

# ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148



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*LEST WE FORGET*

*Merry  
Christmas*

*Happy  
New  
Year*

## DECEMBER 2021 / JANUARY 2022 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	SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	

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

**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GREG WALBECK:** I would like to thank Comrade Bruce Ferguson and Tena Miller and their team of volunteers for an excellent Poppy Campaign. Job well done Comrades. To Fran Godin and Rob Marsh, congratulations on receiving your awards. Comrade Fran and her group of volunteers for their continued support on our entertainment. Comrade Jessica for all her extra work with the Poppy Campaign – greatly appreciated, and thanks. Comrade Debbie and Jessica for the great job they did with the poppy project. Comrade Rose and the Ladies Auxiliary for the excellent meal on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Remember Comrades, we must continue to work together and we will get through this difficult time. We are slowly opening up – we just have to hang in there. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and stay safe, but enjoy yourself. And thanks once again for your continued support.

***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**

Ray Megrath Memorial Triples Dart Tournament  
Saturday January 29, 2022 - More information to follow

Mondays	Renfrew Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm
Tuesdays	Foot Care Clinic, twice a month
Thursdays	Ladies' Darts, 7pm
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:** 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 of our members who are unable to visit the Branch:

Bonnechere Manor	Dan Deslaurier, Olga Llewelyn, Louise Snow, Elwood Stafford
Mirimichi Lodge	Cecil Code
Arnprior Villa	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:** The building is in good shape, and there are no problems at this time. Some small jobs that have been fixed. ***Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair***

**WAYS & MEANS:** Friday and Saturday draws are doing well. Thank you to all who help and to everyone who can come out and support our Legion. ***Richard Fitzsimmons, Ways & Means***

**YOUTH EDUCATION:** Each year, students from across the country submit literary pieces and art work to their local Legion to compete in Legion Remembrance Contests. Contestants are challenged to use their creativity while keeping with the theme of Remembrance. Posters, poems and essays are judged at the local branch, with first place entries continuing to the next level from zone to district to provincial and finally to the National level. Locally, 402 entries were received from students in the area, with representation from elementary and high schools. The Contest is divided into two categories including Poster (Colour or Black & White) and Literary (Essay or Poem). The Contestants compete in levels depending on their school grade and this is divided into Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels. The Renfrew Legion appreciates the ongoing support for youth education from teachers, schools and families. Thank you to this year's judges Marlene Bennett, Jennifer Charkavi, Victoria Charbonneau and Jenna McEwan and also to Comrade Richard and Comrade Jessica for their assistance with the contest. Please see the attached list of our local winners. Winners of the Remembrance are usually recognized at the December General Meeting of the Renfrew Branch and awarded certificates and prizes, however, this will not happen this year. Due to the pandemic and the cancellation of general meetings, certificates and prizes will be sent to the respective schools and students can be recognized within their class and/or school. ***Jo-anne Caldwell, Youth Education Chair***

**POPPY:** Again this year our Poppy Campaign took on a different look from previous years. We sent out just over 160 letters to the various businesses in Renfrew requesting their continuing support in purchasing a wreath or cross. As well, 103 countertop boxes were delivered. We have received, to date, \$5,634.00 from purchased wreaths and crosses, \$9,831.00 through countertop boxes, and \$4,982.00 in donations, for a total of \$20,447.00. So even with Covid-19 restrictions, this year's Campaign was an overwhelming success. A heart-filled thank you is extended to Comrades Cheryl, Tracy, Pat, Ella and Carmen who volunteered to deliver and pick up the countertop boxes, to Ella, Tena, Kelly, and Nancy who came together the next day to count the money collected. A huge thank you is also extended to Comrade Richard who volunteered to help me organize then restore the wreaths and crosses; to Comrade Jessica whose dedication to this Campaign made it the success that it is; to Comrade Tena who kept me sane and assisted me in all aspects of pulling the Campaign together. To all those who volunteered to lay all the wreaths and crosses at the Cenotaph and then bring them back to the Legion, thank you too. To our PRO, Comrade Debbie, who provided all necessary information to the public via our Facebook page, a big thank you. ***Bruce Ferguson, Poppy Chair***

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:** During this season of Christmastide, we celebrate Hope, Peace, Love & Joy; I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. There are so many details that surround the celebration of Christmas that it is easy to miss the meaning. Christmas is not about the parties, the presents, or the poinsettias. It's not about the food, the festivities, or even about family. It's not about the greenery or garland; not the Christmas

cards, credit cards, or carols; not about tinsel or traditions. That fact is this: Christmas is solely about God. Christmas is about God fulfilling his promises, saving his people, coming to us – as one of us – in Jesus. The truth can be so easily missed; Christmas is nothing but Jesus. And if Jesus is not in Christmas, then Christmas is nothing at all!

I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas season. Even though it has been a most usual year due to Covid-19, there have also been so many blessings for which I thank God. Most especially I thank God for your continued support of our Legion and for our veterans and their families. May God bless you for your goodness!

**Padre Bruce Ferguson**

**FINANCE:** The Finance Committee met in October and November to review the financial statements and to review the lottery accounts for our regular donations. The following donations were approved: \$1,000 to Friends of the Disabled (Sunshine Coach); \$1,000 to the Renfrew & District Food Bank; and \$500 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew Scouts.

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you wish to keep your membership active for 2022, please stop by the Branch to pay your dues. 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:** Everything is going good we have a few more showing interest with Cubs and Beavers. The Venturers enjoyed serving at the Remembrance Day Dinner - they wanted to know when they can do it again. The Venturers are hoping to connect with another group in our Area to see how other groups are doing. We are always looking for more Leaders or youth so if you know anyone who is interested contact me.

**Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming**

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** Our January meeting will be back to the regular Third Tuesday of the month. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. We have had a couple dinners and hoping everything will get back to somewhat normal.

**Rose LaFont, LA President**

**SPORTS:** Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Bill Debenham Dart Tournament in October. The next tournament will be our Ray Megrath Memorial Open Triples Dart Tournament on January 29, 2022. Watch for further information to follow.

**Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair**

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Once again, it was nice to see our remembrance dinner and awards back this year. "33" years of service pins were announced, with 6 certificates of appreciation. Service pins may be pick up at the Branch Office.

#### Ordinary

Bill McLeod – 10 years

Robert Little – 20 years

Robert Johnston – 35 years

W.H. Cooligan – 40 years

Camil Poirier – 45 years

John Patno – 10 years

John Bryden – 30 years

Stanley Flegg – 35 years

Ross LeClair – 40 years

Louise Snow – 50 years

Gerald Coules – 60 years

Sharon Ring – 10 years

William Hayman – 35 years

J. Fraser – 35 years

Ralph Pickard – 45 years

Eric Brown – 50 years

Associate

Wayne Flegel – 5 years

Judith O’Grady – 10 years

Bev Forgie – 25 years

Deborah Johnston – 35 years

Jo-anne Caldwell – 10 years

Debbie McDermid – 15 years

Ron Kilby – 25 years

P.C. Legris – 40 years

Huguette Jobin – 10 years

Donna Brunelle – 20 years

Cheryl Babcock – 30 years

Ella Box – 40 years

Affiliate

Ross “K” Mitchell – 5 years

Marcella Behm – 10 years

Janice Armstrong – 10 years

Kevin Olmstead – 10 years

Leonard Armstrong – 10 years

Our Legionnaire of the Year awards were given to Rob Marsh for 2020, and to Fran Godin for 2021.  
**Cheryl Babcock, Honours & Awards 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 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:** The Provincial Bursary Assistance program is open to accept applications. Applications are available in the Legion office or may be found on line at the Ontario Command Legion website. Members please help to get the word out that these bursaries are available to qualifying students in the amount of \$750.00.  
***Ella Box, Bursary Chair***

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE POPPY:** We have a surprising response to our request to the community for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Poppy Project. We were, at first, unsure if we would reach our goal of 2,000 poppies, however, we surpassed it with 2900 poppies donated – we would like to sincerely thank everyone who got out their knitting needles and crochet hooks for this project!

With the help of Comrades Richard and Chris, our poppies were displayed outside along the fencing of the deck and at the front of the Lounge window. We are taking a break for the balance of 2021 and we will be returning to the Branch in 2022 to continue affixing poppies to mesh and burlap to complete our outdoor displays for next year.



We would like to give a long overdue thank you to those who donated poppies to the Poppy Project or helped with assembling the displays: Marguerite Bujold, Caroline Kuehl-Lemon, Huguette Jobin, Beth McEwan, Ruth Kennedy, Agnes Lynch, Dianna Seeley, Caryn Wattie, Kelly Berger, Debbie McDermid, Tena Miller, Joany McNulty, Barb Kirkpatrick, our friends at the Golden Age Activity Centre - we couldn't have done it without you, and last but not least our friends from Chartwell Quail Creek. To those whose names we missed, we appreciate your contributions. Our final count was 2900 Poppies.

The Poppy Project is taking a brief break and will be coming back in early 2022 to start planning for next November's displays. If you might be interested in helping us in 2022, please contact the office and leave your name and number.

**CONSTITUTION & LAWS & RESOLUTIONS:** The Dominion Executive Council has released amendments to the General By-Laws (amended to October 30, 2021) under Article II Membership, Sections 202, 203 and 205. – Since these amendments are lengthy, please refer to the Legion website. They will be reviewed at the executive committee meeting. ***Ella Box***

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Please keep our December & January 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. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year! ***Debbie McDermid, PRO***

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICES:** On behalf of the Residents and Staff of Bonnechere Manor, Groves Park Lodge and Chartwell Quail Creek, - following COVID protocol a limited number of Legion members were allowed into these homes to provide this service. Thanks to the Executive members and members of the Ladies Auxiliary who assisted. Special thanks to Comrades Bill Welsh and Jessica Thompson who helped with the program leaflets. Everyone's efforts were appreciated. ***Ella Box, Co-ordinator***

**MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK:** Volume #8 of this book was received mid-October; copies were delivered to all area schools and long term care homes; and local Library's. Ontario Command is now accepting submissions for Volume # 9. Submission forms may be picked up at the Legion office or refer to the Legion website; all submissions must come to the Branch to be checked for correctness. Fenety Marketing is the publisher of these books and once again will be conducting a telephone appeal to private citizens and the business community throughout Ontario. Proceeds raised from this project will continue to be used to assist various Veteran Transition Programs that Ontario Command support. Anyone needing assistance with your submission, contact Ella @ 613-432-6049. ***Ella Box***

#### Renfrew Legion Branch 148 2021 Remembrance Competition Winners

	<b>Category 4 Senior Essay</b>	School
1	Chris Labonte	Renfrew Collegiate Institute
2	Shantica Kaseke	Renfrew Collegiate Institute
3	Olivia Reid	Renfrew Collegiate Institute
	<b>Category 3 Intermediate Essay</b>	
1	Adisson Budden	Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School

2	Charlie Bowes	Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School
3	Alice Lennox	Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School
	<b>Category 2 Junior Essay</b>	
1	Wyatt Kelly	Admaston Public School
2	Sadie Chamberlain	Admaston Public School
3	Kaylee Barbe	Admaston Public School
	<b>Category 4 Senior Poems</b>	
1	Emily Ford	Renfrew Collegiate Institute
2	Fiona Larocque	St Joseph's High School
3	Chloe Douglas-Munn	Renfrew Collegiate Institute
	<b>Category 3 Intermediate Poems</b>	
1	Peyton Church	Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School
2	Gabriel Leighton	Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School
3	Makenna Craig	Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School
	<b>Category 2 Junior Poems</b>	
1	Mia St Michael	St. Joseph's School, Calabogie
2	Ruby Cameron	St. Joseph's School, Calabogie
3	Caydence Armstrong	Central Public School
	<b>Category 4 Senior Black/ White Poster</b>	
1	Faith Hamilton	St Joseph's High School
2	Lydia Cote	St Joseph's High School
3	Teegan Anderson	Renfrew Collegiate Institute

	<b>Category 3 Intermediate B/W Poster</b>	
1	Nolan Cybulski	Our Lady of Fatima
2	Tristan Forrest	Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School
3	Cherlee Bowes	Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School
	<b>Category 2 Junior B/W Poster</b>	
1	Sophie Donkers	Our Lady of Fatima
2	Patrick Roosen	Our Lady of Fatima
3	Sadie Chamberlain	Admaston Public School
	<b>Category 4 Senior Colour Poster</b>	
1	Sarah Palmer	St Joseph's High School
	<b>Category 3 Intermediate Colour Poster</b>	
1	Olivia Curry	Our Lady of Fatima
2	Aidan O'Malley	Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School
3	Sophia Tinney	St. Joseph's School, Calabogie
	<b>Category 2 Junior Colour Poster</b>	
1	Grace Waldrum	St Thomas the Apostle School
2	Carter Virgin	St Thomas the Apostle School
3	Mia St Michael	St. Joseph's School, Calabogie
	<b>Category 1 Primary Colour Poster</b>	
1	Grace Wudneh	Our Lady of Fatima
2	Delaney Smith	St. Joseph's School, Calabogie
3	Jordyn van Lindenbergh	Admaston Public School



December 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>2</b> Ladies Darts, 7pm	<b>3</b> INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  Hall booking 1- 5pm	<b>4</b> Entertainment: Back Beat, 4-8pm in Hall Meal: Homemade beans with hotdogs, and dessert, \$10
<b>5</b> INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY	<b>6</b> HALIFAX EXPLOSION (1917) NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>9</b> Ladies Darts, 7pm	<b>10</b> NOBEL PRIZE FOR PEACE TO PEACEKEEPERS (1988)	<b>11</b> Hall Booking – no entertainment
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm  Executive Meeting, 7pm	<b>14</b> Hall: Foot Care Clinic  LA General Meeting 7pm, Hall	<b>15</b> Hall: Foot Care Clinic  Club 51, 1pm	<b>16</b> Ladies Darts, 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Hall Booking – no entertainment
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>21</b> Blood Donor Clinic	<b>22</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>23</b> Ladies Darts, 7pm	<b>24</b> <i>Watch for our Christmas Hours on our website and on our Facebook page</i>	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY FALL OF HONG KONG (1941)  Christmas Day – Branch closed
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> BRANCH CLOSED	<b>28</b> <i>Watch for our Christmas Hours on our website and on our Facebook page</i>	<b>29</b> Club 51, 1pm	<b>30</b> Ladies Darts, 7pm	<b>31</b>	

January 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Club 51, 1pm	<b>6</b>  Ladies Darts, 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Entertainment: Debenhams, 4- 8pm Meal: to be announced
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm Executive Meeting, 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Club 51, 1pm	<b>13</b>  Ladies Darts, 7pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Entertainment: Country Reflections Meal: to be announced
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>18</b> Foot care Clinic  LA General Meeting, 7pm	<b>19</b>  Club 51, 1pm	<b>20</b>  Ladies Darts, 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Entertainment: AshDads Meal: to be announced
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Club 51, 1pm	<b>27</b> HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY  Ladies Darts, 7pm	<b>28</b> BELL LET'S TALK DAY	<b>29</b> Ray Megrath Memorial Dart Tournament – more information to follow
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm					