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JULY 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 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

LOUNGE SUMMER HOURS: The Lounge will be changing the Friday hours for the summer, from 12pm to 9pm – stop by and enjoy a break on the deck!

NEW! Bingo has returned to the Renfrew Legion!

July, August, September – First Friday of the Month (July 8, Aug.5, Sept. 2)

\$2,300 in prizes – doors open at 5pm

Tuesdays
Saturdays

Foot Care Clinic, twice a month
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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Hello, and happy Summer everyone. I hope that you have a chance to stop by the Branch over the summer, as we have installed a new gazebo on the deck and thank you to our volunteers for erecting it. Please keep the Branch bulletin nearby, as we will be announcing another busy fall at the Branch. It is looking hopeful that our Remembrance services will be back to a more normal ceremony. I encourage all Legion members to attend our general meetings beginning again in September (Wed. Sept. 28) so that your thoughts and ideas can be voiced. This is your Legion and I value your ideas. Have a safe and relaxing summer.

President Bruce Ferguson

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS! Would you like to become more involved in the Branch, but not sure who to ask or where to look? We are always looking for volunteers, for summer barbecues, assisting on selling tickets, clean-up/odd jobs around the Branch, or perhaps as a Committee member. Please leave your name and number with the office, either by email or by calling 613-

432-6450. Many Hands Make Light Work!

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.

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:

	<u>Bonnechere Manor:</u>	Louise Snow, Elwood Stafford	
<u>Mirimichi Lodge:</u>	Cecil Code	<u>Renfrew Victoria Hospital:</u>	Ruth Purdie
<u>Island View Retirement:</u>	Bernadette Lacourse	<u>Arnprior Villa:</u>	Ben Kane

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 new gazebo is now set up. There is still a small bit of work left in kitchen, and the lines in the parking lot have been repainted. The large outside sign at the parking lot entrance has been cleaned.
Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair

WAYS & MEANS: I would like to introduce myself as the new Ways & Means Chair. The Branch is involved in the sales of 50/50 tickets at the Bluegrass Festival, and our portion of the draws will be deposited into the Ways & Means account. I would also like to invite everyone to the Lounge on Friday afternoons for our weekly meat draws, starting around 3pm. Thank you to our volunteers for selling tickets during the afternoon.
Joanie McNulty, Ways & Means

FINANCE: I wish everyone a Happy Canada Day. Finance will be working on the Budget for 2022-2023 at our next Meeting in July. I want to remind everyone that we are doing 50/50 draws every day during the Blue Grass Festival and need volunteers. It runs July 7 to the 10th. Contact the office to sign up for a time.
Tena Miller, Finance Chair

NEVADA: Hi, It's nice to be back on the executive as your Nevada chairman; here's hoping sales will increase over next few months as more people will be visiting our Legion during the nice weather. Have a great summer everyone.
Ron Kilby, Nevada

SPORTS: The sign-up sheet for the Dave Palfreyman Golf Tournament has been posted in the Lounge. The tournament is on Saturday, September 3 at the Dragonfly Golf Club, 12:00 noon shotgun start. \$70.00/person, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart and BBQ dinner at the Branch. No further information as of yet on Zone sports events, other than they are holding Horseshoes, Washer Toss and I will pass along the information when I receive it.

Greg Walbeck, Sports Chair

ENTERTAINMENT: Our entertainment is doing well. We are once again serving weekly meals during Saturday entertainment. 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

BURSARY: Renfrew Branch granted 7 Branch Bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to qualifying students of St. Joseph's High School and Renfrew Collegiate Institute. Thanks to Comrade Rob Marsh for taking time to attend the graduation ceremonies to present these bursaries. The Provincial Bursary Program will open again in early September, at which time applications will be available in the Legion Office. Recently the Dominion Executive Council approved amendments to the granting of bursaries to spouses or surviving spouses of Veterans. Bursaries may be awarded at any stage of a college or university program.

Ella Box, Bursary Chair

YOUTH EDUCATION: Congratulations to Tyce Hickey of Our Lady of Fatima School, who received the Renfrew Legion Citizenship Award. Thanks to the Ways & Means Committee for your financial support.

Submitted by Ella Box

MEMBERSHIP: With summer Break upon us and no general meetings until September, I hope everyone will have a very safe and happy summer – can't wait to see you again in September. I would like to welcome all new members and transfers once again over the last little while. We have some major functions coming up which need people to volunteer, and we are hoping we can count on our members to step up and help.

Robert Marsh, Membership Chair

MUSEUM: Over the summer, I will be trying to organize the museum and having advertising for the general population of the County and to schools regarding our museum, and to view some of the WW1 and WW2 artifacts we have.

Robert Marsh, Museum Chair

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Here's to everyone having a Good safe summer we'll see you all again in September when general meetings restart.

Robert Marsh, Sgt-at-Arms

SCOUTS: Hello from 1st Renfrew Scouting. With ball, soccer and just wonderful weather we are not getting many youth out so we decided to put a stop to the meetings. We are planning Something for August, hoping this will interest the youth to come back in September. We have plans on doing clean up at the camp finally after 2 years not being allowed on the property. Hopefully we will have a good start in September. Have a safe and happy summer.

Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming

RUCK 2 REMEMBER: The 2022 Ruck 2 Remember is going to be a long one. The route is "The Bruce Trail" located on the Ontario map from the Elephant's tail to his front foot. Beginning at Branch 290 Tobermory and ending at Branch 479 Niagara Falls; taking in 25 Legion Branches. It will take the team 34 Days to complete - July 5, 2022 to August 8, 2022. As this important event will be taking place in other Districts, it doesn't mean you can't donate to the Ruck 2 Remember. All donations received go to our Homeless Veterans Program, "Operation: Leave the Streets Behind". The Ruck Team keeps nothing for themselves; all their efforts go to the Homeless Veterans Program. Please keep this in mind when you make your donation. There is a link to a gofundme page for the Ruck on the website: <https://ruck2remember.wixsite.com/ruck2remember>

REPORT OF SPRING 2022 DISTRICT G CONVENTION: Perley Health Rebranding: The facility has recently undergone a rebranding and is now known as Perley Health. Upon learning of this, Legion representatives on the liaison committee questioned why reference to Veterans was not reflected in the name change. The objections were heard and the veterans' wing(s) will now be identified as "The Rideau Veterans Residence" throughout the facility. Also, a wing is being extensively renovated to establish a 'secure wing' in the Veterans Residence. This will ensure that all veterans should be housed together. The liaison committee was also advised that the 65 additional beds that had been requested were finally approved by VAC and the Provincial Government giving us a total of 130 for Other Qualified Veterans (OQVs). ***Ella Box***

POPPY: History of the Poppy: The significance of the Poppy can be traced back to the Napoleonic Wars in the 19th century, over 110 years before being adopted in Canada. Records from that time indicate how thick poppies grew over the graves of soldiers in the area of Flanders, France. Fields that had been barren before battle, exploded with the blood-red flowers after the fighting ended. During the tremendous bombardments of the war, the chalk soils became rich in lime from rubble, allowing the "poppies" to thrive. When the war ended, the lime was quickly absorbed, and the Poppy began to disappear again. The person who first introduced the Poppy to Canada and the Commonwealth was Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of Guelph, Ontario, a Canadian Medical Officer during the First World War. John McCrae penned the poem "In Flanders Fields" on a scrap of paper in May 1915 on the day following the death of a fellow soldier. McCrae's poem was published in *Punch Magazine* in December of that same year. The idea for the Remembrance Poppy was conceived by Madame Anna Guerin of France. She was inspired by John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields", and she had originally founded a charity to help rebuild regions of France torn apart by the First World War, and created poppies made of fabric to raise funds. Later, Anna presented her concept to France's allies, including the precursor to The Royal Canadian Legion, The Great War Veterans Association. The idea was considered at a meeting in Port Arthur, Ontario (now Thunder Bay) and was adopted on July 6, 1921. Today, the Poppy is worn each year during the Remembrance period to honour Canada's Fallen. Thanks to the millions of Canadians who wear the Legion's lapel Poppy each November, the little red flower has never dies, and the memories of those who fell in battle remain strong. ***Bruce Ferguson, Poppy Chair***

CONSTITUTION & LAWS & RESOLUTIONS: The General By-Laws for Branches of the Ontario Provincial Command has been updated or amended to June 10th 2022. This update includes the amendments that were ratified at the Ontario Provincial Convention. The Poppy Manual was updated as of June 6, 2022. Update from the Dominion Executive Council: That the Ritual, Awards & Protocol manual to be amended to allow the wearing of name tags on the Legion informal blue dress shirt. CARRIED. ***Ella Box***

2022 PROVINCIAL CONVENTION: The 2022 convention was held in the Robert Surtees Athletic Centre at the Nipissing University in North Bay. The theme of the convention was "Working Together". "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself"! (Henry Ford). The registration was 387 accredited delegates; carrying 727 proxy votes for a total voting strength of 1114 compared to 1267 votes in 2019. An additional 27 observers, 15 guests were in attendance. Comrade Derek Moore was acclaimed President of Ontario Command for a three year term and Comrade Lynn McClellan was elected 1st Vice-President. The three Vice Presidents elected were Comrades Diane Condon, Crystal Cook and Mark Rogers. Comrade Ed Pigeau was elected to the position of Treasurer, Comrade Ron Goebel was acclaimed as Chair

and Comrade Ron Crown was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. Quote of New President: "Our theme for this convention is, "WORKING TOGETHER". I plan on encouraging its use throughout this term because without it comrades we will not be able to reach the goals that I am proposing". Those in attendance at the Convention on Monday, May 16, 2022 were requested to stand when their membership category was announced including Ladies Auxiliary. The eldest Legionnaire in attendance was recognized at 96 years young, WWII Veteran, Mrs. Una Golding of Peterborough Branch 52 and the youngest member being Kiryn Crook, 26 years of age from Branch 82 Mississauga.

Submitted by Ella Box

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Please keep our July calendar 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



LOUISE SNOW BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION:

On June 6, members of our Executive were at Bonnechere Manor, celebrating the 100th birthday of WW2 Veteran and 50yr Legion member Comrade Louise Snow!

From left: Comrade President Bruce Ferguson, 1st Vice President Comrade Greg Walbeck, Bursary/Constitution & Laws Chair Comrade Ella Box, and Sgt.-at-Arms Comrade Robert Marsh.

CADET MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE: On June 14, Comrade President Bruce Ferguson and 1st Vice-President Comrade Greg Walbeck attended the Annual Ceremonial Review at the Renfrew Wing and presented Warrant Officer 1 Hannah Gillett with the Legion Medal of Excellence.



July 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CANADA DAY – BRANCH CLOSED BEAUMENT HAMEL (1916)	2 Entertainment: Good Time Heart, 4-8pm
3	4	5	6 Hall: Club 51, 1pm	7	8 Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3:15 Lounge Summer Hours Friday, 12- 9 Bingo, 7pm, main hall	9 Entertainment: Gib Rozon & Friends, 4-8pm
10	11 Executive Meeting, 7pm	12 Hall: Foot Clinic	13 Hall: Club 51, 1pm	14	15 Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3:15 Lounge Summer Hours Friday, 12- 9 Hall Reserved	16 Entertainment: Heartbreakers, 4-8pm Hall: Wedding
17 Hall Reserved	18	19 LA Meeting, 7pm	20 Hall: Club 51, 1pm	21	22 Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3:15 Lounge Summer Hours Friday, 12- 9 Hall Reserved	23 Entertainment: Country Reflections, 4-8pm Hall: Wedding
24	25	26 VIMY UNVEILING (1936) Hall: Foot Clinic	27 KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE (1953) Hall: Club 51, 1pm	28	29 Weekly Meat Draw in Lounge, 3:15 Lounge Summer Hours Friday, 12- 9	30 Entertainment: Just Country, 4-8pm
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Survey re use of the Legion:

Royal Canadian Legion Br. 148 is an active member of the community, with active seniors groups using our hall for socializing and activities. We would like to ask you – the member, the visitor, the senior – what would you like to see the Branch offer for a new activity or something that you might enjoy participating in.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Age group: under 50 _____ 51-60 _____ 61-70 _____ 71 & over _____

I would like to see the Legion offer:

Cards _____ darts _____ cribbage _____ any other suggestions? _____

luncheons (soup & sandwich) _____ coffee time _____ book club _____

Art or craft? _____

Any other suggestions?

Seniors seminars? _____

If you are a recently retired veteran, could our Branch offer something that would interest you as a social night?

Please fill out this questionnaire and return to the Legion. You can drop it off at the office, into our locked mailbox outside, or by email at rclrenfrew@cogeco.net using "Branch Survey" in the title.

They served till death! Why not we?