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NEWSLETTER

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## Presidents Report

The branch held the executive election and not all the positions were filled. The branch doesn't have a secretary and short some other executive members. For the branch to run right and for us to fill all the executive chairs we need the bodies. The members left on the executive are doing double the job now. If some of these positions are not filled a lot of the stuff will not be able to happen. That means **no** Ways or Means, **no** Meat Draws or any other activities.

We have 820+ members and only a few show up to help out and put their votes in, and that just doesn't work.

I would like to thank the executive for the last year being that not everyone will be returning this year.

As most of you already know, Deb in the office is retiring, so a big thanks for all the hard work you have put in. The new lady will have started by the time this publication comes out.

The summer hours are now in place until all the leagues start up in the fall.

This Canada Day, we will be having Joe Bulger playing from 2-5 in the downstairs. This is going to be an Open House event so come out and enjoy.

I would like to once again like to thank every member of the branch, to our Ladies Auxiliary and wish you all a safe and great summer.

Yours in Comradeship

RL Robison—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](mailto:ymckinnon@cogeco.ca)**.

Thank you Veterans for your service.

Wayne McKinnon

Deputy Zone Commander F-2

## 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

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## Membership Report

At this time we have 834 paid up members for 2019. Since September we have taken in 37 new members. We have many 2019 stickers, new membership cards and those that requested a new card and also some 2018 cards behind the bar. Please drop into the branch and pick these up as it will soon be time to set up for our Early Bird Draw and these cards will need to be filed back. For anyone that paid their dues online, here is some information for you. If you paid your dues before June last year (2018), your 2019 sticker is at the branch. You do not need to wait the 6 weeks as suggested on your receipt from Command. One other issue, I experienced with the online process is that we did not always receive the information that you paid online and Command is working on this matter. If you come in to pick up your sticker, please bring your receipt which helps us track your payment.

I have been given the Membership chair position for 2019-2020 and look forward to seeing you in the branch. I also look forward to working with the Officers and Executive in planning our move to our new building. Have a safe and happy summer.

Respectfully, Josephine



## Ladies Auxiliary President's Message June 2019

General Meetings: June 3 @ 7:00

Executive Meetings: June 24, July 29 & August 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hello Fellow Comrades

Hard to believe its June already. Hope everyone had a great Mother's Day.

Decoration Day June 2nd service will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery at 1PM and all are welcome to attend.

Our Branch # 133 is hosting the District Sports Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon and all are welcome to attend. For those who participate in the sports, a meeting will be held on June 10 in ballroom at 7PM. Please make every effort to attend to hear the important updates.

Our Strawberry Tea will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-3PM with a cost of \$6.00 per person. We are in need of donations for the bake table, white elephant table and craft table, as well, volunteers to look assist in strawberry preparation, kitchen help, ticket sales and looking after the tables as well. Donation goods for the tea maybe dropped off at the Legion on June 14 (4-7PM) and June 15th (9:00-11:30AM).

A reminder, regular meetings effective June 3 2019 start at 7PM versus 730PM.

The summer Wednesday night Toonie Darts have started. Come on out for a couple of hours of fun. Register at 6:30PM play at 7PM.

We will be hosting Cold Salad plate dinners on July 10, 24, August 7 & 21 at 5:30PM. Come out for dinner and join in the darts if you wish in downstairs.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all our summer ladies.

Have a safe and relaxing summer, and hope to see you at our first meeting after the summer break on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM.

In comradeship and love

Jennifer Young-President of Ladies Auxiliary Branch 133 289-252-2145

## Sick & Visiting

None at time of this publication.

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

Yours in Comradeship

Judy

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**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY  
BRANCH 133 COBOURG**

**Executive & Officers 2019-2020**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>JENNIFER YOUNG</b>	<b>289-252-2145</b>
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**Save The Dates**

**Ladies Auxiliary Strawberry Tea-June 15th (1-3PM)**

**Ladies Auxiliary Cold Plate Dinners- July 10, 24, August 7 & 21 @ 5:30PM \$12.00**



### 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

### Missile Editor

Hello membership,

There will be no Missile publication for July -  
August (summer months) and will resume  
effective with September.

Thank you to all those whom submitted arti-  
cles, pictures & reports by the 25th of each  
month to [normalleemitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:normalleemitchell@hotmail.com).

Your submissions keep our readers interest-  
ed in the publication. Please continue to  
share your news, events etc. All submis-  
sions require contact information whereas  
you may be needed to be contacted.

Have a wonderful summer!

Normalee Teskey-Missile Editor-Branch #133

### Ways & Means Meat Draws



Every Friday @ 5 PM & Saturday @ 3  
PM

We need **volunteers** to handle the  
draws which involves 1.5 hours on Friday  
or Saturday.

### Ladies Auxiliary

#### Friday Pub

#### Lunches



Resuming in fall! Have a great  
spring & summer!



### 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.

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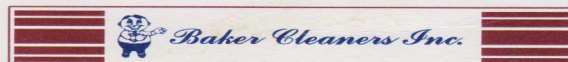




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**Ladies Auxiliary  
Cobourg Br. 133  
Royal Canadian Legion  
STRAWBERRY TEA & BAZAAR**

**Saturday June 15, 2019  
1:00-3:00 pm**

**All tickets \$6.00**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE  
AT THE DOOR**

**Door Prizes, Draw Prizes & Surprises**

**Over 55 Club**

This is my last report as chair of the Over 55 Club. I would like to thank the executive and those that stepped up to the plate when they were needed. Hopefully you will continue to support our monthly lunches and support your new executive. For the June 19 lunch at the Legion Village Pub please call Jenny at 905-373-0926. The room only seats 68 comfortably so please don't wait long.

Have a safe and happy Summer

Respectfully, Josephine

## Building Committee Meeting Highlights May 2019

- Flooring - the flooring throughout the Legion will be vinyl plank, in a natural colour.
- Parking Lot - TVM will gravel the Legion parking lot, near the end of May.
- Vandalism - has been relatively low on the site. A Request has been made by TVM that members inform the Site Manager, Robert Wagner 905-373-8673, if they notice anything.

Next meeting of the Building Committee will be Tuesdays, June 4, 10 a.m., in the Eva Taylor Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Stan Jarvis, Building Committee Chair 905-373-8318

## Ladies Auxiliary Mystery Bus Tour -May 25 & 26 '2019

It was a great time for the ladies who took part on the Ladies Auxiliary Mystery Bus Tour. We had a lovely coach bus, great bus driver, great meals and accommodation with lots of laughter and comradeship along the way. Some of the highlights of the trip are: Mennonite Relief Centre, St Jacobs Market, Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum (Doon Heritage Village) in Kitchener, J.D. Pickard's Incredible Snack Co. All our meals were delicious and hosted at the New Hamburg, Guelph & Elora Legions. The rainfall on Saturday did not hinder the itinerary created by our organizer, Yolande McKinnon. Those who attended are eager to hear of the next mystery tour.

Thank you Yolande for putting this together!



Submitted by N. Teskey



## History Of Military Service-Submitted by W. McKinnon

Philip J. Hoza III - History of Military Service

February 22, 2019

September 11, 1966 - September 11, 1969 U.S. Army service - Combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam, wounded and med-evacuated to the U.S.; 19 combat decorations: 1 Purple Heart, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 1 Air Medal for Valor, 15 Air Medal Decorations for aerial flight. I completed my military service as the 16<sup>th</sup> Division Flight Commander and an Army helicopter instrument instructor at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. Retiring with the rank of US Army Captain and 1,305 hours of military flight time.

Perhaps my interest in the military began as a Boy Scout in Wilmette's Troop 2 and later as a "Squad Leader in Jack Fox's Explorer Post 2. Attending the University of North Dakota following high school at New Trier, Winnetka required two years of basic ROTC. I choose the US Army and attended four years of ROTC. A requirement was participating in Advanced Training at Fort Lewis, Washington where I place 4th in the graduating class and 1st from North Dakota. This placed me as the UND Detachment Colonel which was an honor. Did I say, Vance Vannotte and I "Hopped" numerous Great Northern freight trains from Wahpeton North Dakota, over the Rockies and into Portland, Oregon to receive the 25 cents per mile ROTC travel expenses. We hopped freights going back to double up, big money in those days and a great adventure. There is nothing like crossing the Rocky Mountains standing on Flat Steel in an open gondola car with a 360-degree view.

Graduating from the University of North Dakota, Bruce Aarestad and I, as new second lieutenants attended the Basic Armor Officer course at Fort Knox, Kentucky September 1967 to became US Army Tank Platoon Leaders. I might add, we spent our weekend's sky diving in southern Indiana's Brown County at Rather Farm where a jump cost less than \$ 10.00, it was a good life. Upon graduation I was selected to attend flight school and was put on hold as a Platoon Leader with a company supporting the Fort Knox Armor School. Our claim to fame was we were the platoon gassed at the Fort Knox Gold Vault in the movie "Goldfinger" and by Pussy Galore's Air Force.

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1967, I arrived at Fort Wolters, Texas to begin flight training and learning to fly the Hiller OH-23 helicopter. Eight weeks, flying, \$ 2.00 steaks, rattle snake hunting and lots of solo flying along the Brazo's River. Nothing like being given a solo OH-23 and told go out and fly around for an hour and half and make sure you come back.

Next on to Fort Rucker, Alabama to complete advanced flight training. Weekend were spent driving to Milton, Florida to sky dive with my green and white Para Commander with an Air Force Rig. I bought this wonderful parachute discounted to \$ 200.00 because the former owner had two tangled malfunctions and was afraid to use. The Hoza family never can resist, "Anything like a good deal". After sky diving, I would end up with Lt. Larry Atkins and his friends attending Pensacola Naval Aviation. We would party the weekend away and then I would catch a few jumps Sunday on the way back to Fort Rucker.

Upon receiving my US Army Wings I was assigned to head to Viet Nam in September. Tearful good by's and I was on my way! Arriving with an assignment to the 336th Assault Helicopter Company located in the Southern Delta in a town called Soc Trang, RVN. I was lucky as this was an old base with "Huches" (Single Room with bed, desk, and outdoor screens) flush toilets, showers and electrical power. We even had a swimming pool with a rotor blade diving board.

The 336th Arm Helicopter Company, consisted of two platoons of lift or troop carrying UH-1D Huey helicopters, "The Warriors". I flew with the first platoon and did fly Warrior 11 which is now flying in Peru Indiana with Americanhuey369.com. We flew over the entire delta supporting MACV units and the Special Force units located there. We were basically a taxi service during non operational combat insertions and support. That meant flying to all sorts of outposts where small detachments of MACV advisors were living in RVN troops in triangle fortresses.



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During insertions or operations where the ARVN troop would be inserted and then clear an area or tree line from A to B. The day began as we would wake at about four, shower, take off to the pickup point and load troops at 7:30, then insert eight or so per lift. Multiple lifts were required as if we were eight ships, we could carry about 64 troops a lift (8-9 per ship) Following the insertion if it was "Cold", No Viet Cong, we would sit at a runway in the middle of nowhere and eat our lunch and sleep. About three, we would start the extraction and move them home. If all went smooth, we would be home by 8pm and go for dinner to start all over again the next day. If it was a Hot LZ, meaning we received fire coming in or going out it was just a little more intense...Bullets going by your window sound like a "Popcorn Cooker" going off...and additional troops might be needed or med evac's occurring, At the end of the day you did not want to piss off "Charlie" by shooting up the area...just leave him alone and both could go home...

I flew with the Warriors from September until late October and was asked to join the T-Birds which is the single gun platoon supporting and protecting the Warriors and troops on the ground. Because we were an independent unit flying in the Delta, which is the furthest area in Viet Nam and supporting only MACV and ARVN troops we were on call throughout the Delta. From the far west coast to the far east to the most southern point named Nam Can.

With the T-Birds I learned what excitement flying could be. Our B-Model UH 1 Gunships carried 14 10 lbs. Rockets, four M-60 pilot directed machine guns with approximately 13,000 rounds of 7.62 ammunition. We had two door gunners one on each side with hand held M-60 machine guns to provide protection on our sides. Our top speed was about 85 knots which is very slow.

With insertions of the Warriors our job was to be below them between the tree line and the incoming aircraft. Our normal flying height was either 2,500 feet or 20' feet, rarely anything in between. On insertions we would normally prep the LZ prior and determine if it was going to be a Cold or Hot insertion. I was T-Bird 1 and flew and learned from many Warrant Officer 1's younger than I. Our section had four birds and flew in teams of two. We flew with our Platoon leader Captain Bob Knight or T-Bird Chief. We always kept a team on station over the ARVN troops keeping track of their movement toward their objective and the next pickup point. If problems occurred, we would support and cover a med-evac coming into the operational area.

One of the responsibilities of the Gunships was the protection of the airfield from incoming recoilless rocket attacks fired by the Viet Cong from outside of the base. We kept the Gunships in a "Cocked" position meaning all of the switches were set to go with the rotor blade with only a sling around that could fall off. I slept in boxer shorts and a tee shirt and would respond as is with my penny loafers, flak jacket and a 45 pistol. I have started a Huey many times standing outside the door cranking the turbine with incoming banging the runway...Cranked, power up and off at any angle flying to where the flashes were coming from...The Viet Cong became smarter and started placing a 50-caliber machine gun on our route towards them. One pilot was hit and I had a bunch coming my way, they look like sky rockets and I pulled all the pitch we had and they went just under us. One of those operations earned me an Air Medal with a Valor device.

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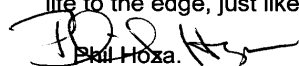
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Another experience during a practice operation we were diverted to Nam Can, the most southern ARVN base in all Viet Nam. A small US observation Bird Dog aircraft was hit by 50 caliber fire and had to crash land in a helicopter landing pad located in an ARVN outpost. The pilot and observer were high ranking Air Force and Navy personnel that were in the bunker with all of the Viet Cong army coming after them. The air force F-100's left because the fire was too intense so we were left with our heavy T-Bird team and T-Bird Chief along with an Air Force Mixmaster type of helicopter to extract them. We set up a daisy chain, meaning we circled the base which was on a junction of two rivers. Needless to say the fire was intense and we were taking lots of hits, plus they were trying to hit us with mortars. We would see them splash in the river. Needless to say, we were flying 20 to 40 feet off the deck over the Viet Cong, dropping smoke pots, and firing everything we had. First attempt with the Air Force Hello and they didn't come out of the bunker....Second attempt one came out and got on, plus dozens of Vietnamese also trying to get on the Hello and the crew chief was beating them off. Third time was the charm and the second US got aboard. We had circled dozens of time and it all worked out with nobody wounded. That was the day, I received my first Distinguished Flying Cross. My second DFC came during the 1968 Tet offensive in January of 68. Tet was a blur of 24 hour flying with the country being overrun by the Viet Cong. February 10<sup>th</sup>, this is when I was shot in the leg while flying with T-Bird Chief near Can Tho. We had a large Viet Cong force in a field and were placing a heavy strike on them when a lucky round came through the floor and went through my leg.

Upon being wounded I was brought to Dong Tam and their hospital where they did surgery with a spinal. While there with no ability for me to walk, we were mortared.. They said the Viet Cong Sappers were coming over the wire to machine gun patients. A brave nurse gave me her flake jacket to protect me. Lucky they never made it in. My being shot during Tet of 68 sent me home and 10 days later my entire T-Bird crew was shot down off the end of the runway at Soc Trang. I would have been on that flight as it was WO Mike Koskovich, WO Gary Sheppard, Ewalt and Phipps, guys I always flew with. The Purple Heart was my ticket to Japan and the hospital there and eventually Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

I arrived in September, 1967 and was wounded during Tet '68 and med evac'd February 10<sup>th</sup> 1968. I served in Viet Nam 4 months and 28 days. During that time I flew 533 combat hours, receiving 15 Air Medals for Flight. (Air Medals were awarded for one for 50 hours "Ash and Trash Missions" and one for 25 hours combat assaults). Flew 1,305 hours with the US Army A wonderful opportunity, but when faced with extending, I opted out after 3 years.

Fate is a strange thing and the five months in Viet Nam certainly affected me more than any other five month period. I have always said, "You have to go to experience coming home" and that is part of living life to the edge, just like buying a malfunctioning parachute, you are so happy when it works....



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ROTC	College Reserve Officer Training Corps
RVN	Republic of Viet Nam
ARVN	Republic of Viet Nam Soldiers
MACV	American Advisor Command Viet Nam, Advisors to ARVN troops
WO	Warrant Officer
Tet 68	North Viet Nam attack on all of South Viet Nam January 30 1968.
UH- 1	Huey Helicopter used in Viet Nam - Noted by it's "Popping Sound" of rotor blades.
	D model was "Slick" carried troops - Noted by double window on doors
	B model was "Gunship" carried guns and rockets - Noted by single window

### **The Loss of HMCS Skeena; Chapter 9, A Veteran Returns to Iceland Forever**

HMCS Skeena, a proven warrior of the Battle of the Atlantic, met with a tragic end to her wartime service. Close to midnight on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1944, in a fierce storm, she dragged her anchor and was wrecked on the shores of Videy Island Iceland. Although there was a loss of 15 crew members, the remaining crew were rescued the next day.

In the fall of 2004, along with my naval colleague Lt(N) Dianne Kukavica, we had the pleasure of escorting a number of survivors of HMCS Skeena back to Iceland. This was to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the loss of the ship and the loss of the crew members. One such veteran and survivor was Mr. Ed Parsons. Along with his wife Olivia, they traveled from their home in St Catharines Ontario, all the way back to Iceland.

However, the night before our commemoration service, Olivia came to Dianne's hotel room looking for assistance as Ed needed medical attention. I was quickly awakened as well to render my assistance too. Luckily it was not serious, but we found it necessary to call for emergency services and have Ed transported to the local hospital. Ed had physically pushed his elderly body to the extreme and found himself in extreme back pain. Once transported to the hospital Ed received the most excellent service by the medical team at the hospital.

As we waited in the hospital, Dianne and myself were able to really get to know the Parsons, with both of them sharing stories of laughter and of sorrow as per their wartime experiences. The excellent care provided to Mr. Parsons allowed Ed to carry on the next day and with proper medication and the use of a wheelchair, he attended the memorial service and was able to see the graves of his shipmates for the first time in 60 years.

I was happy that Ed was able to participate, but sadden a few months after our return to Canada, to learn that Ed had passed away from cancer. However, on his death bed, he said to his wife Olivia, that if Chris ever returned back to Iceland, he wanted her to join me and for her to return back to Iceland.

Moving forward to 2006, I found myself back in Iceland for the unveiling of the Skeena Monument of Videy Island, and of course Olivia was in attendance. I remember it being a warm sunny afternoon and Olivia leaning to my side saying Ed was her with us. Being polite I replied it was a beautiful day and of course Ed was with in spirit as I pointed skyward. Olivia immediately said no and pulled out a small container from her purse, and said Ed was with her. For she had brought Ed's ashes back to Iceland and requested me to spread his ashes amongst the rocks where he and the rest of the survivors were rescued 62 years earlier.

Olivia and I shared a private moment together before I tossed Ed's ashes into the wind. As I did this, the other veterans in attendance cheered me on making sure I tossed him high to ensure his ashes were spread as much as possible. However, at the exact moment the wind changed and I think I had more ash on me than what was spread amongst the rocks. Looking back at Olivia, she started to laugh and said it was Ed's way to keep beside her like he always did. Later that night at dinner, I sat with Olivia enjoying our dinner and reminiscing about the events of the day. Olivia leaned over to me and said "You know Ed is with us in spirit tonight" ... I replied "No Olivia Ed is right here as still think I have some of him still on me" .... She laughed and laughed and laughed. I along with her.

Olivia is no longer with us and passed away a few years after this, but I am honoured to have had the pleasure of meeting them both. Almost 15 years I still smile when I tell this story. I still remember Olivia and Ed with the fondest of memories.

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 fall to commemorate the loss of their ship. To learn more about their fundraising campaign, follow them on Facebook at "Skeena Iceland" or email us at [skeenaiceland@gmail.com](mailto:skeenaiceland@gmail.com) to learn more.

**Next month; Skeena cadets meet and interview one of the last survivors.**

**In Comradeship**

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

"The kind of humour I like is the thing that makes me laugh for five seconds and think for ten minutes."

-William Davis

# June 2019

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

						<b>1</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> LA General Mtg. (7PM)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Meat Roll 5 PM	<b>8</b> Celebration of Life Shirley Smith (12-3PM) Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>9</b> LA District Sports Mtg. (12Noon)	<b>10</b> LA Sports Mtg. (7PM)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Br. Exec. Mtg.	<b>14</b> Meat Roll 5 PM	<b>15</b> LA Strawberry Tea (1-3) Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Br. General Mtg.	<b>21</b> Meat Roll 5 PM	<b>22</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> LA Exec. Mtg.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Meat Roll 5 PM	<b>29</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
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