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President's Report

Where has the summer gone? It always flies by so quickly. For us, this month, we were able to take a trip to BC to visit our daughter, and our son was also able to fly out and spend a few days. Unfortunately, we all live far apart, so we treasure the times we do get together. Family, whether immediate or close family or friends, is very important to have and to hold onto. And the Royal Canadian Legion is a vital part of any community to network and make new friends, rekindle older friendships. Sometimes a change of lifestyle brings us to the legion, but whoever we see come through our doors, let's welcome them with a smile. They may be looking to start new 'family' friendships.

We are still in need of volunteers for BINGO. We sell the gaming cards, and in return we get a portion of the monies raised. Very easy work, just a late night which does go by quite quickly, so please take a look at the schedule on the notice board or come and speak with me if you would like more information. Our Bingo session for September is Sunday September 1st, 7 and 9pm. Gather your friends and come on out for a fun night, and maybe go home with a Bonus while supporting BR.133 and local charities.

We are always looking for Volunteers. Unfortunately, Kevin, our ways and means chair has had to take a leave of absence for health reasons, so we are looking for a replacement. Not all volunteer positions are seats on the executive. Many can be filled by members of the Branch.

Want to know more? Ask any of the Executive members or myself how YOU can help at the Branch.

Legion week runs from Sunday 15th to Saturday 21st. Bring your friends and show them what the Legion has to offer. Remember, members can sign in up to 6 guests for a recommended 3 times. If they keep coming back, they enjoy what we have to offer, then encourage them to join and then they can come to the branch anytime and sign in their guests.

Let's all grow together! On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, Myself and a Veteran Service officer representative will be hosting a coffee morning at 10am. Come on by for a chat, or just a coffee with your friends.

We would love to see you!
Janet Kyle - Branch President



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Membership report

Hello members, the early bird will start September 1st for 2025 dues paid between September and the end of November get a chance at winning dues paid for 2026.

We have put together a group of members who will be on duty Fridays and Saturdays when the meat draw is on to collect dues. This should free up time at the bar.

The office will be open Monday & Thursday for any member's needs, 10am to 2pm, however if the door is open at any time, you are welcome to drop in.

At the Bar there are still lots of cards and stickers to be picked up please drop in and pick yours up, paying your dues is great but we would like to see you.

We will be having an Honors and Awards presentation hopefully in October.

I still have some seats left on the bus trip to Havelock & Norwood on Sept.14th to start off Legion Week. Information is posted at the branch or call 289-251-3478. ** Please note if this event is not supported, it will no longer be offered******

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine & the membership team



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Fallen Heroes: Their Journey Home

September 11th, 2024, Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: The Rainbow Cinema

1111 Elgin St W, Cobourg, ON

Ticket Price: \$25.00 General Public. \$17.50 Military, Family, Veterans, Children under 15 and Seniors

FOR TICKETS CLICK HERE: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/991062162607?aff=oddtcreator>

Fallen Heroes is a powerful documentary about the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan. This film touches upon some key battles, highlights the war's impact on Canadians, and is a tribute to the courage and bravery of our men and women in uniform.

BACKGROUNDER: More than 40,000 Canadian Armed Forces members served in Afghanistan over the 14-year campaign. Very few Canadians understand why we were in Afghanistan and why it was important, yet it was Canada's longest war. Fallen Heroes is the template for a 10-part documentary series on the war in Afghanistan preserving this little-known history for future generations.

Afghanistan was the most significant operation for the Canadian Armed Forces in two generations. The war in Afghanistan put Canada in the center of the global map. Along with our NATO partners, we were commanding combat operations in Kandahar, ships in the Persian Gulf, and, unprecedented for Canada, we had Generals in command of all NATO forces.

It was an unusual time in Canadian history where both governing and opposition parties were working in concert in support of the war. All political obstacles and red tape were lifted to equip our soldiers in the field as effectively as possible. For an extended period of 5 years, Canada alone was responsible for security in the most volatile region of the country where we were punching far above our weight. We had an important seat at the table and gained an immeasurable amount of respect from other NATO nations. Our efforts were second only to the United States. Although certainly, the British contribution was as significant, proportionately Canada lost more soldiers than Britain and we were better equipped. Canada was the only country with tanks in the field, our pilots were the most daring, our snipers the best in the world, our infantry incredibly courageous and kinetic. And, uniquely Canadian, our soldiers brought their values into the field. Our soldiers were intuitively sensitive to the needs of the people and in Afghanistan they made lifelong friends with their Afghan partners. In many cases our soldiers would read the Koran ahead of their deployment in order to better understand the people they were going over to help.

Canada lost 159 soldiers and 4 civilians in Afghanistan. Three times that number came home with physical wounds and countless more with moral and stress injuries. Over 200 Canadian soldiers have committed suicide since their return home from the war.



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Padre



So, I guess my first CRUISE was in 1958 which actually was my voyage from Liverpool England to Montreal, a seven-day ocean voyage. It wasn't a CRUISE as we think of a CRUISE today, it was simply how one got here. For an eighteen-year-old it was quite an adventure.

So, my/our (yeah, I have a wife now) first real CRUISE was on the **Ss Carla Costa**, in 1989 which was to celebrate our (Pam and moi) Twenty fifth wedding anniversary. That CRUISE took us to some Caribbean islands. Then in 2018 we boarded the MS **Nieuw Amsterdam**, for a seven-day Vancouver to Alaska and back to Vancouver CRUISE. Oh Yes, in 2019 we boarded the **MS Eurodam**, again in Vancouver. This Time a fifteen-day CRUISE to ... wait for it...**Hawaii**.

Why do I tell you all this? Well, our deadline date for getting this month's article is close to our upcoming CRUISE. This one on the **MS VOLLENDAM**. Boarding at Montreal and doing the east coast and Newfoundland ending in Boston.

Where did the years go? This CRUISE is to celebrate our **sixtieth wedding anniversary (June 27, 2024)**. 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻 🎁

Again, why do I tell you all this? It is because I want to invite you to CRUISE down to the Legion new ship 133b Orr St. and enjoy the many good experiences on board there.

The **EMPRESS OF FRANCE** is no longer. On Monday 19th December 1960 she left Liverpool under her own steam for Newport, Monmouthshire, where she was broken up by John Cashmore & Sons. The Carla Costa: This vessel was scrapped after a major fire on March 23, 1994. The old Legion ship 145 Orr Street is no more. It was where the parking lot is now. These and the existing ships are places where wonderful memories have been and will be made. CRUISE on down to the branch and make some more.

See you on board.

Chaplain Art 🇺🇸



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SGT AT ARMS REPORT August 27th, 2024

August has seen no Colour Party activity, but we did attend Officer Training at Uxbridge Legion on Saturday August 10.

Our next big event for the Colour Party will be the Drumhead Service in Bewdley on the 22nd of September. More to follow.

Our Colour Party is looking for new members to carry on this tradition. If you are interested - contact Ian Kyle, our Sgt at Arms and you will be welcomed. As long as you can walk and breathe, we can give you the instructions to be a member of our merry band.

The Colour Party is an icon of our Legion. At any General meeting at a branch or parade we are always front and center. Sadly, our numbers have declined this year. Part of people's hesitation is the cost of the Legion uniform. Blazers and Grey flannels can be found at most thrift stores. There is usually a blazer etc., that has been donated on the coat racks. The berets, badges, ties, and buttons can be purchased from our kit shop. Come and help make a difference.

Yours in Comradeship

Ian Kyle, Sgt at Arms



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55 & over club:

Are you looking for something to fill your time? Why not join our 55 and over cup?

- We are a club that meets every month for lunch.
- After lunch we go on bus trips
- On the third Wednesday we have bingo.
- We have speakers in June we have a speaker from Ed's house which was very informative.
- We have darts every Monday.
- We are always looking for ideas.

This is a very friendly club so why not give it a try. Our membership is \$15 for the for the year. Our lunch is \$20 every month.

President Eddie Lean, 905-372-6287. Membership chair slash lunch coordinator, 905-373-0926.



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Ways and Means Report – August



Loonie Draw

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Loonie Draw. Held Saturdays at 4pm.
 For more info reach out to Janet at 905-372-2231

Date	Money In	Winner	Amount
Carried Forward	\$2280.00		
Aug 3	\$190.00	Josephine Upton	\$1235.00
Aug 10	\$125.00	Michelle Wright	\$87.50
Aug 17	\$102.00		
Aug 24	\$108.00		
Aug 31	\$101	Bonnie Bender	\$180.50



Meat Draw

We are looking for members to help with the meat draw. There is an info/training session on Wednesday September 4th at 4:30. If you can't make this, but want to help, please ask when the next one will be as it will be soon. Please contact Janet 905-372-2231

This month we donated a cheque for \$2500.00 to Ed's House Northumberland. Beyond funding that Ed's house receives, it costs approximately \$280.00 extra a day for a stay, so this donation will certainly help. Thank you to you, the members from the meat draw participation that we can help the community in this way.

Date	Amount in	Meat Expense	Balance
Aug 2	\$817.00	\$918.8	\$-101.80
Aug 3	\$473.75		\$ 371.95
Aug 9	\$819	\$892.69	\$ 298.26
Aug 10	\$853		\$1151.26
Aug 16	\$734.25	\$881.3	\$1004.21
Aug 17	\$712		\$1716.21
Aug 23	\$892.4	\$881.3	\$1727.31
Aug 24	\$547		\$2274.31
Aug 30	\$935	\$999.83	\$2209.48
Aug 31	\$833		\$3042.48



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Club Room Bar Hours

- **Monday and Tuesday: CLOSED,**
- **Wednesday and Thursday-11:00am - 6:00pm**
- **Friday: 11:00am - 8:00pm,**
- **Saturday: 11:00am - 6:00pm,**
- **Sunday 12:00pm - 5:00pm**

As of September 9th, the Club will be open 7 days a week.

As of September 15th – Regular hours:

- **Monday: 11:00 to 10:00**
- **Tuesday: 11:00 to 6:00**
- **Wednesday: 11:00 to 10:00**
- **Thursday: 11:00 to 7:00**
- **Friday: 11:00 to 11:00**
- **Saturday: 11: to 8:00**
- **Sunday: 11:00 to 5:00**





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Entertainment Report

September

To kick off Legion week, we are heading out on a bus trip on September 14th. There are still a few spaces left. \$50.00

Sunday 15th wine, cider and charcuterie. Wine and Cider tasting. \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. 2-4pm

Tuesday 17th is a BBQ lunch and salad, sausage or burger, salad and dessert. \$8.00

There may be something on Friday afternoon...stay posted for that.

Saturday 21st 4:30 Steak BBQ, Baked potatoes, sides, Salad and Desert \$20.00

Friday 27th 5pm is our Ham and Turkey draw Ana again on Saturday 28th at 3pm

Yes, Trivia is starting up again on October 2nd. Wednesday nights 7pm start. We are also looking at monthly trivia on an afternoon. Stay tuned!

October 19th is our Honours and Awards 1:30pm

Starting Tuesday September 17th, we will be having a Veteran's coffee morning at 10am. Moving forward, they will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10am. The President and Veteran Service Officer will be available to answer any questions. You do not have to be a member to attend this event. But if you know of a Veteran, Veteran spouse, widow or widower, that needs assistance with home maintenance, medical assistance, forms, claims, please let them know about the Coffee mornings, and the assistance available, or maybe you just want to come and have a chat and some company.

If you have suggestions for events, please let us know. You can call the office at 905-372-2231, email office@cobourglegion.ca or fill in a slip and pop it in our suggestion box at the branch.



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Ladies Auxiliary September 2024 Missile Report

Hello Comrades,

Well that summer certainly zoomed by and I am hopeful for a pleasant and warm fall.

The Ladies Auxiliary served up Quarter Chicken Dinners on July 10 & August 7 & Ham Dinners on July 24.

The client participating was low and therefore the August 21 dinner was cancelled.

We are now gearing up for the Legion week activities starting September 15-21 and will be assisting the Branch. Drop by the Legion to find the list of events happening.

Zone F2 Drumhead Service will be held in Bewdley on September 22 at the Bewdley Branch 577 @1 PM, if interested in attending.

The LA are looking to members to participate in "Honors & Awards" committee for nominations and selection of individuals for various awards. If interested, please reach out to an Executive member.

Upcoming events are LA Craft Sale scheduled for November 16. The LA have 3 tables reserved (2 for baked goods & 1 for homemade crafts). Your donated goods for this event is most appreciated. Please let your personal contacts be aware of the sale and cost of table rental is \$50.00 for 1 table or 2 for \$75.00.

September 2024 Events ---

7-Ladies Auxiliary Provincial Euchre Tournament (Convenor-Jan Richardson)

8- 65th Anniversary Party 1:00-4:00PM (Convenor-Diane McPhee)

13-Lawn Bowling Dinner 6:30PM (Convenor-Marion Switzer)

13-Visually Blind 2:30PM-4:00PM (Convenor-Judy Elliott)

17-Power Workers Union Luncheon (Convenor-Michelle Mallory)

18-Over 55 Luncheon 12:00-2:00PM (Convenor-Normalee Teskey)

21-Legion Week Steak Dinner (Convenor-Pat Griffin)

26-Access General Meeting 3:00PM-6:00PM (Convenor-Jan Bradford)

27-Ostomy Support 1:00PM-3:00PM (Convenor-Nancy Turpin)

30-MS Meeting 9:00AM (Convenor-Aldene Cooper)

Please reach out to the above mentioned convenors to assist on those dates. We do appreciate you getting in touch to assist.

Upcoming Events Notice

General Meeting Tuesday **September 3 @ 7:00PM**

Euchre tournament hosted by Cobourg **September 7th**.

Craft Sale Saturday, **November 16th**.

In Comradeship

Normalee Teskey- President of Ladies Auxiliary, RCL Br # 133 Cobourg