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NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion
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Club Room Hours Effective September 13' 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 December 24-Closed at 6:00 PM, Boxing Day-Closed

Hall Rentals and Catering available during construction .

We're open as usual during construction. Rent our Hall.

Catering available through Ladies Auxiliary

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

Hall Rentals Contact: Bob Robison 905-372-3896

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Presidents Report

Winter is drawing near and many things are happening. The 90th Gala is fast approaching and tickets are at the bar. Turkey and Ham rolls are here again on December 7th and 8th , more help is needed for the meat draws on Friday and Saturdays. I am also still looking for a new ways and means chair.

Sports Board is filling up with events, look and sign-up. If you can not attend all 3 levels of play please do not sign-up as substitutions are not allowed.

The Fair Share barrel is downstairs in the club room. Please bring a non perishable food item and help fill the bins.

Super Bowl Sunday is just around the corner and we are making plans for our annual super bowl party and card tournament.

The poppy campaign is over and everything is put away. There was a lot of empty spots on the tagging boards this year. I thank all that came out and helped but there were a lot of people who could have helped but didn't. Please try to remember this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need everyone to help to make it a success.

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Presidents Report

I would like to thank the colour party for their work over the remembrance period with many parades and services. A big thank you also goes out to all the cadet cores who helped out with poppy tagging and on Remembrance Day.

The new building is moving along, bricks going up and sewers going in. It will not be long now and we will be moving. Try to support all building fund activities. We are going to need as much money as we can to move.

I would like to wish all members, L.A. members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will be having our New Years Eve Dance 8:00pm to 1:00am and then our New Years Day Levy 10:00am – 12:00pm members 1:00pm open to public.

President

R.L. Robison

1st Vice Presidents Report

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to all Comrades and their families.

I would like to start by thanking everyone who helped out with the Poppy campaign this year. To date we have raised just around \$32,000, with some donations still coming in. The poppy tagging boards were quite empty this year which is something we should never have with the amount of members we have at our branch. I hope next year more people will give one hour to that campaign in some way or another. Being a first time poppy chair I would not have been able to get through the campaign without many key people helping me out. These people worked tirelessly behind the scenes for many days and hours, so thank you from the bottom of my heart. A big thank you needs to go out to the three cadet corps that came out every day of poppy tagging and helped in the rain for hours on end. So thank you Sabre Squadron, Skeena Sea Cadets and the 88 Army Cadets.

The sports board is filling up with many different events that will be starting up over the next couple months. Sign-up and have a great day of sports with friends. Please keep in mind to play in these events your 2019 dues must be paid and you need to be able to play at all levels to play in zone.

1st Vice President

Jennifer Robison

Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling. – **Edna Ferber**

Past President's Report

The Poppy Campaign is over for another year. I have heard it was VERY successful. The people of Cobourg remember the veterans and are proud of them. My collection box was filled with 20s, 10s and 5s. Many times I was thanked for my service. Wearing the blue UN beret is an honour for me. My only regret is that where I served, the bombs, rockets and shelling is still a weekly occurrence and I wonder what some of my comrades died for. What was the point if blood is being shed daily?

Congratulations to Jenn Robison for the success of her first Poppy Campaign. I know she had **super** helpers. Her hard work was above and beyond. **Thank you** to all those who drove, stood for hours, counted money and served lunches. We all can take pride in a job **well done!!**

I would be remiss in not thanking my photographer for the fine pictures she took at the mayor's office and the raising of the Poppy Flag.

The Remembrance Ceremonies were very moving and the participants carried it off brilliantly. A cold but beautiful day.

Congratulations to Normalee Teskey in winning 2 trophies for editor of the Missile. 1ST place in her category in the District and 2nd place in the Province. Super Job!!

The Track and Field Sign Up will take place on the 5th of December on the north side of the club room at 5:30 PM and last for 1 hour.

Have a wonderful safe Christmas and New Year's!!

LEST WE FORGET. LEST WE FORGET.

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

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Sick & Visiting

Last Post for Comrade Joe Cody Oct. 31/18

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

Wishing all comrades a very Merry Christmas & a Healthy prosperous 2019!

Yours in comradeship,

Judy

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Home: 905-372-9666 or Cell: 905-269-6057



Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph

It was likely a chilly day in Le Foret de Campagne, 37 miles north from Paris (3200 miles from here).

A specially built rail carriage, donated to the Germans by its manufacturer, and would often be used during WW2 by the Fuhrer, Adolph Hitler, was pulled into a siding in Campagne forest.

Here the signatories representing the Allied Forces (France, Britain, Japan, Italy, the United States.) Met with Germany and formulated the armistice that would end the four years of world war hostilities, to take effect at the 11th hour of the 11th month.

An armistice is a formal agreement of warring parties to stop fighting. It is not necessarily the end of a war, since it may constitute only a cessation of hostilities while an attempt is made to negotiate a lasting peace. It is derived from the Latin arma, meaning "arms" and -stitium, meaning "a stopping". (COURTESY Wikipedia.)

AS WE THINK IN TERMS OF ARMISTICE, WE THINK OF PEACE.

DEFINITIONS OF PEACE INCLUDE; freedom from or the cessation of war or violence.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN 2018 HUMANITY STILL DOES NOT GET IT.

How can the world find true lasting peace for which thousands of Canadian Military personal have given their live. 61000 in WW1.

WE LOOK TO THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE ANSWER.

IS2 VS 4b "They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."

ALLOW ME TO PUT THAT INTO TODAYS LANGUAGE.

THEY WILL BEAT THEIR BOMBS INTO "HARVESTING MACHINES" AND THEIR GUNS INTO "USEFUL TOOLS". "COUNTRIES WILL NOT BOMB EACH-OTHER" NIETHER WILL THEY PRACTICE FOR WAR ANYMORE.

THIS MY DEAR FRIENDS IS THE BLUEPRINT FOR LASTING UNIVERSAL PEACE.

"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH US.

Submitted by Art King-Padre



Anna Loveman, Silver Cross Mother with Northumberland MPP David Piccini.



Cobourg Legion Pipes & Drums

Membership Report

Thank you to all the members that came into the branch and paid their membership dues as part of the Early Bird Campaign. The second winner for the 2019 Dues is Bernard M. Gray, a relatively new member. Congratulations Bernard. For members that paid their Dues on line to Dominion Command up until November 16th, please check the bar for your sticker. At the December Executive meeting we will draw for the last 2020 membership. Merry Christmas to All! Enjoy the holidays & stay safe.

Josephine Upton

Membership Chairman

289-251-3478

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

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Legion President Bob Robison and Poppy Chair and 1st VP Jennifer Robison - Congratulations on a successful Poppy Campaign!



Veterans at the Cobourg Cougars'



Ladies Auxiliary President's Message December 2018

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

Executive Meeting: January 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hello Comrades

I would like to thank all those that came out and helped support the Poppy Campaign. Ladies, a lot of you didn't come out to support. Please remember, it is part of your duty to help with the campaign.

Thank you to the ladies and a number of husbands that helped with the hall decorating for Christmas on Nov. 18.

Our Christmas dinner is on Monday, December 3rd. Please bring your bake goods & FareShare donations.

Ladies, we ask that your support a LA fundraiser by preparing bake goods for a bake sale that will be held during the meat roll on December 7 at 3 PM.

Effective January 2019, Nancy Turpin will handle the Hall Bookings .

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In comradeship

Jennifer Young-President-Branch 133 Cobourg 289-252-2145

A Warm Witty Short Christmas Story

It was the day after Christmas at St Peter and St Paul's church in Borden, Kent, England. Father John, the vicar, was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the figures.

Immediately, Father John's thoughts turned to calling in the local policeman but as he was about to do so, he saw little Nathan with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

Father John approached Nathan and asked him, 'Well, Nathan, where did you get the little infant?'

Nathan looked up, smiled and replied, 'I took him from the church.'

'And why did you take him?'

With a sheepish grin, Nathan said, 'Well, Father John, about a week before Christmas I prayed to Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.'

Source: <https://www.funny-jokes.com/humor/christmas>



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

HAM AND TURKEY ROLLS

Fri, Dec 7th 5:00pm
Sat, Dec 8th 3:00pm

BEEF STEW WILL BE ON SALE

L.A. WILL BE HAVING A BAKE SALE

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



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



Ladies Auxiliary

Friday Pub Lunches

11:30am-1:00pm

\$8.00



December 14 –

Turkey Tetrizzini

December 28-

Pulled Pork and Baked Beans

Save the Dates:

Pub Lunches continue in January 2019



**TIS THE SEASON!
BUILDING FUND FUNDRAISER**

Sausage Rolls and Turkey Pot Pies

Pickup December 15th in downstairs
clubroom anytime after 12:00pm

**SAUSAGE ROLLS \$2.00 EACH
TURKEY POT PIES \$3.50 EACH**
Support the building Fund
Please place orders by December 12th with
Bob Robison or Jennifer Robison
905-375-5451




MOST EPIC PARTY OF THE YEAR!

NEW YEARS EVE BASH

DJ DEL
8:00pm -1:00am

New Years Day Levy
10:00am - 12:00pm Members
1:00pm Open to public

DJ DEL DOWNSTAIRS
THE SPIRITS UPSTAIRS



Cobourg Legion Ladies Auxiliary past member
Ruby Lean and Vice President, Dominion Com-
mand Brian Weaver - celebrating Ruby's 90th



ATTENTION MEMBERS

**PARKING WILL CONTINUE TO
BE AN ISSUE DURING CONSTRU-
TION**

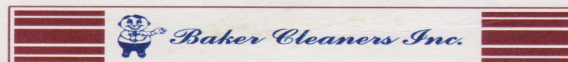
**THERE'S 2 HOUR FREE PARKING AT
MUNICIPAL LOT 2 ON THE NORTH
EAST CORNER
OF HIBERNIA AND ALBERT STREETS
DURING THE WEEK FROM 8 AM TO 6
PM**

**AFTER 6 PM. AND
ON WEEKENDS THIS PARKING IS**

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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 normalleemitchell@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

We have raised \$21,712.10 for the Building Fund Comrades!!

Let's dig deep and support our new Legion.



Over 55 Club

On November 21 we had a lovely lunch prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary. For all those that love Bread Pudding but didn't come to the lunch you missed out. We had 57 members that put their name down. Please remember if you put down your name and didn't show, you still have the obligation to pay for that missed meal.

December 7th, will be our Christmas Party with Turkey Dinner and the bar will be open at 11am. Entertainment will be provided by Hal Allison & Lee Bachelor. Please remember to bring your donation for the Food Bank.

Last day before the holidays for the Monday Darts will be December 17th please register to play 12.45 pm

Stay healthy and safe.

Merry Christmas

Josephine Upton, Chairman

289-251-3478

The Loss of HMCS Skeena; Chapter 3, The Story of the Missing Sailor

Just before turning in for the evening and handing over the duties to members of the “middle” watch, a final check of the anchor was completed. HMCS Skeena along with other ships of the escort fleet had been ordered to take shelter in Reykjavik harbour near Videy island from the fierce gale that blew that evening. With blinding snow squalls and visibility nil, the “first” watch was relieved of their duties. It was just past midnight on 25th of October 1944, when a tremendous jarring was felt throughout the ship. Members on watch immediately realized the ship was dragging her anchor, and the stern was being pushed onto the rocks. As the ship broached on her port side, orders were passed through the ship to abandon ship. With waves crashing over the deck and the shores of Videy island only a few hundred meters away, men took to life boats and Carley floats. As men were lowered into the water, huge waves smashed the life rafts into pieces and washed the Carley floats into the darkness.

In the morning and over the next few days, the bodies of 14 men were recovered and funeral services were held to bury the dead. A fifteenth crew member, Joseph Blais was never recovered and remains missing even today.

A few weeks after HMCS Skeena was lost, the body of a British Royal Navy sailor washed up on shore miles across the way from Reykjavik. It was definitely a British Royal Naval sailor, as identified by the uniform (distinctive buttons and lack of “Canada” shoulder flash). It was concluded that this body was not from HMCS Skeena as no Royal Naval personnel were listed aboard HMCS Skeena at the time of her loss and the missing sailor was definitely a Canadian from Montreal; however mysterious as no Royal Navy personnel were noted missing.

It was war time, and the family who recovered the body had no the means to get the body back to Reykjavik, hence buried the body in an unmarked plot on their farm. The family paid their respects, however some what ashamed on what had to been done, said to their children never to speak of this event again.

Moving forward to the spring of 2006 I was visiting with the late Commander Tony German, when he received correspondence from England from a Royal Naval Veteran. Contained in the envelope was also a crisp \$50 bill, and a note stating this was a donation to help with my next excursion to Iceland, however also in the letter were details of the night the Skeena was lost.

This gentleman was one of three Royal Naval ratings that were added to the crew of HMCS Skeena when she was last in Londonderry. All three Royal Navy rates had survived the loss of Skeena, however when ordered to abandon ship, the author of this letter, went down below to retrieve his coat. In the haste of the moment, men grabbed what ever protective apparel they could find. Not able to find his coat, he returned to the deck with out a warm coat, the captain of the ship gave up his coat to ensure this sailor had protective gear to wear. This veteran in his letter expressed his gratitude to the captain of the Skeena on providing his coat for his own survival, however goes on to say that even after 60 years that had passed, he still has ill feelings to the what ever Canadian sailor “nixed” his uniform coat.

Had Joseph Blais, in the rush of the moment, fearing for his life when the order to abandon ship was ordered, grabbed what ever coat he could find? Was it the Royal Navy uniform? We may never know.

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 finding the ship’s propeller after 60 years of being lost.

Christmas is a tonic for our souls. It moves us to think of others rather than of ourselves. It directs our thoughts to giving. – **B. C. Forbes**



December 2018

Sun

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						 1 Meat Roll 3 PM 90th Br. # 133 Birthday Party
2 Cobourg Youth Darts (10am-12)	3 Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM LA Xmas Party & General Meeting Men's Darts	4 Senior Bridge	5 Ladies Darts	6	7 Over 55 Club Xmas Dinner Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	 8 Weetabix Christmas Party Meat Roll 3 PM Betty Poelstra 80th Birthday Party
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23 Cobourg Youth Darts (10am-12)	24 Closed at 6:00 PM 	25 Closed 	26	27	28	29
30 Cobourg Youth Darts (10am-12)	31 	1 New Year Levee Party 1 PM				