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Official Newsletter of Cobourg Legion Br#133



Presidents Report

Good day comrades.

June was a good month with the new executive. I would like to welcome back some of the old executive members as well as some new members.

Remember that the next General meeting won't be until September as we are not holding meetings in July and August.

As we all joined the Royal Canadian Legion we all realize that the Legion is a volunteer organization that supports Veterans, their families and the community. We also need to raise money to keep the doors open, lights on, pay our bartenders, custodian and be able to support our cause.

The members have asked for entertainment, so we provided that and now our members won't come out to support it. The end result is we don't make any money from these events. We are trying to provide food for some of the events and hardly anyone is coming out to support that.

We have lost our rental income from the 5 houses that we used to own.

We are not utilizing our kitchen or our banquet hall as often as we should. Therefore our income is dropping dramatically.

We need our members to come to events, volunteer to help and perhaps come up with some ideas on how to raise money.

I am proposing that we open the doors to the clubroom to the general public for food and drinks. With over 900 members and we can't get but a fraction of members out, we need to do something.

I can not understand why or how that we have the fastest growing Legion in Canada, but we can barely keep the doors open.

Remember that the key to success is the three C's, Cooperation, Collaboration and Communication.

If we can achieve that, we will be very successful.

Thank you so much to all of our Branch and Ladies Auxiliary volunteers who put in numerous hours to better the Legion.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any question, concerns or complaints.

In comradeship,

Rod Ingersoll, President, Cobourg Branch 133

Club Room Hours:

Monday and Tuesday
Closed

Wednesday - Saturday
11:00am - 7:00pm

Sundays
12:00pm - 6:00pm

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CATERING AVAILABLE THROUGH LADIES AUXILIARY

TO BOOK THE HALL CONTACT:
NANCY TURPIN
905-372-0493
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Cobourg Legion Ladies Auxiliary

1/4 Chicken Dinner with salads,
tea/coffee, & dessert
Cost: \$15.00 prepaid

Tickets Available From:
Aldene Cooper 905-376-3316 / cooptwo@sympatico.ca
or
Yolande McKinnon 905-375-0996 / ymckinnon@cogeco.ca
as well as at the bar
etansfers to: cooptwo@sympatico.ca

July 13 & 27 - August 10 & 24 @ 5:30 p.m.





Membership

Happy July Comrades,

Well, we brought in some new executive members at our May/June Elections and I'm the Membership Chair for another year! I learned so much in the past year as a volunteer and I've enjoyed and welcomed many, many new members to Branch 133. At our June General Members meeting, we initiated 14 new members, with a new member total of 922!

At this time, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank my helpers, Dorothy Kennedy and Mary MacNaull for their wonderful assistance with this very busy Membership role. With the summer season upon us and no General Member meetings for July or August, our next initiation will be in September. Remember the General meetings are always on the 3rd Thursday of the month, hope to see you all then in September. Let's show everyone, as the fastest growing Legion in Canada, that we know how to support our veterans and their families by volunteering a little time to our branch. I'll see you all soon, take care.

In Comradeship

Pat Long

Membership Chair

Sgt-at-arms

Unfortunately, we were not able to represent Br. 133 and support the Cobourg Legion Pipe Band at the Cobourg Scottish Festival and Tattoo this weekend due to myself (Ian Kyle) being out of province, and due to lack of numbers on the colour party.

Since taking over, the numbers have reduced for the colour party to 2 due to age and health concerns.

I am putting a call out to the membership for members to come forward to be part of the colour party. If you can out one foot in front the other you are qualified! It seems like a long way off but before we know it, Remembrance Day will be upon us which is our main parade to show our colours of respect to all military and RCMP, past and present. If you are interested or know of someone that may be interested representing Branch 133 and the colour party, please contact Ian Kyle.

Ian Kyle, 705-875-0237, i.kyle321@nexicom.net

Loonie Draw July

Opening Balance July 1st
\$1930.00

June 3rd \$180.00

June 10th \$120.00

June 17th \$120.00

June 25th \$130.00

Closing Balance \$420.00

1 Winner in July
W.F. Skinner
\$2110.00
(50/50 split)



The Entertainment Comittee

May entertainment in the clubroom included The Kings Coronation of the 7th. Brain Ferris performed on the 13th after the meat draw. Cale Crowe performed on the 20th and Open Mic was on Sunday the 21st. Mike Trembly performed on Saturday May 27th for Don Ramsey's 80th Birthday party.

In June, entertainment in the club room began with Karaoke on June 10th by "The Entertainment Group". Coming up on June 18th will be Open Mic, with Clint Cameron. On Wednesday June the 28th Paint and Wine Night will be led by April Potter and we will be painting wine bottles. The month will end with Tyler Cochran performing in the clubroom on the 24th.

Coming up in July, on the 9th in the clubroom we will again have Karaoke by "The Entertainment Group", July 16th is Open Mic and July 22nd the Colton Sisters will be performing.

In August Crash Course will be performing on the 5th. Karaoke on the 12th and Open Mic on the 13th. Paint and wine will be offered during the summer with dates to be announced.

September entertainment will include Karaoke on the 9th, there will be a 70's/80's Video dance party on the 16th, Open Mic will be on Sunday the 24th and finishing off the month on the 30th is Mad Mans Window.

Make sure to check out all up coming events on the club room activities cork board or the website calendar! It would be great to see members come out, bring some friends, and have fun while supporting the Legion!

Yours in comradeship,
 Mary MacNaull
 Entertainment Committee Chair

Meat Draw Report June

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2nd \$822.00	3rd \$872.00
9th \$633.75	10th \$896.25
16th \$832.25	17th \$959.00
20th \$917.00	21st \$961.00
Total \$3998.00	Total \$3688.25

**Grand Total
\$7686.25**

Total Expenses for March
\$4475.59

Net Profit
\$3210.66
(Legion gets Half)



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SUMMER

As I Write this article , we are almost a full hour into SUMMER. this being the day of the SUMMER SOLSTICE, which apparently occurred at precisely 10.57 this morning. I would guess that this the best day to get things done, seeing as it is the longest day. Meanwhile STUFF goes on at the legion. General meetings are not held during July and August. Your executive continue to manage the affairs of the branch during those months. How about marking your calendar for SEPTER 21st which will be the next general meeting and plan to attend them regularly?

The L A ladies are putting on their scrumptious CHICKEN DINNERS JULY 14, 28, AUG 11 and 25. More dates for your calendar.

Stay cool and come to the MEAT DRAWS Friday and Saturdays. Good fun and good time to mingle with other members. You might like to STEP UP and volunteer to help.

Cobourg is a wonderful place to be in the summer time with lots going on from WATERFRONT CANADA DAY celebrations, Tuesday night band concerts in the park, street festivals, food vendors at the beach and more.

The town is ALIVE and your legion is ACTIVE. Enjoy being a part of it all.

If you are travelling this summer, be safe .

May we all have a spectacular safe healthy summer.

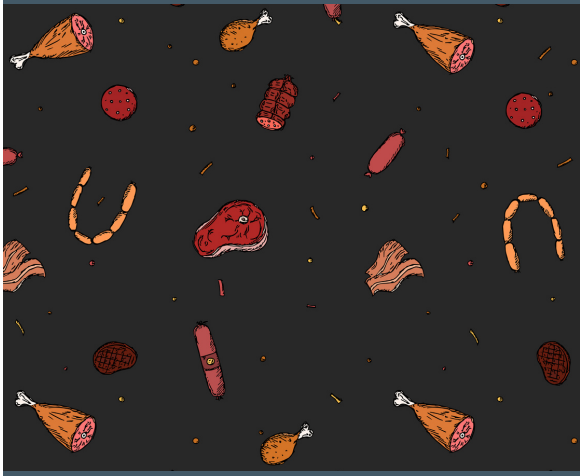
Chaplain Art.



Meat Draws

EVERY FRIDAY @ 5PM
AND
SATURDAY @ 3PM

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
TO HELP WITH THE
DRAWS. SIGN UP
CALENDARS ARE IN THE
CLUB ROOM





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CANADA REMEMBERS

THE BATTLE OF KAPYONG

INTRODUCTION

The Korean War took place in the Far East from 1950 to 1953 and more than 26,000 Canadians served in the cause of peace and freedom in this struggle. Some of the heaviest fighting our soldiers experienced in the war took place during the Battle of Kapyong in April 1951.

THE KOREAN WAR ERUPTS

The Cold War was the tense struggle for dominance in international affairs between the forces of communism and democracy that arose in the aftermath of the Second World War. One of the places this played out was in the Korean Peninsula in East Asia where, after the occupying Japanese had been defeated, a communist regime was established in the North while a democratic government was established in the South.

On June 25, 1950, after years of rising tensions, North Korean forces poured over the border at the 38th Parallel and into South Korea. This invasion touched off more than three years of fighting in the place traditionally known as the “Land of the Morning Calm.” The United Nations (UN) responded to this aggression with a call to its members to form a multinational force under the command of the United States to restore the peace, and Canada agreed to help.

CANADA RESPONDS

Canadians would serve at sea, in the air and on the ground during the Korean War. The early stages of the conflict saw major swings in momentum. When the first Canadian soldiers—members of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI)—set sail across the Pacific on November 25, 1950, the war looked to be nearing its end as the communist forces had been

pushed back almost to the Chinese border. By the time the Canadians’ ship reached its destination, however, the situation had completely changed as China had intervened in support of North Korea and had launched a major offensive that retook much of the lost territory. The 2 PPCLI joined the action in mid-February 1951 under the command of the 27th British Commonwealth Infantry Brigade that was taking part in the UN advance pushing the enemy once again back across the 38th Parallel.

THE BATTLE OF KAPYONG

In late April 1951, the retreating Chinese and North Korean forces regrouped and counter-attacked in the western and west-central sectors of the front. The South Korean forces in one area were overwhelmed and hurriedly fell back, putting them in danger of being overrun and wiped out. The 27th British Commonwealth Infantry Brigade—along with its Canadian contingent—was called up from reserve to the Kapyong Valley to cover this desperate retreat.

Less than three kilometres across at its widest point, the Kapyong Valley was dominated by the surrounding hills. A defensive position was quickly established with the 3rd Royal Australian Regiment on Hill 504, the 2 PPCLI on Hill 677, and the 1st Middlesex Regiment (a British unit) situated south of the Canadians.

During the night of April 23, the Australians came under heavy attack, holding out until the next day before being forced to withdraw. Their retreat left the Canadians exposed and, at 10:00 p.m. on April 24, the communist assaults began.

It was a wild battle and some of our positions were overrun; at one point the Canadians even called in an artillery strike on their own location to hit the enemy soldiers amongst them. The Canadians took cover while

Troops of the 2 Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry on patrol, March 1951. Photo: Library and Archives Canada PA-11564



the attackers bore the brunt of the fire. The risky move worked and the enemy was driven off. The danger was not yet over and the morning of April 25 saw an intermittent exchange of fire. Canadian Veteran Gerald Gowing was there:

“We were surrounded on the hills of Kapyong and there was a lot of fire. We were pretty well out of ammunition and out of food too. We did get some air supplies dropped in, but we were actually surrounded.”

The enemy was soon cleared from one side of the Canadians, however, and a supply line was re-established. Our soldiers had done it, holding out in the face of a much larger force while inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and helping the Commonwealth brigade maintain its position. By May 1, the larger communist offensive had come to a halt.

The Korean War soon moved into a new phase as truce negotiations began in July 1951 and the front lines began to stabilize. For the Commonwealth contingent, the remainder of the conflict became largely a “war of patrols,” with few large-scale battles taking place. On July 27, 1953, an armistice finally ended the active fighting.

SACRIFICE

Holding the line at Kapyong was an impressive achievement, but came at a cost. Ten Canadians were killed and 23 were wounded, a total that could be considered

relatively light in view of the fierce fighting there and a testament to the skill and organization of the defenders. Our fallen soldiers at Kapyong were among the 516 Canadians who died in service during the Korean War.

LEGACY

The Battle of Kapyong was an important episode in the Korean War. The soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry persevered in the face of great adversity to help prevent a potentially costly defeat for the South Korean and UN forces. Their heroic efforts did not go unnoticed with the Americans awarding them the United States Presidential Unit Citation—a very rare honour for a Canadian unit.

CANADA REMEMBERS PROGRAM

The Canada Remembers Program of Veterans Affairs Canada encourages all Canadians to learn about the sacrifices and achievements made by those who have served—and continue to serve—during times of war and peace. As well, it invites Canadians to become involved in remembrance activities that will help preserve their legacy for future generations. To learn more about Canada’s role in the Korean War, please visit the Veterans Affairs Canada website at veterans.gc.ca or call **1-866-522-2122** toll free.

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Outside Hall Bookings

July 8th Birthday Party
 July 22nd Afternoon Wedding