhole League, 6pm	22 Foot Clinic General Meeting, 7pm	23 Community Living Pool, 1:00 -2:30	24 ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS (1946) Weekly meat draw, 3pm Hall Reserved: Town of Renfrew Halloween Freaky Friday	25 Billy Debenham Memorial Mixed Dart Tournament
26 Youth Darts, 1pm Hall Reserved	27	28 Cornhole League, 6pm	29	30 Community Living Pool, 1:00 -2:30	31 POPPY CAMPAIGN BEGINS Halloween TAGGING WEEKEND Weekly meat draw, 3pm Halloween Dance, 8pm-12am, \$5/person, must be 19-plus	

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?						
2 All Souls Day Youth Darts, 1pm Remembrance Service, Horton, 1pm	3 Legion Seniors, 1pm	4 Cornhole League, 6pm	5 VETERANS WEEK – NOV 5-11	6 Foot Clinic Community Living Pool, 1:00 -2:30	7 Weekly meat draw, 3pm	1 All Saints Day ANNOUNCEMENT OF SILVER CROSS MOTHER TAGGING WEEKEND
9 Youth Darts, 1pm Remembrance Service, Calabogie, 2pm	10 PASSCHENDAEL ENDS (1917) Legion Seniors, 1pm	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY FIRST WORLD WAR ENDS (1918) Service at Cenotaph, 11am Annual Dinner at Branch, social 5pm, dinner 6pm	12	13 Community Living Pool, 1:00 -2:30	14 KING CHARLES III BIRTHDAY (1948) Weekly meat draw, 3pm	15 Hall Reserved: LA District Darts
16 Youth Darts, 1pm	17 Legion Seniors, 1pm	18 Cornhole League, 6pm	19	20 Foot Clinic Community Living Pool, 1:00 -2:30 Hall Reserved	21 Weekly meat draw, 3pm	22 Hall Reserved
23 Youth Darts, 1pm	24 Legion Seniors, 1pm	25 BATTLE OF KAPYONG (1951) Cornhole League, 6pm	26 General Meeting, 7pm	27 Community Living Pool, 1:00 -2:30	28 Weekly meat draw, 3pm Hall Reserved	29 Hall Reserved: Craft Sale
30 Youth Darts, 1pm						