

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148



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*LEST WE FORGET*



### APRIL / MAY 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	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.

**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GREG WALBECK:** Welcome to everyone back to the Branch, to I guess, what is normal time now. Remember – elections are coming up at the April General Meeting. If you are interested in getting involved in the Branch, come out to the meeting. I will be looking for some volunteers to help with doing some Barbecues this summer. Big thanks to Doug Buzzell and Richard Fitzsimmons for all the work and time they have done to get our kitchen up to specifications. Big thanks to Fran and her crew of workers for all they have done to help keep our Branch afloat through these tough times. The Branch has a couple of upcoming dart tournaments in April, and further information is in the bulletin. I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer, and I hope to see you around the Branch. ***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 2022 or 2023. 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.

Our Hall rental rates increased, effective January 1, 2022, as follows. Please contact our office at 613-432-6450 for availability.

Boardroom, weekdays \$ 65.00  
 Hall, Fridays: Members: \$ 140.00 Non-members \$ 210.00  
 Hall, Saturdays Members: \$ 140.00 Non-members \$ 230.00  
 Hall, Sundays \$75-\$100, depending on event/set-up  
 Hall, Saturday afternoon only \$ 100.00  
 Event/Craft Sale \$ 150.00

### UPCOMING DATES

<p>Daryl Lecuyer Memorial Open Dart Tournament –  <b>Four Person Teams</b>          Saturday, April 9, 2022 – <b><u>limited to 32 teams</u></b>          Please call Laura Warren (613-717-3959) or Greg          Walbeck (613-432-4246) to register</p>	<p>Ray Megrath Memorial Open Dart Tournament –  <b>Three Person Teams</b>          Saturday, April 30, 2022 – <b><u>limited to 32 teams</u></b>          Please call Laura Warren (613-717-3959) or          Greg Walbeck (613-432-4246) to register</p>
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<p>Mondays          Tuesdays          Thursdays          Saturdays</p>	<p>Renfrew Legion Seniors Darts, 1pm          Foot Care Clinic, twice a month          Ladies' Darts, 7pm          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</p>
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**LAST POST:** Our Deepest sympathy is expressed to the families of Ordinary Member Richard Pond (January 11), Ladies Auxiliary Member Ruth Elliott (January 31), WWII Veterans Dan Deslaurier (February 4), Allen Miller (February 13), and Ordinary Member James Miller (February 19). 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:

<u>Bonnechere Manor:</u>	Olga Llewelyn, Louise Snow, Elwood Stafford	
<u>Mirimichi Lodge:</u>	Cecil Code	<u>Arnprior Villa:</u> Ben Kane
<u>Island View Retirement:</u>	Bernadette Lacourse	<u>Quail Creek:</u> Ann Hisko
<u>Renfrew Victoria Hospital:</u>	Irene Rosebrugh, 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 work in the kitchen is almost done. We are still waiting on parts for the fire system.  
*Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair*

**WAYS & MEANS:** The draws for Friday & Saturday are doing well. I wish to thank all the volunteers.  
*Richard Fitzsimmons, Ways & Means*

**YOUTH EDUCATION:** Students from the Renfrew area did very well at the Zone Competition for Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest this year. Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Zone Contest:

Chris Labonte - 1st Senior Essay	Adisson Budden - 1st Intermediate Essay
Wyatt Kelly - 1st Junior Essay	Emily Ford - 2nd Senior Poem
Peyton Church - 1st Intermediate Poem	Mia St Michael - 1st Junior Poem
Faith Hamilton - 1st Senior B/W Poster	Sophie Donkers - 3rd Junior B/W Poster
Sarah Palmer - 2nd Senior Colour Poster	Olivia Curry - 3rd Intermediate Colour Poster
Grace Waldrum - 2nd Junior Colour Poster	

Congratulations to these three students who did exceptionally well in the District Competition for the Remembrance Day Literary Contest this year:



Mia St Michael – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Junior Poem  
(St. Joseph's School, Calabogie)



Christopher Labonte – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Senior Essay  
(Renfrew Collegiate Institute)

Chris and Adisson's entries have moved on to compete at the Provincial level. We are very pleased to report that Addison placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Provincials!



Adisson Budden - 1st Place Intermediate Essay (Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Provincials.

*Jo-anne Caldwell, Youth Education Chair*

### **POPPY:**

At the March 23, 2022 General Meeting, the Branch donated \$500 to the #653 Champlain Air Cadet Squadron. Accepting the cheque from Comrade President Greg Walbeck and Poppy Chair Rev. Bruce Ferguson is Air Cadet representative, Sue White.

***Bruce Ferguson, Poppy Chair***



**AN EASTER MESSAGE:** Dear Comrades, Easter is the Christian holiday celebrating the Resurrection, or the bringing back to life, of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion. In Christian tradition, the Resurrection represents Christ's victory over death and the promise of eternal life for those who follow him. Some Christians refer to Easter as Resurrection Day or Resurrection Sunday.

Easter always falls on a Sunday. Many churches will offer worship services on Good Friday (the Friday just before Easter) along with one or more services on Easter Sunday itself. Easter Sunday marks the end of the 46-day preparatory season of Lent, which is significant in cultures around the world.

The exact date of Easter varies from year to year, but it typically falls during the month of April or sometimes late March. This seasonal timing gives the holiday its strong associations with springtime and rebirth in the natural world. Easter icons such as eggs, baby chicks, bunnies and tulips symbolize new life and renewed hope. Those are powerful ideas to embrace whether you celebrate Easter for religious reasons or simply because you enjoy the vibrant traditions that go along with the holiday.

May the message of Easter motivate all of us to seek ways to make peace, not war. May we be stimulated to accept others who may seem different from us, rather than sit and complain about those strangers. May we initiate a smile toward one another, and not a frown. May we do this every day in 2022.

A warm greeting to you and your family. Let His joy, peace and love ascend into your home this Easter and through the years. Truly, He is risen!

***Padre Bruce Ferguson***

**FINANCE**: Our Branch is doing ok but we can use some suggestions on how we can raise money for the branch. Also I would like to wish everyone a blessed And safe Easter.

***Tena Miller, Finance Chair***

**MEMBERSHIP**: I hope all members are doing well. It is now back to normal business, with General Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The April General Meeting will also have Branch elections. I would like to remind all members – for you to be able to vote, all dues must be up-to-date. And a reminder to all members who play in Legion Sports – the same applies. All dues must be up to date. 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**: Things are doing well, have new youth registered so the group is growing. The Ventures have tapped trees and doing everything to prepare for the syrup. The other groups are working on badges. They all are ready to get started on Beaver Buggy, Cub Cars, and Trucks. Let the races begin. Have a safe spring from 1st Renfrew Scouting.

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

**LADIES AUXILIARY**: The Ladies Auxiliary have catered a few funeral lunches since the Branch has reopened. We have also reviewed and increased our catering prices. Please contact the office for further information.

***Rose LaFont, LA President***

**SPORTS**: The Daryl Lecuyer Dart Tournament is on Saturday April 9, and The Ray Megrath Dart Tournament is Saturday April 30. Registration for both tournaments is from 10:00am to 10:45am. If you wish to register a team for either tournament, please call Laura Warren at (613) 717-3959, or myself at (613) 432-4246. There is nothing yet from Zone Sports.

***Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair***

**ENTERTAINMENT**: Our entertainment is doing well. Our meals are postponed at the moment due to the kitchen renovations. Many thanks to everyone who has come to the Branch on a Saturday evening to enjoy great entertainment. 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. Come out for an enjoyable afternoon with friends.

**BURSARY**: Applications for Renfrew Branch Bursaries will be available online through the local High School Guidance Office. Branch 148 of the Royal Canadian Legion grants bursaries of \$1,000.00 to qualifying student's graduating from Grade 12 who NEED financial support. Applications must be completed in full to be considered. To be eligible for a branch bursary a

student must:

Be accepted in an institution offering post-secondary training. (University/College)

- Canadian and Commonwealth War Veterans: children and grandchildren
- Ordinary members (veterans) of Legion Branch 148, their children and grandchildren.
- Students must be graduating from Renfrew Collegiate or St Joseph's High School

Deadline for applications is **June 10, 2022**.

***Ella Box, Bursary Chair***

**BRANCH ELECTIONS:** At the March 23, General Meeting, Nominations were held for the upcoming Branch Election, scheduled for Wednesday, April 27. Nominations are as follows:

President	Greg Walbeck Bruce Ferguson	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	(none)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Tena Miller Ella Box	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice-President	Ron Kilby	
Added Executive	Rose LaFont Bill McLeod Diana Seeley Donald Stroud	Cheryl Babcock Huguette Jobin Pat Bryden

Nominations will re-open at the April 27 General meeting, for any nominations from the floor, and elections will be held at that time. To be able to vote, you must be a member in good standing with all dues paid up to date.

***Debbie McDermid, Nominating Committee Chair***

**ZONE G7 NEWS:** The Spring Zone Convention was held on March 13<sup>th</sup> in Deep River, guest speaker Ty Seeley, Deputy District G Commander, brought greetings from District Council and presented a summary of the various actions/events happening at the Provincial level of the Legion. Command is in need of submissions for the Military Book, and there will be a 60% increase in the cost of poppy supplies. Branch Presidents & Zone Officers presented reports pertaining to their Branch or committee.

Credential Report: 33 Accredited, 8 observers and 2 guest = total of 42

Medals and Zone Bars were presented to deserving Zone Officers.

Elections were held, the following were acclaimed: Zone Commander Wayne Bennett, Deputy Zone Commander Heather Poliquin, Zone Sports Officer and other Chairs will be appointed by the Zone Commander. This will be a 3 year Term. President Greg Walbeck presented a \$300.00 cheque to assist with the Zone Youth Education programs.

The convention delegates passed a motion to donate \$500.00 to District Youth Track & Field. After the Business meeting, delegates enjoyed a delicious sit down chicken dinner with all the trimmings catered & served by the Deep River Ladies Auxiliary.

Delegates from Branch 148 were Comrades Greg Walbeck, Rob Marsh, Bill McLeod, Huguette Jobin and Ella Box.

***Ella Box***

**POPPY PROJECT:** 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:** A Notice of Motion was presented at the March general meeting to make two amendments to the Branch Regulations. These will be considered for discussion and a vote for acceptance at our April annual meeting (posted on bulletin board). Over the past few months there has been several amendments to the General By-Laws and the Poppy manual: just to name a few to reflect gender-neutral language throughout – “Chairman” was changed to “Chair”, “widow/widower” was changed to “surviving spouse”, and the poppy reporting period will be the fiscal year. *Ella Box*

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Please keep our April & May 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. *Debbie McDermid, PRO*

**MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK:** Ontario Command is in need of submissions for Volume 9. Forms may be picked up at the Legion office or refer to the Ontario Command Website for a submission form. All submissions must be returned to Renfrew Branch to be verified for correctness. Deadline Date **May 27, 2022**. Anyone needing assistance with your submission, contact Ella @ 613-432-6049. *Ella Box*

April 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1 MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE FOUNDED (1924)</b>  Hall Reserved – Bridal Shower	<b>2</b> Main Hall: Valley Heritage Radio breakfast, 8:30am-12pm  Entertainment: Back Beat, 4-8pm
<b>3 BATTLE OF MOREUIL WOOD (1918)</b>	<b>4 NATO ACCORD SIGNED (1949)</b>  Legion Seniors Darts 1-4pm	<b>5</b>  Hall: Foot Care Clinic	<b>6</b>  Hall: Foot Care Clinic  Club 51 1-4pm	<b>7</b>  Hall: Ontrac Food Handling Course  LA Darts 7-9pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9 BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE (1917)</b> Daryl Lecuyer Memorial Dart Tournament  Entertainment: Country Reflections, 4-8pm, in Lounge
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Legion Seniors Darts 1-4pm  Executive, 7pm	<b>12</b>  Hall Reserved	<b>13</b>  Club 51 1-4pm	<b>14</b>  LA Darts 7-9pm	<b>15 GOOD FRIDAY – BRANCH CLOSED</b>	<b>16</b>  Entertainment: Rewind, 4-8pm, in Hall
<b>17</b>	<b>18 EASTER MONDAY</b>  Legion Seniors Darts 1-4pm	<b>19</b>  Foot Care Clinic  LA Meeting 7pm	<b>20</b>  Club 51 1-4pm	<b>21 QUEEN ELIZABETH'S BIRTHDAY (1926)</b>  Hall: Ontrac Job Fair  LA Darts 7-9pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Hall Reserved – Stag & Doe  Entertainment: Black Jack, 4-8pm, in Lounge
<b>24 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK</b>  Hall Reserved – Birthday Party	<b>25 ANZAC DAY BATTLE OF KAPYONG (1951)</b>  Legion Seniors Darts 1-4pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Club 51 1-4pm  General Meeting, 7pm – Branch Elections	<b>28</b>  LA Darts 7-9pm	<b>29</b>  Hall Reserved: Stag & Doe	<b>30</b> Ray Megrath Memorial Dart Tournament  Entertainment: To be Announced



May 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC (1945)	<b>2</b> Legion Seniors Darts 1-4pm	<b>3</b> Hall: Foot Care Clinic	<b>4</b> ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY FOUNDED (1910) Club 51 1-4pm	<b>5</b> LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS (1945) LA Darts 7-9pm	<b>6</b> Hall Reserved (trivia night – private event)	<b>7</b> Entertainment: To be Announced
<b>8</b> VE DAY (1945) MOTHER'S DAY	<b>9</b> Legion Seniors Darts 1-4pm  Executive, 7pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Club 51 1-4pm	<b>12</b> LA Darts 7-9pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Entertainment: To be Announced
<b>15</b> INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES	<b>16</b> Legion Seniors Darts 1-4pm	<b>17</b> Hall: Foot Care Clinic  LA Meeting 7pm	<b>18</b> Club 51 1-4pm	<b>19</b> CANADIAN ARMY FOUNDED (1855) LA Darts 7-9pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILED (1939)  Entertainment: To be Announced  Hall Reserved (Stag & Doe)
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> VICTORIA DAY – BRANCH CLOSED	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> YPRES (1915) Club 51 1-4pm  General Meeting, 7pm	<b>26</b> LA Darts 7-9pm	<b>27</b> Deadline for any submissions to the Military Recognition Book  Hall Reserved (Stag & Doe)	<b>28</b> TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER (2000)  Entertainment: To be Announced
<b>29</b> INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS  Hall Reserved – VAR Meeting	<b>30</b> Legion Seniors Darts 1-4pm	<b>31</b> END OF SOUTH AFRICAN (BOER) WAR (1902) Hall: Foot Care Clinic				