

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148

LEST WE FORGET



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BRANCH 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."***

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	4th Wednesday of each month	7:00 p.m.

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

Branch 148 90th Anniversary Celebration!



Join us for our 90th anniversary!

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Tickets: \$12.00/person

Roast Beef Dinner

Social Hour: 5pm

Dinner: 6pm

**Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, coleslaw,
dinner roll & dessert**

Awards: 7pm

Dance: 7:30pm, with entertainment by Country Reflections

Tickets are on sale now in the Office, or the Lounge – CUT OFF DATE FOR TICKETS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019 – get your tickets early for a great night!

2019-2020 LEGION EXECUTIVE: At our Wednesday April 24, 2019 General Meeting, our annual elections were conducted, with Zone members in attendance. The Branch's new Executive is as follows:

President:	Greg Walbeck	
1 st Vice-President:	Bruce Ferguson	
2 nd Vice-President:	Sheila Riopelle	
3 rd Vice-President:	Tena Miller	
Added Executive:	Jo-Anne Caldwell	Joanie McNulty
	Robert Marsh	Cheryl Babcock
	Richard Fitzsimmons	Bill McLeod

Congratulations to our new Executive!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Hello Comrades: As most of you know, I was appointed President this spring, when Comrade Randy Dowell resigned due to health reasons. Although my term as President has only been a few months, I have learned many things regarding maintaining the Branch, and I do not have the words to express how thankful I am to have such a strong Executive assisting me every step of the way. I would like to congratulate Comrade Greg Walbeck for a successful re-election to the Presidency, and I am pleased to be 1st Vice-President in the upcoming year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers as well, working in the background for our Branch. May everyone have a safe and wonderful summer, and God Bless.

Bruce Ferguson, President

LAST POST: Our Deepest Sympathy is expressed to the family of Associate member Comrade Lyall Smart.

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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.

SICK & VISITING: **Bonnechere Manor** - Pat Griese, Mel Scobie, Dan Deslaurier
Mirimichi Lodge - Cecil Code
Groves Park Lodge - Norman Warren
Quail Creek – Olga Llewellyn
At home - Bernadette Lacourse

BURSARY Applications for Renfrew Branch Bursaries are in local High Schools and also available in the Legion office. Qualifications:

1. be accepted in an institution offering post-secondary training (University, community college or an accredited private school)
2. be the son or daughter of any of:
 - a) a Veteran (service number required)
 - b) an Ordinary member of Branch 148 (service number required/member in good standing)
 - c) an Associate member of Branch 148 (member in good standing)
 - d) a Ladies' Auxiliary member to Branch 148
 - e) currently serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces (service number required)
3. be the Grandchild or Great Grandchild of:
 - a) a Veteran (copy of discharge paper required)
 - b) an Ordinary member of the Legion (copy of discharge paper required)

Deadline for applications to be in Legion office - **June 7, 2019.** **Ella Box, Bursary Chair**

WAYS & MEANS: All draws continue to do well – a big thank you to all. Volunteers are still needed to assist with selling 50/50 tickets on Saturday afternoons in the Lounge.

Richard Fitzsimmons, Ways & Means Chair

RENFREW SILVER SENIORS: The Silver Seniors' annual May Ball is soon approaching, on Saturday, May 4. The tickets are \$15, with a roast beef dinner, and entertainment by Heritage Country. The Seniors also continue to play darts every Monday afternoon. Executive Meeting - 2nd Monday of each month.

Brian Lockhart, Silver Seniors

1st RENFREW SCOUTS: Well, it's that time of year again, we are finishing up our year. The Scouts are working on their knife, saw and fire certificates plus some badgework. The Cubs and Beavers are working on badges with setting up tents, simple 1st Aid and compass work. All groups have raced their Beaver Buggies, Cub Kars and Scout Trucks. Thanks to the Legion for letting us have our races in the basement. The youth were really excited. We have not been able to make it out to the camp because of the weather, but we have some weekend camps coming up. If you feel you are missing out on some great outdoor fun, give me a call. We are always looking for some leaders. If you know of a youth, we can get them in the program as well.

Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming, 1st Renfrew Group Commissioner

YOUTH EDUCATION: District G 2018 Remembrance Contest Winners from Renfrew Branch:

Congratulations to the following Students:



Will Howard, 2nd place Intermediate Essay, Renfrew Collegiate Institute



Payton Fleming, 3rd place Junior Poems, St. Joseph's Calabogie

Zone Public Speaking – Renfrew Branch Winners:

Congratulations the following Students:

Madilyn Doidge, 2nd place Primary Division, topic “Cost of owning a Dog”

Alexandra Powell, 3rd place Junior Division, topic “Cleaning My Room”

Raj Bhattacharya, 1st place Senior Division, topic “Inequality between Males & Females in Canada”.

Raj, a student of Renfrew Collegiate Institute, advanced to District Speaking on March 30th, placing 1st, thus advancing to Area speaking on April 6th and again placing 1st; now advancing to Provincial Finals being held in Niagara Falls on May 4th. Congratulations Raj, wishing you the best of luck as you represent District G.

Ella Box, Youth Education Chair



ENTERTAINMENT: Please see the attached calendars for all event postings. The Legion Lounge Facebook page (“The RCL 148 Legion Lounge”) and the Legion website are also a good place to find out what is happening at our branch.

Fran Godin, Entertainment Chair

LADIES AUXILIARY: The Ladies’ Auxiliary has held their elections for the 2019/2020 upcoming year:

President:	Rose Lafont
1 st Vice:	Cathy Buzzell
2 nd Vice:	Tena Miller
Secretary/Treasurer:	Susan Fleming
Secretary:	Irene Rosebrough
Sports:	Laura Warren
Added Executive:	Colleen Warren
	Cheryl Fraser
	Jennifer Warren
	Tena Thompson
	Lois Murphy
	Claudette Golden

Rose Lafont, LA President

NEVADA: Remember that we have break open tickets for sale in the Lounge every day. The proceeds from these sales help us to donate to the local community.

Sheila Riopelle, Nevada Chair

SPORTS: Zone Horseshoes – May 11, 2019, Barry's Bay
Homeless Veteran's Dart Tournament – Mixed Doubles, Saturday June 8, 2019, Renfrew (1 man, 1 woman per team) – first 40 teams to register. **THIS TOURNAMENT IS NOW FULL.**
Zone Golf – June 22, 2019 – Branch 550, Cobden – watch Sports Board for registration and more information.
Renfrew Branch – Annual Dave Palfreyman Golf Tournament, Saturday, August 31, 2019 – Watch Sports Board for registration and more information.

Greg Walbeck, Sports Officer

VETERAN'S SERVICES: If assistance is required members or any veterans and/or spouses can call the Branch for assistance. The Provincial Service Officer is Comrade Patricia Royle. She will assist in any way she can. Please feel free to call the Branch or myself at 613-649-2973 if you have any questions.

Bill McLeod, Veteran's Service Officer



MEMBERSHIP: At our last General Meeting, the Branch was presented with a Certificate from District, recognizing 65% participation in the Early Bird Campaign! This Certificate was received from District Membership Chairman Comrade Blaine Kiley, and was presented to Comrade President Bruce Ferguson, by Zone Commander Comrade Wayne Bennett. Congratulations to our Membership Chair and to the Branch for a successful Earlybird campaign! This is just a reminder that if you have not paid your 2019 dues as of January 31, 2019, you are no longer a member

in good standing. Please renew your membership if you have not yet done so. If you have not yet paid your 2018 dues, please do so to maintain your status as a member in good standing. The membership fee is \$47.00 for the year.

Brian Lockhart, Membership Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Although Volunteer Appreciation Week has passed, our Branch would not be the Branch that we are proud of, if it were not for the volunteers who work behind the scenes to ensure everything is running smoothly. Also, our Secretary-Treasurer, Jessica Thompson, should be thanked for her hard work in the office. On behalf of the Branch, I would like to thank Bruce Golden for installing of the new soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers in the kitchen and washrooms, and to Home Hardware Renfrew for donating them to the Branch. Please note that our Branch Hall is booked throughout May and June, as per the attached calendars. It is nice to see the building being utilized within the community. The Branch has two Facebook pages – one for the Branch, and one for the Lounge – and both are updated regularly with various happenings at the Branch. If you are on Facebook, please like both pages for up-to-date information on our Branch: The RCL 148 Legion Lounge and Royal Canadian Legion Br. 148 Renfrew. You can also access our webpage, at www.renfrewlegionbr148.ca.

Debbie McDermid, PRO

CONSTITUTION & LAWS & RESOLUTIONS: In early April all required manuals were reviewed to ensure Renfrew Branch had the most updated versions. Legion manuals are no longer available in hard copy format, the various Dominion committees continue to review their manuals on a regular basis and make the necessary changes that have been recommended. Any change that may affect the intent of a certain section is approved by the Dominion Executive

Council. Rules and By-Laws seem to change rather quickly, so best to always refer to the online version if there is a contentious problem.

Ella Box, By-Laws

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: During the District Convention, comrades Bill McLeod, Huguette Jobin and Ella Box attended a seminar presented by Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario entitled "Conducting & Managing Lottery Events and Use of Lottery Proceeds". Comrade Dave Gordon gave a presentation on the Homeless Veterans Program; this program is proving to be very successful. To date, it has helped 720 homeless veterans in Ontario. Renfrew Branch donated \$1,000.00 to this program during the business session of the convention. Service Office seminar will be held on June 15, 2019 in Smith Falls at Branch 95 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m. District Officers are planning to hold training seminars/sessions during the summer months, details to follow.

Greg Walbeck, Leadership Development

ZONE G7 NEWS: Spring Zone Convention was held on March 10th in Eganville. Guest speaker Dave Cormier, District Commander, brought greeting from District Council and presented a report from the Provincial Administration Council meeting held in Aurora on March 2, 2019. This report highlighted several topics such as growing membership to 100,000 by 2020 in Ontario, requesting more submissions for the Military Recognition Book, and some review on how Poppy funds should be spent. Medals, Zone Bars and Certificates of Merit were presented to deserving zone council members. The Zone Lottery ticket winners: 1st prize \$500.00 Ron Jaremkow of Cobden, 2nd Prize of \$200.00 Theresa Prince of Barry's Bay, 3rd Prize winner \$100.00 Susan Thompson of Griffith; \$1,130.00 was raised to aid Zone expense – thank you to all members and patrons for your support of this fund raiser. Convention delegates passed a motion to donate \$500.00 to District Track & Field & \$500.00 to District Youth Sports. Elections were held, the following were acclaimed: Comrade Wayne Bennett – Zone Commander, Comrade Walter Hobden – Deputy Zone Commander and Comrade Mary terHuurne – Zone Sports Officer. Delegates representing Branch 148 were Comrades Rev Bruce Ferguson Tena Miller, Bill McLeod, Huguette Jobin and Ella Box.

Ella Box, Zone G7

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT G CONVENTION: Held in Vanier (Ottawa) on April 13 & 14th, 2019. District Commander Dave Cormier welcomed 136 accredited delegates, 28 observers and 37 guests. Comrade Buck Buchanan, Vice President of Ontario Command, was guest speaker. Some of his highpoints: suggested that all members log into the Dominion Website to obtain up to date information – members not getting along remains the biggest problem in several branches – leadership development is very much needed in most branches. Detailed reports of the Zone Commanders and District Officers are in the Convention Booklet; during the reports many branches made donations to aid the various legion programs and Veterans Care Programs. Comrade Joel VanSnick was elected District Commander, Ken Heagle as 1st Deputy Commander and George Wood as 2nd Deputy Commander. Past Officer's medals and bars were presented to deserving District Officers. During the business meeting, delegates approved a donation of \$36,400.00 to Perley Rideau Veterans Home to help with shower room renovations. Ladies Auxiliary Ontario Command President, Debbie Olmstead, presented a report on the work of the 33 Auxiliary's in District G, stating all auxiliaries help to financially support their branches. Comrades Rev. Bruce Ferguson, Rob Marsh, Bill McLeod, Huguette Jobin, Carmen and Ella Box represented Branch 148.

Respectfully submitted, Ella Box

BRANCH POPPY COMMITTEE: The Poppy year is October 1st to September 30th each year. Our 2018 Poppy Campaign generated income of \$22,602.00 plus \$855.00 in donations. Revenue is down because Portage Du Fort did not participate in Renfrew Branch campaign. However, the generosity of our members and the greater Renfrew Community has allowed us to donate monies to the Ottawa Veterans Service Fund, District G Veterans Care Fund, Perley

Rideau, and Veterans Disability Skiing Program, Provincial Bursary Program and the Charitable Foundation. Branch Bursaries were made available to grandchildren of veterans; our veterans living in long term care or being cared for in their own homes were given Christmas care gifts. Early this year all Branches received a letter from Legion National Headquarters reminding us the basic use of poppy funds is to assist Veterans and their families. In mid-March a detailed Branch Poppy inventory was completed. We heard at the recent district convention, a poppy campaign is only successful once all the paper work has been completed and necessary reports submitted. The willingness to participate in the Poppy Campaign is one of the obligations we undertake when we become members of The Royal Canadian Legion. All of us must strive to never forget this solemn undertaking – it is part of the debt we owe to those who have gone before us.

Ella Box, Poppy Committee

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK PROJECT: Ontario Command is now accepting submissions for Volume six. Fenety Marketing is working on behalf of Ontario Command soliciting donations and or advertising via a telephone appeal to the general public; funds raised through the program are being utilized to support various Veteran Transition Programs. Submission forms are available at the legion office or online @on.legion.ca, completed application forms must come to Renfrew Branch by **May 24, 2019**, do not mail to Ontario Command.
Ella Box, Branch Coordinator

FROM THE OFFICE: As of April 29, the Hall will have Wi-fi access, and is available for an additional small charge to the hall rental fee. As per a decision by the Executive, no cannabis is permitted on Legion Property, and signs have been posted to this effect. Hall rentals continue to be a good source of revenue. The cost for Non-members will be \$200.00 per event and for Members \$130.00 per event. Members may rent the hall at the Members rate for themselves, their parents, siblings and children. For all other family members they must pay the Non-member amount. Please note there is new pricing coming into effect on June 1. The rentals include the use of the hall, the use of the coffee and tea urns, the fridge and the counter space in the kitchen. It does not include the use of the stove, which is an additional \$25.00. The Secretary should be made aware of any arrangements renters have made with the Ladies Auxiliary in order to prevent any confusion or dispute. We continue to donate our hall for non-profit organizations and for fundraisers. If you wish to have your bulletin sent to you by email, please contact the Legion at rcfrenfrew@cogeco.net or 613-432-6450. **Please contact the office if your email address has changed.**

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hall: Community Living Spaghetti Dinner	2 Open Fun Dart Night	3 Hall: Stag & Doe	4 Hall: Silver Seniors May Ball Lounge: Bustin' Loose
5 BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC - 1945 LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS - 1945 Hall: Silver Seniors Cards	6 Silver Seniors Darts LA Darts Club 51	7 Foot Clinic Pipe Band	8 VE DAY - 1945 Hall: Luncheon	9 Silver Seniors Luncheon Open Fun Dart Night	10 Hall: Birthday Party Lounge: Lonesome Dreamers	11 Hall: Stag & Doe Lounge: Goodtime Heart
12 MOTHER'S DAY Ladies' Auxiliary Cards	13 Silver Senior Darts LA Darts Club 51 <i>Executive Meeting 7pm</i>	14 Foot Clinic Pipe Band	15	16 Community Living Spring Fling	17	18 Hall: Birthday Party Lounge: Jan McCambley
19	20 VICTORIA DAY - LOUNGE & OFFICE CLOSED	21 Foot Clinic Pipe Band <i>Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm</i>	22 <i>Legion General Meeting, 7pm</i>	23 Silver Seniors Luncheon Open Fun Dart Night	24 Hall: reserved Lounge: Cheryl Adrain	25 YPES - 1915 Hall: Wedding Lounge: Gord Barnes
26 Hall: Breakfast	27	28 Foot Clinic Pipe Band Hall: Rotary Lobsterfest	29 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS	30 Open Fun Dart Night	31 END OF BOER WAR - 1902 Hall: Cancer Fundraiser	

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Hall: Retirement Party Lounge: Gib Rozon
2 NATIONAL MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE CDN. ARMED FORCES DAY Silver Seniors Cards	3 Seniors Darts LA Darts Club 51	4 MIRACLE AT DUNKIK - 1940 Foot Clinic Pipe Band	5	6 NORMANDY INVASION (D-DAY) - 1944 Silver Seniors Luncheon Open Fun Dart Night	7 Hall: Retirement Party	8 Hall: Homeless Vets Dart Tournament Lounge: Heartbreakers
9 Hall: Special Occasion - reserved	10 Seniors Darts LA Darts Club 51 <i>Executive Meeting, 7pm</i>	11 Foot Clinic Pipe Band	12	13 Open Fun Dart Night	14 Hall: Stag & Doe Lounge: Fifth Street	15 Hall: Branch 148 90 th Anniversary celebration No entertainment in Lounge
16 FATHER'S DAY LA Euchre	17 Seniors Darts LA Darts Club 51	18 Foot Clinic Pipe Band <i>Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm</i>	19	20 Silver Seniors Luncheon Open Fun Dart Night	21 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY Hall: Stag & Doe	22 Hall: Stag & Doe Lounge: Debenhams
23 Hall: Craft Sale	24 Seniors Darts LA Darts Club 51 dinner	25 Foot Clinic	26 <i>Legion General Meeting, 7pm</i>	27 CDN. MULTICULTURALS DAY Open Fun Dart Night	28 Hall: Lounge: Lonesome Dreamers	29 Hall: Birthday Party Lounge: tba
30 Hall: Baby Shower						