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NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion
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Club Room Hours Effective September 13th 2017

Sunday 1:00 pm-6:00 pm **Monday to Thursday** 11:00 am-10:00 pm **Friday** 11:00 am-12:00 pm; **Saturday** 11:00am -10:00 pm

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Rent the hall for Receptions, Weddings & Private Functions. The hall is air conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

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Presidents Report November 2018

The fall is fast approaching and with that comes the Poppy campaign. The boards are up and many spaces are still left. Remember all members stated that they would give time to the Poppy campaign. Just one hour goes along way during this time. Either by tagging, money sorting or driving people around.

New signs will be going up shortly about the new Smoking policy for the Legion. Smoking anything on Legion property is not allowed and will be strictly enforced. This will be watched and any person not following the rules will be dealt with.

R.L. Robison

President



1st Vice President Report November 2018

Comrades

Moving into the fall we have all been gearing up for the Poppy campaign. The poppy boards are still quite empty but I hope by the tagging dates they will be full. I would like to thank everyone who has been helping over the last couple weeks to get everything ready for tagging and Remembrance Day. On November 11th the parade will form up in front of the legion at 10:00am and march off at 10:15. The Remembrance Day service will start at around 10:30 at Victoria Park. Following the service the parade will form up and march back to the legion. The Armistice Day dinner will start at 5:30 with cocktails and dinner at 6:00. Tickets are on sale at bar.

With the winter months just around the corner sports are starting back up. I have placed signup sheets for Darts, Snooker and Cribbage on the sports board. Please sign up fast as we may need to hold playoffs for many of these event.

Jennifer Robison

1st Vice-president

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jrobison@dalewood.ca

Past President November Report

Soon, the Poppy Campaign will begin. Again, I see large areas on the Poppy signup sheet left vacant. With about 800 members, you would think it would be full. On Thursday, October 25th, the Presidents of the Branch and LA will be pinning the First Poppy on Mayor Gil Brocanier at the Town Hall. The next day, the Poppy Flag will be raised on the Branch flag pole to signify the official start of the campaign. My trusty photographer, Iris, will catch the action and hopefully it will soon be on Face Book and our Branch web site.

The cheque for the Track and Field rental of the running track at the CCC has been signed and will soon be delivered to the town. Thank you to the Rev. Dr. Doug Brown for overseeing this program.

Congratulations to Wayne McKinnon for his appointment to a position in District F.

LEST WE FORGET. LEST WE FORGET.

John Aitken, Past President, PRO, Track and Field, Br.133, RCL, Cobourg

johnandiris@cogeco.ca

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else. –Charles Dickens



Receiving the 1st Poppy - Cobourg Legion Branch 133 President, Bob Robison and Ladies Auxiliary 1st Vice President Carol Davies, Cobourg Mayor, Gil Brocanier and Incumbent Mayor, John Henderson.



October 26, the start of the Poppy Campaign. Raising the Poppy Flag at Cobourg Legion Branch 133, Incumbent Mayor John Henderson, Ladies Auxiliary 1st Vice President Carol Davies, Legion Member, Don Ashfield, 1st Vice President and Poppy Chair Jennifer Robison, President Bob Robison.



Membership Report

The early bird campaign is in full swing and our winner for free membership in 2020 is Harry McDonnell. Congratulations! You still have time for a chance to win, campaign closes end of November.

I will have a team set up in the club room to collect dues on November 11th. Please make sure you have your membership card and we can complete the process for you. Dues are \$60 via Cash, Cheque or Debit.

If you have a couple of hours to spare in the week, we are looking for volunteers for the Poppy campaign and Membership office. Please call and leave your name and number at the office 905-372-2231.

Respectfully,

Josephine- Membership Chair

289-251-3478 133upton@gmail.com

Veteran's Service Officer

For information or assistance with the Department of Veterans Affairs in regard to entitlement to any Disability Pension, Pension applications, re-assessment, VIP Services & Survivor Benefits please contact me.

Rod Ingersoll

Branch Service Officer

416-618-6266



October 27,
Membership Chair Josephine Upton and Branch President, Bob Robison welcomed new members to our branch. From left to right, Lynda and Samuel Miron, Lenore Miller and Brad Miron.

Submitted by I. Milne



Winners of the Legion's Halloween Contest, October 27th.

Submitted by I. Milne

Sick & Visiting

In hospital as this report is written is **Gerald Fraser** at NHH! Here's to a speedy recovery!

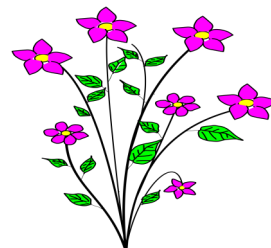
Thoughts and prayers to those that are shut in. Condolences to all those that have lost a loved one.

Yours in comradeship,

Judy

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Ladies Auxiliary President's Message November 2018



General Meeting: November 5 @ 7:30 p.m.
December 3 @ 7:30 p.m.
January 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

Executive Meeting: November 26 @ 7:30 p.m.
January 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

Hello Comrades

Hope you weren't too spooked by ghost and goblins on Halloween.

A Special thank you to those who contributed goods and assisted in various ways in supporting our fundraisers through September and October (Value FunDrive, Little Caesars & Craft Sale).

The yearly Poppy campaign is upon us and your help is needed for tagging and assisting in the kitchen. The signup sheets for Tagging are in the Clubroom. Please talk to Carol Davies for kitchen duties. Remember your oath when you joined was to volunteer your time to support the Poppy campaign via ie. Tagging, Kitchen Duties, Dinner etc. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Our LA fundraisers for November are;

Lasagna **dinner**-Friday November 16th at 5:30 and is on a first come served until we run out. Ground beef **meat pies** orders will be taken up until November 16 and we need your assistance in getting orders. The pie making is scheduled for Monday, November 19th (need your help with pie making) and pickup on Tuesday, November 20 (9-11 am). Alternative arrangements are also available.

November 4 Remembrance Day service at Calgary Baptist Church and followed by a service in Alderville at Cenotaph. November 11 is the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph. Please join us if able.

Our Christmas dinner and meeting is on December 3 with a cost of \$5.00 for the dinner ticket. Please bring a non-perishable food item for FareShare and as well a donation of bake goods for the bake table.

Jennifer Young -LA President

Cell 289-252-2145

Entertainment News November 2018

Hello Ladies, It seems everyone had a good time in Niagara Falls again. Thank you for attending and I will keep you posted as to the next one.

Haven't heard from many of you with your updated address, phone, and email for our records....you may be missing out on things you aren't aware of....

Get your ticket for the Christmas dinner meeting - it is creeping up on us quickly.

Yolande McKinnon, Secretary/Entertainment
ymckinnon@cogeco.ca 905-375-0996

Armistice 2018

The Town of Cobourg is planning to celebrate Armistice '18 – Canada's largest commemoration of the centennial of the End of the First World War. The Legion is supporting this endeavour and has agreed to loan the town pictures that will be on display at Victoria Hall, as well as providing information about the citizens of Cobourg who enlisted. The following is a short list of the activities that are planned:

Play- Last Day, Last Hour (Currie Libel Trial) October 18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28 and November 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11, Courtroom Victoria Hall

Play - The Stars on Her Shoulders - a staged reading of a new play about Canadian nurses in the First World War. October 18,20, November 4,8,10, Concert Hall Victoria Hall

November 11, Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony

Submitted by John A.

October 27



Ladies Auxiliary Craft Show

L. A. member Janet Richardson sells raffle tickets for the Auxiliary. All gifts for the table were generously donated by the vendors.

Submitted by I. Milne



ATTENTION MEMBERS

PARKING WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ISSUE DURING CONSTRUCTION

THERE'S 2 HOUR FREE PARKING AT MUNICIPAL LOT 2 ON THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF HIBERNIA AND ALBERT STREETS DURING THE WEEK FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM

AFTER 6 PM. AND ON WEEKENDS THIS PARKING IS FREE

Branch 133, Legion Village Inc.

NOTICE

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Branch 133, Legion Village, Inc. will take place on Friday, November 23, 2018 at 9 a.m. in the Golden Rail Pub at 111 Hibernia Street, Cobourg, Ontario.

All Branch 133 Royal Canadian Legion members in good standing (bring your 2018 membership card) and all tenants of Branch 133, Legion Village, Inc. are eligible to attend.

Agenda

Directors Report
 Financial Statement
 Election of Directors
 Judy Elliott
 Ross Quigley
 Josephine Upton

Ways & Means

Meat Draws



Every Friday @ 5 PM

Every Saturday @ 3 PM

Anyone that is able to help with the draws contact Bob

905-372-3896.

Only 1.5 hours Friday or Saturday.

R.L. Robison

90th Anniversary Branch 133 Party

The branch will be having an anniversary party on Saturday December 1st.

The theme is dressed to the nines, fashion from any era.

More details will follow on poster information on the boards.

Anniversary committee



Ladies Auxiliary

Friday Pub Lunches

11:30am-1:00pm

\$8.00



November 9 –Meat

Pies with Potatoe

Wedges

November 23-Baked

Ziti with Garlic Bread

Save the Dates:

Friday November 16 @

5:30 **Lasagna Dinner**

Ground Beef **Meat Pies** orders.

Loonie Loonie Dart

Tournament to raise funds for the Building Fund.

Summer Loonie darts went well. Thank you everyone for coming out. Starting in September when Legion hours are back to normal and the summer break is over we will have Loonie darts every second Sunday when time permits.

A dollar to play and a dollar for the Building Fund. Registration at noon, play starts at 1.

For more information contact Rod Ingersoll 416-618-6266



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Missile Editor

Hello membership,

Hope you are all enjoyed your summer. Thank you to all those whom submitted articles, pictures & reports by the 25th of each month to normaleemitchell@hotmail.com.

Your submissions keep our readers interested in the publication. Please continue to share your news, events etc. All submissions require contact information whereas you may be needed to be contacted.

Normalee Teskey-

Missile Editor-Branch #133



These large concrete structures in the parking lot are the catch basins for our new Legion/Building's sewer system. The contractor plans to tentatively start work from Albert Street on Wednesday October 31. He will stop at the large gun until after the Remembrance Day ceremonies. Once the ceremonies are completed he will continue with the remaining pipe across Orr street.

Submitted by I. Milne

“When we have provided against cold, hunger and thirst, all the rest is but vanity and excess.”
-Seneca

Over 55 Club

A great turnout at our Thanksgiving luncheon with 61 in attendance.

We now have over 100 members, so get your name on the lunch list early by calling Jenny at 905-373-0926. Our November meeting and lunch is on Wednesday the 21st. It might also be a good time to get on the list for our Christmas party which is Friday December 7th.

Bingo will be held after the November meeting at the cost \$5 per person.

Coming on Mondays for darts, please make sure you are registered by 12:45.

If you know of a member that is ill at home or in the hospital please make sure you notify Iris 905-269-0489.

We have many new members please invite them to your table for lunch to make them feel welcome and get to know them.

Respectfully,

Josephine 289-251-3478

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The Loss of HMCS Skeena , October 24-25 1944, Videy Island Iceland

In late October 1944, HMCS Skeena was tasked, along with other ships of the RCN, to patrol the area between Iceland and the Faroe Islands. After battling a severe North Atlantic storm for 3 days, where the seas were reported to be higher than the ship, the fleet was ordered to seek refuge with in the harbour of Reykjavik.

It was close to midnight on the evening of October 24, 1944, HMCS Skeena anchored off the coast of Videy Island within a nautical mile of the main shore line of the capital city of Reykjavik. Due to the volcanic geography of Iceland, the sea bottom with in the harbour and around Videy Island is covered with volcanic sand and ash and was known to have poor anchoring abilities, hence the captain of the ship ordered steam to be keep on the boilers, extra lookouts posted, and orders with the engine room be to on the ready to receive engine orders.

Just after midnight a snow squall engulfed the ship, reducing and visibility of any lights impossible. Having lost any means of taking bearings, the ship basically lost her position. At the same time, due to the worsening storm conditions, and without any indication, the ship started dragging her anchor.

With waves crashing over her deck, the ship's stern was pushed against the rocky coast. With a thunderous crash that was felt throughout the ship, crew immediately knew the ship was being pushed hard aground. Orders were quickly given; full all ahead, however by this point, the ships propellers were damaged, making use of her propellers impossible.

Further wave action caused the ship to broach on her starboard side where the ship started to break up on the rocky coast. Fearful that the ship was rolling over, and with shore only a few hundred meters away, the order to prepare to abandon ship was given. In the confusion and with the sound of the waves and the wind, making all verbal communication almost impossible, some crew members mistook the orders and started to leave the ship. In attempts to save their lives, with shore only a few hundred meters away, crew members took to the water with floats and life rafts. They were immediately blown away into the darkness between the ship and the island. Realizing the attempt to leave the ship was impossible the order was given to stay aboard and pray for the best. Throughout the night, with waves crashing over the ship and the ship rocking back and forth, men feared for their lives.

In the morning the storm had subdued, and a rescue attempt was made. Lines were secured ashore and the remaining men were rafted to the island. They then had to walk, wet and covered in oil, across to the other side of the island where amphibious landing craft picked up the men and took the survivors to the US Army Hospital in Reykjavik.

The result was 15 crew members either drowned or froze to death in the icy waters or on the shores of Videy Island. A few days later, a funeral service was held for 14 sailors who are now buried in Reykjavik, the 15th crew member was never found.

October 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the loss of HMCS Skeena. The local sea cadet corps is named after this ship, and it is the wish of the cadets of RCSCC Skeena to attend services in Iceland next year to commemorate the loss of their ship. To learn more about their fundraising campaign, follow them on Facebook at "Skeena Iceland" or email at skeenaiceland@gmail.com to learn more.

Next month, the story of the missing sailor...is he still missing or was it a mistake in identity?

In Comradeship

Lt(N) Christopher R. Barker, CD*

RCSCC Skeena

Did You Know?

POPPIES ON THE OLD BATTLEFIELDS

Nowadays poppies still flower on the old 1914-1918 battlefields of northern France and Belgium. Due to the nature of farming today the poppies blooming in the battlefield areas tend to be found in small clusters on the edges of fields and roads.

Source: <http://www.greatwar.co.uk/article/remembrance-poppy.htm>



November 2018

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				1 Poppy Tagging	2 Poppy Tagging Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	3 Poppy Tagging Meat Roll 3 PM
4 Cobourg Youth Darts (10am-12)	5 LA General Meeting Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts	6	7 Ladies Darts Women in Correction	8 Br Exec Meeting Moonshot Euchre	9 Pub Lunch Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	10 Meat Roll 3 PM Carlo Del Junco Show
11 Remembrance Day 	12	13	14	15 Branch Meeting	16 Meat Roll 5 PM LA Fundraiser Dinner Friday Night Darts	17 Meat Roll 3 PM B Raffly
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