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OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2021 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:

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| 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 | SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE | |

The Branch does not have General Meetings during the months of July, August and December.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GREG WALBECK: Fall is now upon us, and I trust everyone is well. The Branch is busier now, and we welcome everyone back. I would like to thank all of our volunteers for keeping our Branch open, and would like to thank those who helped on our Legion Week barbecue – Chris, Jessica, Tena and Kelly for cooking and serving our bacon-on-a-bun, and to everyone who stopped by to enjoy and support our Branch. In accordance with the provincial regulations we are asking for vaccination proof, and further detail is listed below under the “From the Office”. Please stay safe and let’s keep working together to get through this together.

Greg Walbeck

FROM THE OFFICE: The office is now open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Wednesday and Friday. There is now a locked mailbox by the auditorium doors that is checked daily. Please contact the office if you are thinking on booking our hall for an event in 2021 or 2022. The Branch is set up for e-transfers for donations, hall rentals and membership renewals. If you wish to receive your Bulletin by email, please contact the office to be added to the list. If you have recently moved, please notify the office so that your information can be updated.

VACCINATION REGULATIONS: Please note that in accordance with the Provincial Regulations, we are requesting proof of double-vaccination, along with photo ID (OHIP preferred). Masks are still mandatory in the building.

Proof of vaccination is NOT required for short-term visits:

- a) payment of dues or donations;
- b) picking up veteran’s assistance; or

c) stopping in to only use the washroom.

If you are not vaccinated and wish to stay at the Lounge, you may enter masked to purchase a drink, however, you must sit outside. Please keep our seniors and veterans safe.

UPCOMING DATES

Bill Debenham Memorial Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament

Saturday, October 23, 11 am

Contact Greg Walbeck at 613-432-4246 for more information or to register your team
Proof of Vaccination Required and all Covid Protocols in Effect

Maximum of 32 teams

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| Mondays | Renfrew Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm |
| Mondays | Ladies' Darts, 7pm, starting Sept. 20 |
| Tuesdays | Foot Care Clinic, twice a month |
| Saturdays | Weekly entertainment and Meal - please check our Facebook page or our website, listen to Valley Heritage Radio Coming Events, or call the Branch for more information |

LAST POST: Our Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Associate Member Dorothy "Dot" Bourdeau. 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."

GREETINGS TO OUR HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS: A warm hello to all of our members who are unable to visit the Branch:

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| Bonnechere Manor | Dan Deslaurier, Olga Llewelyn, Louise Snow, Elwood Stafford |
| Mirimichi Lodge | Cecil Code |
| The Grove, Arnprior | Ben Kane |
| Island View Retirement: | Bernadette Lacourse |
| Groves Park Lodge | |
| Quail Creek | Ann Hisko |
| At home | Ruth Purdie |

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: Thank you goes out to Comrade Robert Goodeagle for cutting the grass this summer, and also for painting the fire escape.
Tim Megrath, Property Co-Chair

WAYS & MEANS: Friday and Saturday draws are doing well. Thank you to all volunteers.
Richard Fitzsimmons, Ways & Means

YOUTH EDUCATION: The Youth Remembrance Poster/Literary Competition will be hosted in November 2021. Entry forms are available in the branch office or online at www.on.legion.ca. Entries with attached entry forms are due by Friday November 12 at 4:00pm and can be dropped off at the main office at the Branch. For additional information, contact Jo-anne at joannecaldwell524@yahoo.ca.
Jo-anne Caldwell, Youth Education Chair

POPPY: We are still waiting specific information from Dominion Command regarding the 2021 Poppy Campaign, however, it has been suggested that the Poppy Campaign will be the same as 2020. Please watch our Facebook page and our website for further information as soon as it becomes available. Thank you for your continued support for our veterans in our community.
Bruce Ferguson, Poppy Chair

MEMBERSHIP: It's that time of the year for your membership renewal, and the renewal stickers for 2022 are in the office. Just a reminder to members who may have forgotten to renew your 2020 or 2021 dues, they can still be paid at the office or in the Lounge. Memberships may also be renewed online.
Robert Marsh, Sergeant at Arms and Membership Chair

SCOUTS: 1st Renfrew Scouting has started their meetings, and we have moved our meeting place to the Renfrew Armouries, Mondays at 6:30pm. For anyone interested to be a Leader or would like to register their youth go to myscouts.ca. Masks are mandatory while inside. We will be following Covid protocol. Come out for a great adventure. ***Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming***

SPORTS: There has been no change in Legion or Zone Sports – as per Dominion Command, no pool or card parties are allowed, for now. I am hoping this will soon change, as Command will be looking into this in October/November. We will be holding the 1st annual Bill Debenham Memorial Mixed Doubles Dart Tournament on October 23, and are hoping to hold some fun dart nights in the fall, as darts are permitted. Please watch our Facebook page or webpage for any upcoming events.
Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair

ENTERTAINMENT: Our entertainment and Saturday meals are going well, and many thanks to everyone who has volunteered food or their time and thank you to everyone who has come to the Branch on a Saturday evening for a homemade dinner and to enjoy great entertainment. At the moment, we are limited to 65 people in the Hall, and dancing is now allowed, while wearing a face covering. Please watch our Facebook page, our website or listen to Valley Heritage Radio Coming Events for upcoming events.
Fran Godin, Entertainment Chair

RENFREW SILVER SENIORS: On September 14, the Renfrew Silver Seniors presented Hospice Renfrew with a \$2,000.00 donation, in memory of passed Executive members Pat Kilby, Emily Harper, Bert & Joan Miller, and all other passed members.



In the back row: Silver Seniors members Gerry Letang and Judy Letang, Marjorie Joly (Executive Director, Hospice Renfrew), Renfrew Legion 1st Vice-President Bruce Ferguson, Renfrew Legion 3rd Vice-President Tena Miller and Silver Seniors member Ron Kilby.

Front Row: Margaret Pountney, Renfrew Silver Seniors President Irene Rosebrugh, and Renfrew Legion President Greg Walbeck. Due to declining membership and Covid-19 closure, the Renfrew Silver Seniors closed on August 17, 2021.

RENFREW LEGION SENIORS DARTS: The Renfrew Legion Seniors have commenced their darts every Monday at 1pm in the Hall. Please note that proof of vaccination is required, and contact tracing is in effect. Come out for an enjoyable afternoon with friends.

BURSARY: Our Branch Bursary Program is now completed for this school year. The Provincial Bursary program is now open for 2021/2022 academic year. Applications are available in the Legion office or by referring to the Provincial website, www.on.legion.ca and clicking on Student Bursary – reminder completed applications must be mailed to Ontario Command. It was brought to our attention the communication between the statuses of the application is with provincial headquarters Bursary Secretary and the student themselves. It is the responsibility of the student to apply and follow up.
Ella Box, Bursary Chair

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POPPY:



We have been surprised with the amount of poppies that we have received for our project – our last count was 1,128, and more coming in! A great thank you to Quail Creek Retirement Home and to the Golden Age Community Centre for their “poppy groups”, and a thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause! We are in the process of creating our hangings for the Branch, and if you are interested in volunteering an hour or more to help, please call the office at 613-432-6450 and leave your name and number. If you are also thinking of making some poppies, it’s not too late! Pattern copies can be picked up at the office.

We are grateful for the wonderful ladies at Quail Creek (Merle, Sheila, Gabrielle, Liz, Marguerite, and Sadie (missing from photo)) contributed to the Poppy Project. These Ladies crafted 155 Poppies for the Legion to help them reach their goal for the 100th anniversary of the Poppy. Accepting the 155 poppies on behalf of the Branch is Comrade Ella Box.



CONSTITUTION & LAWS & RESOLUTIONS: At the recent Dominion Convention, Delegates discussed a wide variety of resolutions to further the Legion's mission and support the organization. These are some of the resolutions passed to support Veterans, Seniors and Communities. "Elimination of the Marriage over 60 Clause", recommend to VAC to implement the Veterans Survivors Fund immediately. "Strongly advocate to extend the eligibility of VAC Contract Beds to include all Canadian Forces Veterans", that legislation be enacted to re designate all vacant Preferred Admission Beds to allow immediate placement of all waiting Veterans in LTC facilities and that those facilities be in the area close to the Veterans normal residence.

Ella Box

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The Branch is settling back into a routine, and it is nice to see the Branch busy again. As everything can "change on a dime" during this pandemic, please keep our October & November 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.

Debbie McDermid, PRO

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK Volume #8 has been finalized; we should soon receive copies to be distributed to area schools and libraries. Ontario Command is now accepting submissions for Volume 9. Submission forms are available from the Legion office or Ontario Command website. Submission forms must come to the Branch to be verified for correctness and completeness. Comrade Goebel is requesting the support of all Branch members to assist in seeking out submissions for the upcoming issue. Fenety Marketing is the publishers of these books and once again will be conducting a telephone appeal to private citizens and business communities through Ontario. All proceeds raised from this project will continue to be used to assist various Veteran Transition Programs supported by Ontario Command. Anyone needing assistance with your submission, contact Ella @ 613-432-6049.

Ella Box

| October 2021 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 Hall Booking – no Entertainment |
| 3 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK Main Hall: Valley Grace Ministry, 2-4pm | 4 Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm | 5 Hall: Foot Care Clinic | 6 | 7 Hall: Ladies' Darts, 7pm | 8 | 9 Hall Entertainment: Good Time Heart, 4pm Meal: Shepherd's Pie and Dessert, \$10.00 |
| 10 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY Main Hall: Valley Grace Ministry, 2-4pm | 11 THANKSGIVING – BRANCH CLOSED Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm | 12 Hall: Joint Executive Meeting, 7pm | 13 | 14 VAN DOOS ANNIVERSARY (1914) Hall: Ladies' Darts, 7pm | 15 | 16 Hall Booking – no Entertainment |
| 17 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY Main Hall: Valley Grace Ministry, 2-4pm | 18 Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm | 19 Hall: Foot Care Clinic Hall: LA meeting, 7pm | 20 | 21 Hall: Ladies' Darts, 7pm | 22 | 23 Hall: Bill Debenham Memorial Dart Tournament (no entertainment) |
| 24 ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS (1946) Main Hall: Valley Grace Ministry, 2-4pm | 25 Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm | 26 | 27 | 28 Hall: Ladies' Darts, 7pm | 29 START OF POPPY CAMPAIGN | 30 Hall Entertainment: Just Country, 4pm Meal: To be announced |
| 31 Main Hall: Valley Grace Ministry, 2-4pm | | | | | | |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | 1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SILVER CROSS MOTHER Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm | 2 Hall: Foot Care Clinic | 3 | 4 Hall: Ladies' Darts, 7pm | 5 | 6 Hall Reserved |
| 7 Main Hall: Valley Grace Ministry, 2-4pm | 8 ABORIGINAL VETERANS DAY Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm Hall: Executive Meeting, 7pm | 9 | 10 | 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY | 12 PASSCHENDAELE ENDS (1917) | 13 Entertainment: Lonesome Dreamers, 4pm Meal: to be announced |
| 14 Main Hall: Valley Grace Ministry, 2-4pm | 15 Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm | 16 Hall: Foot Care Clinic Hall: LA meeting, 7pm | 17 | 18 BATTLE OF THE SOMME (1916) Hall: Ladies' Darts, 7pm | 19 | 20 Entertainment: Lock Stock & Barrel, 4pm Meal: to be announced |
| 21 Main Hall: Valley Grace Ministry, 2-4pm | 22 Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Hall: Ladies' Darts, 7pm | 26 | 27 Hall Booking – no entertainment |
| 28 Main Hall: Valley Grace Ministry, 2-4pm | 29 Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm | 30 #GIVING TUESDAY Hall: Foot Care Clinic | | | | |