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**President's Report - December 2024**

Thank you to all legion members who upheld their promise to support the poppy campaign. On the flip side, I was sad to see we did not fill our boards and with a membership as large as ours, it should not have been a problem. Hopefully next year will yield more volunteers.

Remembrance week we opened the Cougars hockey game along with representation of the Ladies Auxiliary on the ice and the puck being dropped, in honor of Remembrance week, we took part in the Legion Village Remembrance Service which was very well attended.

Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> was the Alderville First Nations Remembrance service, followed by a great lunch in the community hall.

Remembrance Day was very special to walk along King Street and see all the banners hung in memory of our veterans. A huge turnout at the cenotaph and then returning to the legion with lunch provided by the L.A. The Remembrance dinner was a full house and very well received, with many compliments, again big thanks to LA for the dinner. Also, at dinner, The L.A. presented a cheque for \$9000.00 to the branch.

A Life membership was presented to our very own Chaplain Art King.

November 8<sup>th</sup>, our fish and chips dinner was a sell out at 120 happy people served, we could have sold more. Next one is December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed new members to the Branch and stepping up to fill volunteer positions.

And here we are into December. Keep on reading the Missile, and see what is happening in December and the New Year, follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RCL133Cobourg/> and check out our website <https://cobourglegion.ca/>

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to wish you all a very Happy and safe Holiday Season.

As we close out the year, I was saddened to notice the past couple of general meetings have been very poorly attended. When we have over 900 members and only have a handful of members present. This is Your Legion and Your Branch, without the approval of the members, the executive is unable to manage the Branch business. We follow the members' directions, yes, that is you! So come to the meetings, find out what is going on and what is happening at the branch and the Legion.

Yours in Comradeship

Janet Kyle

President



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## **DECORATING COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2024**

Prior to Remembrance Day we changed and added a few items to our big display in the clubroom. One of the items is a donation from Comrade Todd Kane. Todd purchased and donated a Hollywood Poster about Canadians in WW1. Thank you, Todd.

A number of other items, big and small, are also being donated, badges, photos etc. The challenge is finding a place to display them due to the clubroom layout. We are constantly looking for ways to display items.

I have loaned and donated a number of items from my collection to flesh things out. Items we are interested in equipment, helmets, older uniforms, (No DEUs) etc.

If you donate an item and I'm not available, please leave as much info as possible and who donated what as everything is logged and accounted for.

This is my report.

Ian Kyle Decorating Committee



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#### ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2024

A number of activities have been happening this month. On Friday 8 November the Branch again hosted a Fish and Chips meal with over 120 tickets being sold. This has been a great success thanks to Comrade Jennifer Robison and our volunteers.

As per normal our Meat Draws are held every Friday at 5 pm and on Saturdays at 3 pm.

Every Wednesday evening at 7 pm the branch hosts our weekly Trivia run by our friend John Lindsay. A well attended and fun evening.

On Sunday 24 November from 1 – 4 pm the Branch hosted a Beer tasting event. There was an excellent Charcuterie board (courtesy of Jennifer Robison) and entertainment by Ryan Scott from Cobourg. A fun afternoon with sampling of some new products.

On Saturday November 30 come out and support our Band and Colour Party at the Christmas Parade.

A few members of the Branch, and I mean a few have been working at Hometown Bingo selling tickets etc. This is a fund raiser for the branch which we sorely need. We need more help and if it's not forthcoming it will end,

Come out and Support our Branch.

This Is my report.

Ian Kyle (Entertainment Chair)



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## Ladies Auxiliary December 2024 Missile Report

Our November had been busy with the Poppy Campaign, Remembrance Day parades and services along with several catering events.

Thank you to all those members who dedicated much of their time volunteering to support our veterans, service & 1st Responders members. It is most appreciated.

I, Aldene Cooper & Janet Richardson were present at the Veterans Remembrance opening at the Cobourg Cougars game on November 4. I had the honor of dropping the puck and later interviewed, along with other Branch members by a Bell Media company who are highlighting Remembrance and Cobourg Legion. This will be aired in January 2025.

On November 10, the Colour party & I participated in the Alderville First Nation Remembrance Day service, followed by a lovely luncheon.

November 11, the Colour Party and I took part in Remembrance Day parade service and laid a wreath on behalf of Ladies Auxiliary. A warm soup and sandwiches were provided by Ladies Auxiliary for those parading and guests.

The LA Craft Sale on November 16 was very successful. Thank you, Shelly Thompson, for heading up the sale and to all who baked and submitted crafts to support the endeavor.

A Bake Sale is scheduled for December 13 to fundraise for the LA Sports teams. Please bring your baked goods during the day on December 13 after 3PM or if earlier leave on the kitchen counter.

The LA Christmas Party luncheon has been scheduled for Saturday, December 14 and tickets are available via Yolande McKinnon.

On January 18, 2025, a Euchre Tournament is scheduled. Registration at 12:00PM, Play at 1:00PM \$30.00 per team. Contact Michelle Mallory at 905-376-7404 for further information.

### December 2024 Events ---

- 7-Birthday Party- (Convenor- Aldene Cooper)
- 10-Harbour Breeze (Convenor-Judy Elliott)
- 10-Legion Pipe Band (Convenor-Marion Switzer)
- 11-Over 55 Luncheon (Convenor-Michelle Mallory)
- 12-Happy Gang (Convenor-Judy Elliott)
- 12-Access (Convenor-Diane MacPhee)
- 14-LA Christmas Luncheon (Convenor-Jan Bradford)

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.

### Notice for Upcoming Events

1. General Meeting December 2 @ 7:00PM
2. LA Christmas Luncheon Party, December 14
3. Euchre Tournament January 18, 2025

Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous 2025!

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



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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Thanks to all that have paid their dues for 2025 closing date for early bird November 30th. Dominion Command is asking for another \$5. Unfortunately, the Branch is unable to cover this for our members. It was brought to the General Meeting and passed that our dues will increase by \$5.

Command has given us a grace period until Jan.30th/25 to submit dues at 2024 Rate. Please make sure you pick up your sticker or card at the bar and be ready for the New Year. The Sgt. at Arms will be checking cards on January 1st for the Branch levee in the clubroom. No card or sticker bring your receipt.

Big thanks go out to the members who volunteered in the membership office and taking dues on the weekends.

**Please note there will be no general membership meeting in December.**

The membership office will be closed from December 24 until January 2nd. But I will stop in during that time to process any memberships.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE VERY BEST IN THE NEW YEAR

RESPECTFULLY, Josephine & the membership team.



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Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> we had another fun afternoon of darts. High score was made with a score of 106 by George. Fantastic job George! Our winner of the 50/50 was won by Sharon, \$27.00.

Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> was another wonderful day of darts. Lots of laughs with some great people. The 50/50 draw was won by George, \$36.00 The highest score was won by Harv with a score of 117. Great job Harv.

November 4<sup>th</sup>, another fun afternoon of darts. We also had a couple of birthdays on this day. The 50/50 draw was won by Ken, \$36.00. The highest score was won by two people with a score of 98. Congratulations Doug and Linda L.

No darts on November 11<sup>th</sup> due to Remembrance Day

Derek Cooper and Edith Lean laid a wreath @ the cenotaph on behalf of the Over 55 Club on Remembrance Day

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we had another fun day of darts. The 50/50 draw was won by Gary, \$34.00. The highest score of all three games was won by two people, Ken and Gary of 98. Great job guys.

We have new members that joined to Over 55 club, Gary Turk, Ken and Francine Nesbitt. Welcome to the club.

If you are over 55 and interested in joining us for a few hours on Monday afternoon's, we have spots open, please come by. Games start at 1:00pm, \$2.00 for 3 games.

Our Over 55 luncheon was held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. We get together every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the banquet hall at the Legion. We had beef on a bun with gravy, carrots, and a salad. Butterscotch or chocolate pudding for dessert, and of course tea or coffee all served by the Ladies Auxiliary. It was delicious. Then we had our meeting followed by fun games of bingo. Our winner of the 50/50 draw was won by Art, \$45.00. We also have a door prize, and the winner was Marg, \$25.00. We also celebrated 5 birthdays for the month of November. Each person who attended received a cupcake for their special day. Next luncheon will be December 11<sup>th</sup>, Turkey with all the trimmings.

If all of this sounds like something you would be interested in, our membership is only \$20 for the full year. Our lunches only \$15 every month. Come join the fun....

Communication officer: Judy Turk



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Padre November report **written November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH” TODAY, THE 11TH IS A REMINDER - WAVES OF WAR.

Can you recall a time in your life when the world was at peace? Not likely, depending on your age or where you lived, you will know of wars going on! “Conflict took place in every year of the 20th Century; the world was free from the violence caused by war for only very short periods of time. **It has been estimated that 187 million people died as a result of war from 1900 to the now. The actual number is likely far higher.**”

This tradition we commemorate today was originally about Nov 11, 1918, the day the armistice was signed bringing end to WW1, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day on the 11<sup>th</sup> month

This war deprived many of our Grandparents, many of whom perished 1900-1918. During the years between the world wars, there was a Russian civil war which raged from 1917 -1922. An Irish war of independence which was immediately followed by the Irish civil war lasted until 1923. Spanish civil war 1936 -1939

Many of us living today have real life memories of WW2. If you hail from Europe or the UK, your memories are probably quite vivid, our families and those of allied forces were literally decimated.

Then there was.

- ISRAEL- PALESTINE 1948
- KOREA 1950-53
- CYPRUS 1955-59
- SUEZ CANAL 1956
- Vietnam 1955-75
- GULF WAR
- FALKLANDS
- AFGHANISTAN 2001-21

What has humanity learned from all these? Apparently not much, currently we have conflict in;

- LYBYA
- UKRAINE
- ISRAEL.

What is the spiritual component here? Chaplains are included among our armed forces personnel which indicates recognition that there is a spiritual dynamic. Scriptures teach us that when God created the world and humanity, it was very good. Then came the fall and we have struggled ever since. The supreme solution to war, is for humanity to return to God and live in peace together. In the Christian scriptures, there are many references to peace!

**PSALM 85:8:** “I will listen to what God the Lord says, he promises **peace** to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly”.

**MATHEW 5:9:** “Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called children of God”.

**JOHN 14:27:** “**Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.**”.



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**Padre (continued)**

CANADA IS A COUNTRY STEEPED IN CHRISTIAN CULTURE. WE ARE PEOPLE OF PEACE. ...JILL JACKSON 1955 SONG.

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our father

Brothers all are we

Let me walk with my brother

In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now

With every step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment

And live each moment

In peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me.

AMEN

PS: May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the honor bestowed on me of a life membership. Thank you.



Chaplain Art





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## **Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drums - Missile Missive December 2024**

By the time you read this, we will have concluded our 2024 Christmas Parade season, following appearances at five areas: Brighton, Newcastle, Colborne, Frankford and Cobourg. Every year the crowds seem to get larger and more appreciative of the many components of a Santa Claus parade. We enjoy the opportunity to represent our Legion sponsors and spread a little seasonal drumming and piping cheer. We will play next for the Legion at the Branch 133 Legion Levee, New Year's Day.

We are already planning for the CLP&D-hosted Robbie Burns dinner/evening. It will be held at the Branch 133 Cobourg Legion on January 25. Always a great way to get the New Year started, we will offer an enjoyable evening of food, music to listen to, and to dance to, in celebration of this highland hero. Further details and ticket availability to follow.

Our use of the Legion facilities goes well beyond meeting, practicing and preparing for our various community offerings. Of late the Orr St. location has also become a school of music, where Sunday mornings are used to share expertise and knowledge about pipe and drum music with aspirant students. From 10:00am to 11:00am band member instructors teach 12 drumming students and six piping students. This is where it all starts for those interested in acquiring the playing skills and the history of these noble instruments. Giving freely of their time and talents are band members Jim Qualtrough (drums), and pipers PM Mary Ito, Cindy Qualtrough, Jane Ashley, Jane Coates, and Michael Beech. This instructional cadre of members are to be thanked for what their efforts represent to the world of piping and drumming, nothing less than the future of our playing.

Band members are very pleased to welcome James Bruce back into the fold following his annual hiatus to his home in the highlands of Scotland. A piper of long standing, the return of his pipes and his personality are much celebrated. To round out 2024 we will be gathering as a group for our annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 10, at the Legion. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate the past year, the season and each other, fed by a famous Legion ladies prepared dinner.

Thank you.

Ian



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## Poppy Report

### Merry Christmas Comrades

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their help during this year's poppy campaign and Remembrance Day Service. I would like to thank the LA for their meals for poppy tagging days, lunch after the parade and dinner on the 11th. Last but certainly not least I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to all three cadet units for coming out on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> and helped that day:

29 Sea Cadets  
18 Air Cadets  
11 Army Cadets  
Total 58 Cadets

### Staff:

Lt(N) C. Barker  
Lt(N) G. Wallis  
Lt(N) D. Kukavica  
CV L. Doleman  
LCdr J Lilje  
OCdt C. Powels  
SLt. A. DaCunha  
Lt(N) K. DaCunha  
Lt M Slade

And all the parents that drove the cadets to and from their tagging spots. Without the cadet support year after year, we wouldn't have the success we have. I look forward to working with them again next year.

This year's Campaign number this far are as follows:

(Jan 1st, 2024, to date)  
Poppy Sales \$32,197.90  
Wreath Sponsorship \$4,486.50  
Donations \$15, 038.25  
Total \$51, 722.65

Due to the mail strike, receipts are late coming out. If anyone requires their receipt ASAP, please feel free to reach out.

Yours in Comradeship  
Jennifer Robison  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President



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## SGT AT ARMS REPORT NOVEMBER 202

As expected, November has been a very busy time for the Colour Party. The following events have taken place.

Monday 4 November the Colour Party along with the Ladies Auxiliary Colours, our President and the Ladies Auxiliary President attended the Cobourg Cougars Hockey game to start with the puck drop.

Wednesday 6 November I visited the V.O.N. on Darcy Street and chatted with the clients and staff.

Thursday 7 November the Colour Party along with Branch Chaplain, Art King took part in a Remembrance Service at the Golden Plough Lodge.

Friday 8 November The Colour Party and Padre King and Branch President Janet Kyle, attended a well attended service at Legion Village. Always a pleasure.

Sunday 10 November in the morning I attended the Royal Marines Association Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph followed by a Church Service at St Peters.

Immediately after a quick change of Blazers I met the Colour Party along with the Ladies and Bewdley Legion Colours to take part in the Alderville First Nation service. A cold wet day but regardless, the Colour Parties were steadfast on Parade. This is always a very special occasion with our First Nations Vets and friends in Alderville.

Monday 11 November was the big Remembrance Day Service here in Cobourg. With over a hundred people on Parade we marched to the Cenotaph in Victoria Park. Comrade Jay Bevan conducted the service along with Padre King. The Branch Colours and the Ladies Colours were front and center and were impressive in their bearing. We also had 3 Cadets assisting us carrying Colours. Upon the Completion, the Parade marched back to the Legion for some refreshments and camaraderie.

On Sat 30 November our Colour Party will be marching in the Christmas Parade along with our Pipes and Drums.

I am appealing to our 850 plus members to come out and join our Colour Party. Training will be provided and you will be with a fun group of People. Please contact the Sgt at Arms for information.

This is my Report.

Ian Kyle (Sgt at Arms)



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## **Sports Report**

In the month of November, we had 2 teams compete in Snooker with one team going on to compete at District. We also hosted Zone Darts where we had 6 singles, 6 doubles and 3 teams. Moving on to District we have 1 single and 1 team.

Congrats to the following players on moving on to district:

### **Snooker Team**

- D. Tuttle
- Kevin McCarthy
- Hank Tarniowy
- W May

### **Dart Team**

- Karl Tidd
- Blair Brown
- Troy Burgess
- Jeff Lambert

### **Dart Single**

- Blair Brown

Good Luck to all in the next Round.

Jennifer Robison

1<sup>st</sup> Vice- President



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**Toonie Darts**

**No updates to report**



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**Ways and Means Report –**



**Toonie 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 - 905-372-2231

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
End of Oct	\$603.00	\$484.00



**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
\$6808.00	\$4014.52	\$2793.48

Do you enjoy the meat draw? We are always looking for volunteers!

Janet Kyle



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### Club Room Bar 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**





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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:

- 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 me or any of the Executive members, and we can add you to our volunteer base to use in rotation.





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President