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Official Newsletter of Cobourg Legion Br#133

## Presidents Report

Comrades, for those of you who have been at their Cottages and Trailers – welcome back! It's always a sad time to pack up summer but always great to get together again and talk about our summer adventures. As fall kicks in within the branch time goes by so quickly and here, we are into October with all kinds of things happening at the branch to look forward to. Do you want to know what is happening at the Branch? Please read the missile, check our fb page, our website [cobourglegion.ca](http://cobourglegion.ca), or better still, pop into the branch and read the notice boards.

We had our General meeting in September, as always, on the 3rd Thursday of the month and barely had a quorum. This is a members meeting, your meeting, of your legion branch.

The Executive committee give guidance, but motions need approval from the membership and if we don't have that, we can't move forward for events, major repairs, and the running of the Branch.

Please remember, the Executive Committee gives freely of their time as volunteers. None of the Executive are paid, so let's support them. We often hear grumblings and rumours, but if you have an issue with something, speak with the chair of that committee, or come to a General Meeting.

Our next General meeting is Thursday October 18th @ 7:30.  
Bring your membership card as this is a member's only meeting.

Yours in Comradeship  
Janet Kyle

## Club Room Bar Hours:

Monday 12-10  
Tuesday 12-6  
Wednesday 12-10  
Thursday 12-6  
Friday 11-11  
Saturday 12-6  
Sunday 12-5

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## Ladies Auxilliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary have had a busy September with meetings, catering and fund raising and expect the months ahead to be the same. Our Branch & LA Executive had a Joint meeting on September 11' 2025 to discuss various updates & concerns. A Roast Beef dinner on September 21 was well attended. A team prepared Cottage Pie on September 22nd for purchase. The French fry sale on Fridays effective September 17 was a success. A survey of patrons identified that Poutine would be most favourable and therefore effective immediately will be provided until end of October (no French Fry Sale October 3) The Drumhead on Sunday September 28, in Grafton was attended by a few of the LA Executive team.

Early Bird membership is in full swing, bring your card & dues to have your name in the draw for free year dues. Please see/contact Yolande McKinnon.

Zone Single/Double Darts is scheduled for Cobourg on October 4'2025. Wishing all those attending to have a fun day. Our LA will be supplying food/beverages canteen.

The yearly LA Craft & Bake Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, November 15 (10:00AM-4:00PM). Seeking Vendors (1st table \$50.00/2nd \$25.00). Contact Janet Richardson 905-375-8532, email:jayandjanetrichardson@gmail.com for further information.

LA Drop In Darts, Wednesdays effective September 17, 1:00PM is open to all ladies & levels. Membership is not a requirement to play fun darts.

October 2025 Catering Events (Unfortunately our Executive meeting was held September 29, after the due date of the Missile submission due date & therefore only a few catering dates are known for October. Please check the Facebook page for updates.

October 4-LA Darts (Normalee T)

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 5-Baby Shower 2:00-4:00PM   | 10-Blind Group |
| 15-Over 55 Luncheon 12 Noon | 27-MS Group    |
| 30-Ostomy Group             |                |

Please reach out to a convenor or sign up at the General meeting to assist on the dates provided. It is most appreciated when you reach out to assist.

Upcoming Events Notices:

General Meeting: Monday October 6 @ 7:00PM

Executive Meeting: Monday October 27 @ 6:30

Poppy Tagging-November 6,7 & 8

LA Craft Sale-Saturday November 15

LA Christmas Luncheon-Saturday December 20

LA Birthday Dinner-March 14'2026

In Comradeship,

Normalee Teskey- 1st Vice President of Ladies Auxiliary, RCL Br # 133 Cobourg



## Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drums

September began with, what else? the Toronto Labour Day Parade, in which the CLP&D marched and played for over 5km in the rather warm conditions of the day. We will remember these days fondly as the cooler weather grows upon us and we enter fall parade season. Before that begins though, a number of playing opportunities presented themselves in September, beginning with the very special band support of the Ferne Blodgett Sunde Memorial service, held at her Cobourg lake-side statue on September 19. Dignitaries, family members and local citizens, participants and contributors, all were present in considerable numbers. The ceremony recognized Sunde's ground breaking and considerable contributions to World War II Allied efforts and the cause of gender equality.

In our capacity as the Cobourg Police Service P&D we will welcome the Police runners at the Chris Garrett Memorial Park on September 25 as they pass through Cobourg on their annual run from Toronto to Ottawa. A yearly event, it recognizes the sacrifices of Constable Chris Garrett, and too many other Police officers, and is one to which we contribute with pride. On Sunday, September 28, in CLP&D uniform, we offer our pipes and drums to the Legion Drumhead Service in Grafton. A military tradition of very long standing, the piled drums and draped flags offered the Regimental Padre a place in which to conduct religious services in the field, in close proximity to the troops, and often also in close proximity to combat. It is a custom to be remembered and celebrated.

Several Remembrance Day dates are on the books for November, the first one in Alderville on Sunday, November 9, and Cobourg on the 11th. Both are sacred dates to band members and will be attended to with much respect. The P&D members will also offer a special tribute to veterans and their families when we present to Cobourg and area our Concert of Remembrance on November 8. Last held in 2019, at Trinity United Church on Division St., we will partner with the Concert Band of Cobourg and various guests for an evening of music and words in recognition and celebration of veterans and military members past and present. Mark Saturday, November 8, 2:00pm, Trinity United Church, Cobourg, on your calendars; details to follow.

We end this missive with the news that James Bruce, a much respected member of the piping corps, returns in October from his mid-year hiatus in the highlands of Scotland. Welcome home James.

Ian McFarlane





## Padre

### SOMEWHERE OUT THERE

The song by James Ingram and Linda Ronstadt (1986)

expresses the hope that the right prrson who is SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, will become known. That gets me thinking that SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, there are Legion members who could really help the branch.

### SOMEWHERE OUT THERE

among the sea of around a thousand members, there is someone who could volunteer to be our secretary, a position currently vacant. If you think this might be you, have a chat with Janet Kyle.

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE in tha sea of members, there are comrades who could join our colour party. Report to Ian Kyle.

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE there are members with smart serve, who could help behind the bar. Check in with Jen Robison.

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE you have thought about helping with the meat draws, either Fridays or Saturdays. You really get to meet many fellow members. Speak to Janet. Yes the same Janet, who wears multiple hats.

SOMEWHERE OT THERE are members who could volunteer for many opportunities to share in multiple ways around the branch. Oh yes, there is an opening for a ways and means officer.

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE are skilled, talented and experienced people who could really be a powerful source and move your branch to the next level.

Oh and lest we forget , SOMEWHERE OUT THERE are members who will give an hour to participate in the poppy campaign this year Please sign up.

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE there are veterans and their loved ones, for whom we as Legion members are pledged to serve.

### LEST WE FORGET

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





## Past President

The duties of a Past President shall serve as an advisor to the Executive Committee and perform duties assigned by the President and the Executive Committee.

As this administration has a firm hand on the tiller, I don't seem to do much advising. I feel like the TV's old Maytag Repair Man.

My other duty is that of being the Sick and Visiting person along with my wife, Iris Milne.

Please phone me at: 905-377-1527 or Iris at 905-269-0489 if you know someone who is sick, would like a visit, or who has passed on.

I would also like to remind Veterans of morning coffee in the club room from 1000 to 1200 every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

I would also like to tell Veterans and partners, of the Gunners, which is a social group that meets every last Wednesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 month at the Claymore Pub. We swap tall tales and old memories and have great food served with lots of laughter and comradeship.

Time is 1130 to about 1300 hrs.

In Comradeship,

John Aitken, Past President, Br.133, Cobourg

LESS WE FORGET

### Ways and Means Report August 2025

#### Meat Draw

Income 8018.65

#### Expenses

Meat 5370.66

Bank Fees 4.95

Donations 5000.00

#### Bingo

Income 870.24

#### Expenses

Bank Fees 4.95

#### Toonie Draw

Income 1736.00

#### Expenses

Bank Fee 4.95

Donations 1500.00

#### Nevada

Income 10,104.00

#### Expenses

Winning Payouts 7300.00

Tickets 964.03

License 554.00

Bank Fee 4.95

Donation 1500.00



## Entertainment and Events

Entertainment committee is Ian Kyle, Francine Nesbitt, Peter Godwin and Jennifer Robison.

If you have any suggestions what you would like to see at the Branch speak to one of the committee members or put a note in the Suggestion Box or come out to a meeting.

September Trivia kicked off with a brilliant start to the fall/winter session with over 70 players. Come out and test your knowledge by bringing your team or come along and join a team.

Sept 19th, we celebrated Fern Blodgett with a lovely service held in the park at her monument, where we were able to hold reception hosted by the Branch and Fern's daughters and family, and the Norwegian Ambassador shared in comraderie.

We kicked off Legion week with a Troops are coming home dance, with entertainment by Michael Tremblay, and a number of re-enactors in uniform of the era. Also, if you stopped by, we had a tank on display outside the legion. It was a fantastic day all round, and ended with a lovely Roast Beef Dinner by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The end of legion week, will finish off with the Annual Thanksgiving Ham and Turkey Draw, and Saturday a BBQ and entertainment with Greg Hannah.

October 3rd – Fish and Chips 5pm Tickets \$15.00

October 5th, we have entertainment with Brian McNamara and band at 2pm

Wednesdays Trivia at 7pm!

October 19th, we have members Greg and Susan Williams to entertain for the afternoon.

October 25th – Halloween Dance with Delaney Drive Band Prizes, 50/50 and more! Tickets \$20.00

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events!



## Poppy and Remembrance Day

### The Poppy Campaign Starts Friday, October 31st.

the Poppy Campaign is one of the Royal Canadian Legion's most important programs. The money raised from donations provides direct assistance for Veterans in financial distress, as well as funding for medical equipment, medical research, home services, long term care facilities and many other local community purposes. Donations collected during the Poppy Campaign are held in Trust at the branch level to directly support Veterans, their families and the community. Tax Receipts can be issued for donation given to the Poppy Fund. Donation can be made by cash or cheque to **The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #133 Poppy Fund**

### Poppy Tagging Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

How to sign up: At the legion 135B Orr st.

### November 11th

Service in the park, and parade: The parade will form up at 10:00am in front of the Legion on Orr st. The service in the park will start at 10:30am. Anyone wanting a wreath please send a form to the branch by October 27th.

Dinner: Cocktails 4:30pm Dinner at 5:00pm

No charge to - Veterans who served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces of Canada, the Commonwealth or its wartime allies; those who served in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command during wartime; veteran's spouse or caregiver accompanying them to the dinner.

Tickets on sale at the bar.



**For more information  
contact Jennifer Robison  
[poppy@cobourglegion.ca](mailto:poppy@cobourglegion.ca)  
or 905-375-5451**







## Over 55

Welcome back everyone to the Over 55 Club. Hope everyone had a great summer and stayed safe. On September 8<sup>th</sup> we had our first games of darts. It was great seeing everyone again. Highest score was won by Derek with a score of 100. Congratulations Derek. Our first winner of the 50/50 was won by Edith of \$35.00. We welcomed 4 new members today. Marjorie Smith, Pat and Edgar Campbell, and Patrick Doyle. Welcome to the club. On September 15 we had another great day of darts. The highest score was won by Greg with a score of 132, no shock, great score Greg. The 50/50 was won by Lynne of \$29.00. Congratulations Lynne

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We also had a trivia game for everyone to figure out. The winners were table 7 with 10 correct answers. We have 3 spots open to play darts, so if you are a Legion Member, you are welcome to join us on Monday afternoons at 1:00pm.

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**Communications Officer** Judy Turk



# Membership

*On Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> we held our honours and awards presentation.*

*Comrade Don Ramsey was presented with his Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding service to the legion, congratulations Don.*

*At this time we also gave Jennifer Robison her Life Certificate and Plaque which was previously delayed.*

*The Early Bird draw is up and running*

*Pay your 2026 dues now for a chance to get a free membership for 2027. The winners for 2026 membership were Hank Tarniowy, C.J.Taylor and Brian Ferris.*

*Dues can be paid at the bar or at the Membership office Tues and Thursday 11am - 2pm . If you have question in regards to your membership please contact me at 289-251-3478 text or call.*

*We have volunteers on Friday and Saturday at the meat draws also.*

*On Saturday Sept .20th we had the pleasure of welcoming 20 new members, please if you see a new face in the clubroom introduce yourself and and make them feel welcome.*

*Hope to see you around the branch soon,*

*Respectfully Submitted  
Josephine, Membership Chair.*



# Sgt at Arms

## SGT AT ARMS – APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

At this time, I am appealing to our General membership for volunteers. Including myself we have 3 active members left. Our Colour Party should have 7 plus the Colour Party Commander.

Who are the Colour Party. These are volunteers from the Branch who carry our Colours, (flags) on Parades, Ceremonial occasions and General Meetings. We represent our Branch, the Legion and our Country.

Last Sunday myself and one other member were the only people to parade at the Drumhead service in Grafton. All the other Legions who have a fraction of our membership were parading 6 or more members.

This is a poor reflection on our members which shows a lack of support for our Branch and fellow Comrades.

Some people may be put off by the cost of purchasing a Blazer and grey Flannels. Don't let this be an obstacle, we have a number of Blazers and Flannels on the coat rack which have been donated. Another option is used clothing shops such as 'Little Underground, Bibles for Missions etc. You can purchase them for a very low price. We have berets, badges and ties available at the branch. Training. I can run training for the basic Drill movements required on a parade. Men and Women are welcome to join us.

If you can help us out contact me at the branch or: [iankyle743@gmail.com](mailto:iankyle743@gmail.com)

Remember, this is an old Legion custom that if we lose it, we won't get it back.

Yours in Comradeship

Ian Kyle Sgt At Arms





# VSO Report

Branch Veterans Services Chairs  
( from RCL Ontario Command Website )

Each Branch appoints a Veterans Services Chair/Branch Service Officer who is available to advise and assist the Veterans, widows, ex-servicemen etc., in their communities. A branch may appoint two people to fill the Veterans Services Chair position and the Service Officer position. The officer can be called upon to respond to a variety of questions and situations. Most Chairs are familiar with Veterans Affairs benefits, and are also aware of other Federal, Provincial and Municipal programs which exist and might be appropriate. All information and questions brought to the Branch Service officer/Veteran Services Chair are held in the strictest confidence. The Branch Service Officers / Veterans Services Chair should work with the Provincial Service Bureau to ensure that requests for assistance are referred to the attention of the proper persons or authority i.e. Veterans Affairs Canada or Soldiers Aid Commission, etc.

The services of the Provincial Service Officers are available to all Legion branches, the Legion member, or ex-service personnel and/or their dependants. You need not be a member of the Legion to use the services of a Provincial Service Officer. The Provincial Service Officers devote most of their time to disability pension claims and are actively involved in the preparation of these claims. They also appeal and defend against negative pension decisions.

Although the Provincial Service Officer is knowledgeable on other programs provided by Veterans Affairs (such as War Veterans Allowance, Treatment benefits and the Veterans Independence program), veterans and their dependants are routinely referred to Veterans Affairs to establish their eligibility for these programs. Referrals to the appropriate Provincial Service Bureau should be made through your local Branch Service Officer / Veterans Services Chair or Provincial Service Bureau may be contacted directly. The Pension Act is the major piece of legislation governing the award of disability pensions. Merchant Navy Veterans and Civilians are covered for benefits under the Merchant Navy Veteran and Civilian War-related Benefits Act.

Respectfully submitted and in comradeship,  
Chris  
Comrade Lt(N) C.R. Barker, MSM, CD  
Veteran Service Officer  
RCL Br 133, Cobourg  
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## Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors

In the beginning was God, and all else was darkness and void and without form. So God created the heavens, and He created the sun, and the moon, and the stars, so that light might pierce the darkness. And the Earth God divided between the land and the sea, and these He filled with many assorted creatures. And God created life in many forms, one of which was human, and the lowest form He called Soldiers. But God is filled with love and mercy, and to cover their nakedness, He gave them trousers which were too long, shirts which were too short, and deep pockets in which to warm their hands. Then He gave them very loud voices and a limited vocabulary of words, all of which have only one syllable, that they might understand each other. But the result was such that God's sense of humor was outraged, so He embellished their uniforms. God gave them badges, and He gave them coloured chords. He gave them ribbons and patches and crowns and chevrons. He gave them emblems and crests and all sorts of shiny things that glittered and devices that dangled. When you're God, you tend to be carried away in a big way. When all of this was finished, it was the fifth day of God's labours, for looking after soldiers is very tiresome, and God looked for an easier creation. Then God created flighty creatures of the air, which He called Airmen, is very bright, and these He clothed in uniforms which were ruffled and foul. But being a wise and just God, He allowed them to wear bushy mustaches in order to hide their ungodly features. And the Airmen too talked to each other and were not understood by the Soldiers. So most of the time, the Airmen talked to themselves and remained in constant admiration of the brilliance of their dialogue. And on the seventh day, God rested. On the eighth day, God looked down upon the earth and was not happy. God was not happy. So He thought about His labors and in His infinite wisdom. He created divine creatures, and these creatures He called Sailors. And Sailors were created in the image of God Himself. He made them tall, with wavy hair and sparkling eyes, and splendid physique and calm demeanor. Resolute and courageous, God made them rule the seas and to give direction and guidance to the lesser creatures. And to complement their superior being, God gave them wonderful uniforms. He gave them practical fighting uniforms so that they could wage war against the forces of Satan and evil. He gave them service uniforms for their daily work and training, so they might be sharp and ready. And He gave their officers and senior people evening dress uniforms sharp, stylish, handsome things, so that they might win the hearts of the ladies at cocktail parties and impress the hell out of everybody. And at the end of the eighth day, God looked down upon the earth and He saw that it was good. But was God happy? No, God was still not happy because in the course of His labors, He had forgotten one thing: He had forgotten to give Himself a sailor's uniform. But He thought about it and finally satisfied Himself in knowing that, well, not everybody can be a sailor.

Offered by Don Ramsey







# OCTOBER CALENDAR RCL BRANCH 133

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                   |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|-----------------------|
| 28   | 29  | 30   | 1<br>1pm - Ladies Darts<br>1:30pm - Active Living<br>2pm - Mahjong<br>5:30pm - Snooker                               | 2<br>1pm - Crib<br>1pm - Euchre                          | 3<br>5pm - Meat Draw<br>8pm - Mixed Darts                         | 4<br>3pm - Meat Draw  |
| 5<br>10am - Pipe Band<br>1pm - Toonie Darts                        | 6<br>12:30pm - Over 55 Darts<br>1pm - Probus Euchre<br>5:30pm - Snooker<br>7pm - L A General Mtg<br>7pm - Men's Darts | 7<br>10am - Coffee Morning<br>1pm - Canasta<br>6pm - Pipe Band Practice  | 8<br>1pm - Ladies Darts<br>1:30pm - Active Living<br>2pm - Mahjong<br>5:30pm - Snooker                               | 9<br>1pm - Crib<br>1pm - Euchre                          | 10<br>2pm - Happy Jammers<br>5pm - Meat Draw<br>8pm - Mixed Darts | 11<br>3pm - Meat Draw |
| 12<br>10am - Pipe Band   | 13<br>CLOSED TODAY  | 14<br>1pm - Canasta<br>6pm - Pipe Band Practice                          | 15<br>12pm - Over 55 club lunch<br>1pm - Ladies Darts<br>1:30pm - Active Living<br>2pm - Mahjong<br>5:30pm - Snooker | 16<br>1pm - Crib<br>1pm - Euchre<br>7:30pm - General Mtg | 17<br>5pm - Meat Draw<br>8pm - Mixed Darts                        | 18<br>3pm - Meat Draw |
| 19<br>10am - Pipe Band<br>1pm - Toonie Darts<br>5pm - Roast Dinner | 20<br>12:30pm - Over 55 Darts<br>1pm - Probus Euchre<br>5:30pm - Snooker<br>7pm - Men's Darts                         | 21<br>10am - Coffee Morning<br>1pm - Canasta<br>6pm - Pipe Band Practice | 22<br>1pm - Ladies Darts<br>1:30pm - Active Living<br>2pm - Mahjong<br>5:30pm - Snooker                              | 23<br>1pm - Crib<br>1pm - Euchre                         | 24<br>2pm - Happy Jammers<br>5pm - Meat Draw<br>8pm - Mixed Darts | 25<br>3pm - Meat Draw |
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