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NEWSLETTER

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## Club Room Hours Effective September 13' 2018

**Sunday** 1:00 pm-6:00 pm **Monday to Thursday** 11:00 am-10:00 pm **Friday** 11:00 am-12:00 Midnight;  
**Saturday** 11:00am -10:00 pm

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## Presidents Report

Comrades

Spring is here and the new building is rolling along.

Legion Rock is over and was a great success total fund raising amount will be out soon. We are starting the process of planning a new one in the fall early winter.

Nominations are this month please remember to ask someone before nominating them, new faces are always need on the executive to bring new ideas and thoughts. The election will be held at the general meeting in May on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Membership cards will need to be shown at the door to get in.

Congrats go out to Comrade Wayne McKinnon on his election for Zone Commander.

Dart leagues are whining down but that doesn't mean you have to stop coming out to support the branch.

Yours in Comradeship

RL Robison  
President

## 1st Vice Presidents Report

Happy Spring Comrades

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has made a donation in the past couple months to the Poppy fund in memory of a loved one. These donations allow us to help veterans in need and our community.

On March 24<sup>th</sup> Legion Rock was held as a fundraiser for the new building fund and we had a fantastic turn out. I would like to thank everyone who came and supported. I would also like to thank the LA for providing food for everyone, the volunteer bartenders and ticket takers without these people the day would have not happened. We are hoping to do another one in the fall.

Sports are starting to slow down for the year although we still have zone rounds to be played in Washer Toss, Horseshoes and Golf. Watch for these sheets to be posted if you would like to play.

Jennifer Robison

1st Vice President

## Military Recognition Book

Calling on all Veterans who are Legion and non-Legion members to consider filling out an application to be entered into the Legion Military Recognition Book. This is for all members of the Military. W.W.I, W.W.II, Korea, Afghanistan, Regular Force, Reservists, Navy, Army, Air force, Merchant Navy, R.C.M.P. plus all and any allied forces.

I am also asking that any Associate members who have joined the Legion to consider filling out an application of their relatives who were in the Military, such as Great Grandfather, Grandfather, Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins.

Applications can be picked up at any Legion or from Wayne McKinnon.

For more information you may contact me at--- cell **376-8053** or by e-mail **ymckinnon@cogeco.ca** .

Thank you Veterans for your service.

Wayne McKinnon

Deputy Zone Commander F-2

## Sick & Visiting

**Val Davies** is in NHH 2B5

**Jim Nairin** is still in NHH 2B23

Thoughts & prayers for all those that have lost a loved one.

Yours in Comradeship

Judy



## Past President's Report for April

At this coming general meeting, you will be nominating comrades to be officers and executives for the coming year starting 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2019. I have served 7 years as Veterans Service Officer at both Branch and (4) Zone, 3 years as President and 1 Year as Past President. Within less than a year, we will be in our new Legion. When we cross to our new home, there will be new challenges and problems to face. These should be addressed by fresh eyes and new ideas. For these reasons, with a heavy heart, I will not seek re-election and will step down from all my Branch duties. I leave it to younger members to step up and take the reins of leadership. It is only natural that the new should replace the old. I have had quite a journey, over the years, with the Legion and the people involved.

THANK YOU ALL!!

LEST WE FORGET. LEST WE FORGET.

John Aitken, Past President, PRO, Track and Field, Br.133, RCL, Cobourg  
905-377-1527  
[johnandiris@cogeco.ca](mailto:johnandiris@cogeco.ca)

## Busy Busy

The District convention is April 26-27-28 and many volunteers are needed for Registration, hall setup for dinner on Saturday, take down after and reset back to meeting for Sunday. Friday night, we have **Karaoke** with the "Travellin Wilbur" 7PM -11PM, on Saturday, a **dance** 7PM-11PM to the 50/60 music of John Ellery. Come on out and support your branch. We would also like to do 50/50 draws on Friday and Saturday during the Meat roll and during entertainment, however, volunteers are needed.

We are working on the memorabilia items that we have in storage. So far the uniforms and hats have been documented and are safely stored at the Lindsay Legion as they had some space available for us until we can decide what will happen to these items. I have spent many hours calling legions and museums to see who would like any of our items and unfortunately no branches have the space or have too many items of their own and museums are full. All the pictures on the walls and in the cupboards have been photographed, thanks to Iris Milne, and placed in a binder. When the times comes that we can review our new space, the committee at the time can measure and decide where our first choice pictures will go. It is hopefully that we have storage space for a second and third choice so that we can rotate.

Our April general meeting will be nominations for the upcoming year. Hope you can attend and consider standing for a position on the Branch executive. In May, we reopen nominations and have elections, so please make sure you have your membership card in your wallet for this meeting. I think that's all for now

Respectfully, Josephine

## Membership Report

Thank you to all that have paid their 2019 dues. For those who are still to pay, please remember that you are not a member in good standing and cannot be signed in by another member. We have many cards at the bar to be picked up with 2018 & 2019 stickers and also for those that are new members. Come on in have a visit, pick up your cards take a look at the progress of the new building.

**District Convention:** April 26 -27 -28. I am looking after the registration with the help of Jennifer Robison. We are putting together a team to help with this and are looking for at least 10 people. Registration will be Friday 3pm-7pm, Saturday 7:30am until noon. Delegate bags also have to be prepared and name tags. The district is expecting about 200 members to attend. Please call me to volunteer, a meeting will be set before the convention to go over everything.

289-251-3478 Please volunteer now.

*Respectfully, Josephine*

Yours in Comradeship Josephine Upton, Membership Chair.

## 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 rod@ingersollpetroleum.ca

## ENTERTAINMENT

Ladies – who would like to go to Kitchener on the May 25/26 weekend?

Another Mystery Tour is in the making. Please call me soon to reserve your spot as it is filling up fast! Get your group together.

Same deal, require a \$50 deposit and total cost is \$150.

Hurry Hurry Hurry...

Yolande McKinnon, Entertainment 905-375-0996



## Ladies Auxiliary President's Message March 2019



General Meetings: April 1 @ 7:30

Executive Meetings: April 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hello Ladies.

Another year has come and gone and a great birthday party celebration was had by all that came. To those who missed, what a lovely evening!

Aprils' LA fundraising is fruit pies. Cherry, Apple or Blueberry are available as follows; 4 inch for \$5.00 or 9 inch for \$10.00. These will be prepared and ready in time for Easter.

April 14th is our Sports meeting out in Colborne at noon. All are welcomed to attend.

Ladies, this month is busy with functions so please call Michelle Mallory at 905-373-7402 to offer your assistance.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to our April ladies.

HAPPY EASTER.

In comradeship

Jennifer Young President of LA Branch 133

## Building Committee Meeting Highlights April 2019

- The second floor is almost complete.
- **Correction**, kitchen measurements, are 14 feet by 72 feet. Most of the existing kitchen equipment will be moved to the new building.
- Floor Trends will provide floor samples of vinyl plank, in neutral colours, to be used throughout the Legion. The bathroom stall colours will be determined along with the paint colour at that time.
- Dart boards will be provided with pot lights above each board; carpet will be installed behind the boards.
- The "Layout Committee" will identify and recommend the furniture to be used in the new facility. They will start when the studs are up.

Respectfully Submitted

Stan Jarvis

Building Committee Chair 905-373-8318



## *MEMBER OF COBOURG, LEGION BR. 133*

Captain Carolyn "Carrie" Hoza  
660<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company  
LSA Anaconda, Balad, Iraq

CPT Carolyn Hoza is the daughter of Phil Hoza III and Martha Hoza, both of Winnetka. She is the stepdaughter of Lucy Hoza and Joe Gutekanst, and the granddaughter to Norma Bratschi Hoza and the late Phil Hoza, Jr.

Carrie Hoza grew up in Winnetka and attended Greeley, Washburne, and New Trier High School, Class of 1992. She went on to graduate from Carroll College in Waukesha, WI with a cross-enrollment in the ROTC military officer training at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI.

Upon her college graduation in December, 1997, Carrie was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Army Transportation Corps. Following her initial officer schooling at Fort Eustis, VA, she was assigned to serve with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division at Camp Nimble and Camp Casey in the Republic of South Korea, just south of the DMZ. As the transportation truck platoon leader she supported the troops on the Korean DMZ and throughout the northern part of the peninsula with supplies and transportation. Deemed a Korean Veteran, Carrie joined the New Trier Post 4821 Veterans of Foreign Wars in 2000.

Upon returning the States, 2LT Hoza was promoted to 1LT and spent eighteen months developing and installing an advanced individual training Army Transportation school for lower enlisted at Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX. At the end of her 3-year Active Duty obligation, Carrie was honorably discharged from the United States Army and given an opportunity to experience the civilian world.

Leaving the military with a great deal of leadership experience allowed Carrie to immediately find a career with the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Company in Milwaukee, WI. She worked as a Work Group Advisor supervising groups that machined different engine parts for the larger motorcycles. While working full-time, she began her master's program with Cardinal Stritch University in Fox Point, WI. With only six weeks left until the completion of her degree and with three years separation from the Army, Carrie was unknowingly relocated into the 336<sup>th</sup> Transportation Group Reserve Unit at Fort Sheridan in an "Inactive Status".

With her uniforms in storage, Carrie was living in the Milwaukee area and not participating in any type of reserve training; however, on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003, she received an unexpected request in the form of a FedEx letter to appear for evaluation and Soldier Readiness Processing at Fort Snelling, MN. Four days later she had orders to Active Duty and orders to report no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> to Camp Atterbury, IN with an activated reserve unit, the 660<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company from Cadiz/Zainesville, OH. The reserve unit comprised primarily of Ohio men and women and was preparing for deployment to Iraq in early 2004.

The 660<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company deployed overseas on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and spent a month in Kuwait awaiting their vehicles before heading to Iraq where they served eleven months as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Crossing the border in unarmored, open door humvees and trucks, Carrie's unit reported to Logistical Support Area (LSA) Anaconda on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

LSA Anaconda is a large military base serving the area located near Balad, 40 miles north of Baghdad. Their unit upgraded their vehicles with "hillbilly armor" consisting of steel armor plates, rock quarry conveyer belting, and sandbags; finally, they received newer "up-armored equipment" towards the end of their tour.

## Member of Cobourg Legion Br # 133 Cont'd

During her tour of duty, Carrie was promoted to Captain and served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon Leader, functioning as a Convoy Commander delivering and escorting three to five mile long fuel truck convoys with gun trucks and up-armored humvees. The "3<sup>rd</sup> Herd" Platoon traveled daily throughout the Sunni Triangle north, west, and south of Baghdad in support of our Army and Marine soldiers.

As part of OIF II, the 660<sup>th</sup> transported 23 million gallons of JP8 jet fuel and traveled over 935,000 miles outside of the "wire", experiencing 130-150° F temperatures, long hours, harrowing ambushes, explosive roadside bombs (IED: Improvised Explosive Device), and hidden landmines. Unfortunately, the 660<sup>th</sup> lost four soldiers and three Kellogg, Brown, and Root (KBR: contracted American drivers) contract drivers while performing these missions. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon was considered one of the finest platoons by KBR and military convoy operators.

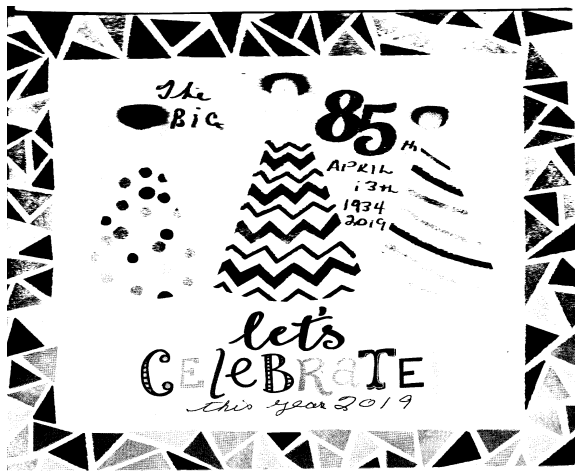
During the long days and nights on the road, rare friendships were bonded, friendships that will last a lifetime. It was a year that none would want to repeat and will never forget, but are proud to have experienced as a unit serving their country. The entire unit returned as a group to the United States on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, always remembering members of the 660<sup>th</sup> who were killed in action: SGT James, Harlan, SSG Donald Davis, SSG Richard Morgan, and SPC Allen Nolan.

Carrie received the Bronze Star Medal for leadership and service and has continued to show leadership in her speeches to schools, nursing homes, churches, and civic groups on the North Shore, as well as volunteering with the New Trier VFW Post 4831 and Senator Kirk's Veterans Affairs Committee.

CPT Hoza is presently living in Winnetka and working for Bratschi Plumbing as the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of Walter Bratschi. She formerly resigned her commission in October 2006, having completed her eight year obligation and honorable discharge.

Submitted by W. McKinnon

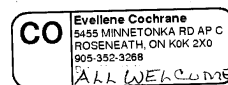
## Birthday Party Open House –LA Member #133 Since 1980



Evellene Cochrane  
5455C Minnetonka Rd.,  
Rosenearth, On KoK 2XO  
905-352-3268

Missile Editor Branch #133  
Normalise - Teskey  
Can this 85th birthday go into  
the April Newsletter? I get the tradition  
mailed from Warrington  
if there is a charge please call me.  
moved here April 28 2018.  
I've seen no one so far near 12 months.  
**Have a fantastic birthday!**

I WILL TRY  
OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY APRIL 13  
SUNDAY APRIL 14  
in my unit. C-5455  
COFFEE - TEA - CAKE  
AND ME.



EVELLENE  
COCHRANE  
145 NW LEFT A CROSS FROM HEATH BUILDING



### ATTENTION MEMBERS

PARKING WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN  
ISSUE DURING CONSTRUCTION

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  
FREE

### Ways & Means

#### Meat Draws



Every Friday @ 5 PM & 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**

Cherry / Apple / Blueberry  
4" pie \$5    9" pie \$10

**Ladies Auxilliary**

# PIE SALE

Orders are to be in to Aldene  
Cooper @ (905-376-3316) with  
payment no later than April  
12th. Pick up Wednesday April  
17th from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
in the club room

COBOURG LEGION BIL-133

### Loonie Loonie Dart

#### Tournament to raise funds for the Building Fund.

Summer Loonie darts went well. Thank you  
everyone for coming out. Starting in Sep-  
tember when Legion hours are back to nor-  
mal 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 Build-  
ing Fund. Registration at noon, play starts  
at 1.

For more information contact  
Rod Ingersoll 416-618-6266



### Ladies Auxiliary

#### Friday Pub

#### Lunches

Resuming in fall! Have a  
great spring & summer!

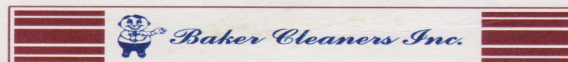




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### Missile Editor

Hello membership,

Thank you to all those whom submitted articles, pictures & reports by the 25th of each month to norma-leemitchell@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



As of March 21, 2019 the Membership Challenge has raised \$25,978.90. Let's make a commitment to raise more dollars for our new Legion! We can do this if we work together Comrades.

### Over 55 Club

A great time at our St. Patrick's lunch. I know it was after the date but we still got into the green, even Bill and Sharon who I have seen wear the green were decked out. A fun time with great entertainment and 65 members registered to attend.

April lunch is roast beef and this is also our Nomination and Election meeting. Please come out and support the members that are running.

If you are going on the trip to Famous People Players April 4<sup>th</sup>, please be at the Village at 9:15am or Staples as leaving 9:45am.

Take care of yourself, see you in April.

Josephine

### **The Loss of HMCS Skeena; Chapter 7, HMCS Skeena Earns Her Battle Honours.**

HMCS Skeena is often remembered on how she was lost in the latter part of October 1944. Very seldom is she remembered for her battle honours: The Battle of the Atlantic, Normandy and the Bay of Biscay.

Shortly after the fall of France, Germany took advantage of the French ports due to their advantageous positions on the Atlantic Coast. Using these ports in the western areas of France meant that Germany did not have to launch their naval fleet through the heavily guarded English Channel.

The German Naval Fleet at that time consisted of many different types of vessels but it was the infamous U Boats that Germany needed to protect and to provide easy access to the North Atlantic.

The North Atlantic naval conveyers provided the much-needed supply route feeding Britain with food, fuel and war-time supplies in its battle with Germany, hence Germany needed easy access to disrupt and threaten this route if they were to win the war against Britain.

Commencing just after the fall of France, Germany began the construction of the U-boat bunker at Brest France in early 1941 and by the summer of that year, the 1st and 9th U-boat flotillas moved from Germany to Brest. The bunker was built in two phases, the first comprising of 13 U-boat pens, and the second 9 pens. The bunker measured 1090 x 630 feet and the roof was almost 12 feet thick. Subsequently the thickness of the roof was increased to 20 feet. The bunker at Brest the largest U-boat bunker built by the Germans during the war. During the war, Brest was attacked over 80 times by Allied bombers, but it would take until August 1944 before they succeeded in penetrating the roof of the pens when the bunker received 9 direct hits.

It was not always the air force taking part in the Battle of Brest, but also members of the Royal Canadian Navy taking part in hunting down any type of shipping leaving these coastal ports.

It was the of 5-6 July 1954 MCS Skeena participated in operation "Dredger" against German escort vessels at the U-boat meeting points off Brest and southward. During the night, the 12th Escort Group, comprising of HMC Ships Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, Skeena and Restigouche, attacked 3 patrol boats off Brest: One enemy surface ship was sunk but not before hitting Qu'Appelle and Saskatchewan many times with small calibre gunfire.

HMCS Skeena under the command of LCdr Patrick F.X. Russel also suffered damage during the night. Exchanging shell fire back and forth, Skeena took many casualties.

One such story of this battle is told by Cdr Lewis (medical officer aboard HMCS Skeena) who was seeing to the many injured seaman who were being brought down below to the mess decks. During the amputation of a man's arm, a direct hit on the hull at the mess deck level was taken by Skeena. The shell penetrated the hull and instead of exploding and killing most of the crew outright, the unexploded shell rattled its way around the room and rested at the surgeon's feet. In fine Royal Canadian Navy expressions by this officer, the medical officer while working away said, "I will keep that as a souvenir". The other men in the room were in shock not only because of the unexploded shell, but hoping the doctor was talking about the shell and not the poor man's arm. Although dark humour in nature is was his way of dealing with the hardships of battle, finding some way to continue on during this disturbing event.

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 this 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](mailto:skeenaiceland@gmail.com) to learn more.

**Next month; HMCS Skeena sinks a U boat in biblical fashion!**

**In Comradeship**

**Lt(N) Christopher R. Barker, CD\***

**RCSCC Skeena**

# April 2019

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	<b>1</b> Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts LA Gen. Mtg	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Ladies Darts	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts Probus Mtg (ETR)	<b>6</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Ladies Darts	<b>11</b> Br Exec Meeting	<b>12</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	<b>13</b> Meat Roll 3 PM Ontario Landowners Mtg & Lunch Co-Hope Darts Dinner
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Probus Bowling Luncheon Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Over 55 Luncheon, Mtg. ( <b>Elections</b> )	<b>18</b> Branch Gen. Meeting ( <b>Nominations</b> )	<b>19</b> <b>Closed</b> 	<b>20</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>21</b> <b>Closed</b> <b>Happy Easter!</b> 	<b>22</b> Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Meat Roll 5 PM District F Convention ( <b>Karaoke 7-11</b> )	<b>27</b> Meat Roll 3 PM District F Convention <b>Dance (7-11)</b>
<b>28</b> District F Convention	<b>29</b> Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts LA Exec. Mtg.	<b>30</b>				