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President's Report

As we approach November 11th and Remembrance Day, let us all reflect on what Remembrance day means to you. Yes, I am younger and do not have parents who fought in the war, but my Great grandfather was and fought in Dieppe. My grandparents were farmers and exempt from going to war, as they grew the food to feed the soldiers, but also as we/they lived in the Southwest of England, away from London and the bombings, my grandparents took in evacuee children to give them safe haven. As I became an adult and married into the military, I became more aware of the understandings of war, as my husband was sent to different countries to do his job as a soldier, and then our son following suit and also a veteran. I thank all those who have served, for their sacrifice whether serving near or far, in war or in peace, because of them I am able to live in such a free country called Canada.

On Remembrance Day, all veterans are invited to be in the parade from the Legion to the Cenotaph stepping off at 10am. After the parade, we invite members, family, and friends to come back to the legion for a light lunch and camaraderie.

Yours in Comradeship
Janet Kyle
President



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DECORATING COMMITTEE REPORT October 2024

Due to home renovations and other commitments, I haven't had time to update our memorabilia.

Regardless we have received some unique items including medals and a Hollywood Poster featuring a

Canadian Recruiting theme. This was donated by my friend and our comrade Mr. Todd Cane.

I hope to complete some work on our big display in our clubroom shortly. This will enable us to display

more interesting artifacts. If you donate an item, please leave as much info as possible for me to log it.

Recently a WW2 Medal Group was dropped off with no info. This does a discredit to the Veteran that earned them. Please take a few moments to attach any info.

This is my report.

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Ian Kyle



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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 2024

Again, the entertainment committee has set the standard with several popular events and some new ones.

Trivia started again every Wednesday evening at 19:00 hrs. with our friend and comrade John Lindsay hosting this fun event. We are also hosting Sunday trivia for members who can't or don't prefer the evening event.

On Friday October 4th we hosted our first fish and ships event with our chef, Jennnifer Robison and our group of volunteers serving up an excellent meal. Many positive comments were passed on and we are looking forward to our next monthly Fish and Chips on Friday 8th of November.

The President is hosting Veterans Coffee mornings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning at 10:00 hrs. The Veterans Service Officer will also be present if anyone has any questions. This includes widows, spouses or veterans who are not Legion members. Come out for some banter and a cup of coffee.

On Saturday 26 October the Branch held a Halloween Party in the clubroom. A spaghetti dinner was served and there were prizes for costumes and some Halloween trivia. A great evening was enjoyed by all. The events would be even better if our members stopped leaving by the masse at 7 pm considering the work our committee puts in on your behalf. Stay for the extra hour and support the Branch.

Another event that has been going on is Hometown Bingo. A very small group of volunteers work at Hometown Bingo a couple shifts a month. The money is split with the branch which we desperately need. For a large membership of over 800 members, we could sorely use some help. Training is provided and it is money to help the Branch pay our bills.

Joanne French has recently joined the committee, (she's also our Public Relations Officer) come out and help Joanne and me make Cobourg Legion THE place to be!

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Ian Kyle (Entertainment Chair)



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Ladies Auxiliary November 2024 Missile Report

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The LA Craft Sale is November 16. Your crafts and baked donated goods for which may be dropped off Friday, November 15 between 5-7PM with Judy Elliott.

The LA are holding a cheese fundraiser with orders in by November 15 and pick up November 29. The order forms will be available at the November general meeting, posted at the Branch and at the Craft Sale, your support is appreciated.

Early Bird membership is due for your name to be entered into the December draw.

The LA Christmas Party, a luncheon has been scheduled for Saturday, December 14 and tickets will soon be available.



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Ladies Auxiliary November 2024 Missile Report – (continued)

November 2024 Events ---

- 1 & 2-**Poppy Tagging, Dispatch & Kitchen Coverage-Executives
- 11-**Remembrance Day Parade (Convenor-Judy Elliott)
- 11-**Remembrance Day Dinner (Convenor-Janet Richardson)
- 14-**Visually Impaired (Convenor-Marion Switzer)
- 20-**Over 55 Luncheon (Convenor-Judy Elliott)
- 22-**Visually Impaired Christmas Party (Convenor-Diane MacPhee)
- 23-**Branch Zone Darts (Convenor-Pat Griffin)
- 28-**Town of Cobourg Social Committee Christmas Party (Convenor-Marion Switzer)
- 29-**Ostomy Group- (Convenor-Aldene Cooper)
- 29-**Chemo E Col Dinner (Convenor-Nancy Turpin)
- 30-**Post Consumer Brands Christmas Party (Convenor-Michelle Mallory)

Please reach out to the above-mentioned convenors or sign up at the General meeting to assist on those dates. We do appreciate you getting in touch to assist.

Upcoming Events Notice

- General Meeting November 4 @ 7:00PM
- Craft Sale Saturday, November 16.
- LA Christmas Party, December 14.

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

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Membership report –

ON OCTOBER 19th WE PRESENTED MEMBERS WITH THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE PINS THIS EVENT WAS PLANNED TO DO CATCH UP FOR 2023 AND 2024. WE GAVE OUT 67 PINS 3 PAST OFFICERS MEDALS AND BARS, CONGRATULATIONS TO ORDINARY MEMBER JIM KEELER ON REACHING A MILESTONE WITH 70 YEARS OF SERVICE TO BRANCH 133. LEGIONAIRE OF THE YEAR WAS PRESENTED TO COMRADE IAN KYLE BY OUR ZONE COMMANDER JOHN GROZZEL.

IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE AFTER OCTOBER 27 AND WE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET YOU YOUR PIN. IF YOU GOT MISSED LET ME KNOW WE HAD A HARD TIME REACHING MEMBERS SOME DON'T HAVE A PHONE NUMBER ON FILE OR AN E-MAIL ADDRESS. I HAVE LEFT FORMS AT THE BAR FOR ANY UPDATE OF INFORMATION YOU NEED TO GIVE US.

EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN IS ON UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER; DUES CAN BE PAID AT THE BAR I HAVE MEMBERS COVERING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MEAT ROLLS SO LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GET THEM PAID. IF YOU PAID YOUR DUES ONLINE YOUR STICKER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE OFFICE RECEIVES THE INFORMATION FROM COMMAND.

THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE WAS CLOSED FROM TUESDAY October 22 UNTIL MONDAY OCT 28
HRS 12- 3PM

RESPECTFULLY, THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



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October 2024.

On Monday September 23rd. we had another fun filled afternoon of darts. The 50/50 draw was won by Derek of \$38.00. The highest score of all three games was won by Bill with a score of 102. There was quite a competition going on for the highest score, but Bill pulled through.

Congratulations Bill!

On Monday September 30th we had another fun afternoon of darts. The 50/50 draw was won by Rick of \$34.00. The highest score of all three games was won by Mary S of 112. Great job Mary!

On Monday October 7th was another wonderful day of darts. The 50/50 was won by Mary S of \$32.00. The highest score of all three games was won by Rick with a score of 125. Good job Rick! We had a new member of the 55 club join us today at darts. Ken MacLeod-Beaver. Welcome to the club.

No darts on October 14th due to Thanksgiving and the Legion was closed.

Our Over 55 luncheon was held on October 16th at noon. The Ladies Auxiliary did it again by serving us a delicious meal of baked Mac and cheese with garlic bread, cabbage salad and to finish off we had a delicious slice of pumpkin pie with whip topping or apple pie with cheese. And of course, tea or coffee. Then we had our meeting followed by some fun games of bingo. Our 50/50 draw was won by Paul of \$42.00 and the door prize was won by Deb with \$25.00. We also celebrated seven birthdays for the month of October. Each person who attended our lunch received a cupcake for their special day.

If you are over 55 and interested in joining us for a few hours on Monday afternoons, we still have 5 spots open, please come by. Games start at 1pm, \$2.00 for 3 games. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.



Communication Officer: Judy Turk



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Padre



We live in a part of the world where four seasons are experienced each year. (not the vocal band of the 60s) although we enjoyed them too. Do you find that as we get older, the seasons go by so much faster?

Already, as you read this, we will be well into November_ again.

Not only will we be halfway through Fall, but we likely will be gearing up for Christmas and other holidays.

As well as climate seasons, there are seasons of time. Recently in October, we gathered around bountiful laden tables with family and celebrated Thanksgiving. According to "The encyclopedia internet". "The first Canadian Thanksgiving was reportedly hosted in 1578 by the English explorer Martin Frobisher in what is now Newfoundland."

The reason for celebration was to thank God for safe arrival in the new world.

Later in the 19th century the focus of thanksgiving was gratitude to God, for bountiful harvest.

As we move into November, we enter a time and season of remembering. We maintain the attitude of thankfulness, for our freedom, earned by our veterans who served and are serving. LEST WE FORGET. There are many year-round opportunities provided by your legion branch. Give some thought to what you can do to support the branch.

Be well.



Chaplain Art



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This year's poppy campaign started Friday, October 25th. **Thanks to all the volunteers who showed their support!** There are still some days to fill.

The tagging boards will be up in the clubroom for tagging days (Oct 31st, Nov 1st and 2nd) please remember to sign up all we ask for is one hour of your time. We will also be looking for several volunteers for other jobs. If you are interested, please reach out. Below is a list of some of the things we will need help with.

Poppy Volunteer Jobs

- Poppy Box route drivers
- Tagging day helpers
- Money counters
- Nov 11th Helpers
- Wreath sorters

Please watch our social media and chimp mail for more information in the coming weeks.

Jennifer Robison

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Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drums

Missile Missive

October 23, 2024

November is always the most important month of the year for the Pipes and Drums of the Legion. It is the month in which we join with the nation and its citizens to recognize our veterans, and serving members of our Armed Forces. These are sacred opportunities which we embrace. The first such appearance-in-support is on Sunday, November 10, for the Alderville First Nation Remembrance Day Service, starting at 1:00pm at the Alderville First Nation Cenotaph. Unveiled in 1927, the first of its kind in Canada to recognize the services of indigenous peoples in the First World War, the Cenotaph continues to be not only a symbol of those sacrifices, but also an active site of recognition of those from the Alderville community who also served in WWII, Korea and Viet Nam.

November 11 and the band will parade with Legion members through the town, arriving at the Cobourg Cenotaph for the 11am Remembrance Day Service. The Cobourg Cenotaph was first unveiled in November 1924, by Effie Bolster, a Cobourg nurse who served overseas during WWI. The monument was rebuilt in 1990 and stands as a proud symbol of the recognition of Cobourg area service women and men, who served their country in the Second Boer War, WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Viet Nam, Afghanistan, and in Peacekeeping duties. Your Pipes and Drums are proud to represent the Cobourg Legion on this very important day. Following the service, we will again this year carry the message of Remembrance to several area schools and long-term care facilities.

The balance of the month of November will be taken up with Christmas Parades in a number of area towns - Brighton, evening of Nov. 15, Newcastle, late afternoon of Nov. 17, Colborne, evening of Nov. 23, Frankford, afternoon of Nov. 30, and concluding with Cobourg on the evening of the same day. Challenging though it is to play the pipes and drums during this time of year, we are also committed to bringing the joy of our music to our community.

Ian McFarlane



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Sports October report

Sports are starting up again please watch the sports board for signup sheets. All sheets will be taken down 2 weeks before the event. Anyone playing must have 2025 dues paid in full and be able to play in all rounds. The branch helps cover costs for these events below is a breakdown of what we pay.

Zone - Half the entry fee

District - Entry fee

Provincial - Entry fee and \$150 per 2 players toward one night hotel accommodation depending on where the tournament is being held.

Playing in legion sports is a great way to meet new people and if you win a round out branch will get to host the next year.

Jen Robison



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Toonie Darts

No change from last month just 3 more days to play! 😊

If you would like something to do every other Sunday at 1:00 please come join us. Only \$2.00 for a fun filled afternoon.

Dates:

- Sept.29.
- Oct. 13.
- Oct. 27.
- **Nov.10.**
- **Nov. 24.**
- **Dec 8.**

More games to follow Christmas....



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Ways and Means Report – October

Loonie Draw

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Loonie Draw. It is held on Saturdays at 4pm.

For more info, reach out to Janet at 905-372-2231

At the General Meeting it was voted on and passed that the Loonie draw will be increasing to a Toonie Draw. This will take effect once the current license expires around the end of November. This will mean the Pot will grow much faster! Remember that when you purchase your ticket at the Bar, you must put your name as on your membership card and your phone number.

Date	Money in	Winner	Balance



Meat Draw

Did you miss the last training session but want to help, please ask when the next one will be. Contact Janet 905-372-2231

Amount in	Meat Expense	Profit

Do you enjoy the meat draw? We are always looking for volunteers, I will hold another info session soon, so keep your eyes and ears open for a date and time.

Janet Kyle



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Club Room Bar Hours

As of September 15th – Regular hours:

- Monday: 12:00 to 10:00
- Tuesday: 12:00 to 6:00
- Wednesday: 12:00 to 10:00
- Thursday: 12:00 to 6:00
- Friday: 11:00 to 11:00
- Saturday: 1:00 to 6:00
- Sunday: 12:00 to 5:00

Don't forget while you're enjoying the clubroom, to also enjoy some snacks, play the always popular Nevada tickets and tip our own hard-working Buddha and sweet Grace! AND pop

those can pop tops for the wheelchair fund! 😊





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Volunteers needed

The Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary is a volunteer-based organization. We do not have paid employees except for our custodian and bar staff.

I would like to thank those that have come forward recently to volunteer their time with fundraising, membership and meals.

But...we still need more volunteers.

We are looking for a Building/Property Handyperson

Decorating committee (memorabilia)

Entertainment committee (Branch Events)

Safety and First Aid inspections

Bingo, (helping sell Bingo cards at the Bingo Hall) Very easy!!

Friday night meals – serving and cleaning up

Decorating committee for Christmas decorations.

Clubroom events

Bar Inventory

Branch Inventory

Are you interested in helping to shape the future of Branch 133 Cobourg Legion? We have 4 vacant positions on our executive committee. You are a voice for the members of our Branch. We have a membership of over 950 members, but so few volunteers. Maybe you have a specific area in which you would like to volunteer, any of the above, musician, secretarial, finance, or just want to lend a helping hand. Please speak with myself or any of the Executive members, and we can add you to our volunteer base to use in rotation.

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President