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HONOURS & AWARDS AT THE COLDWATER BRANCH

On Tuesday May 27, the Coldwater Branch held its annual Honours & Awards ceremony to present several Legion Years of Service pins, Certificates of Appreciation, Certificates of Merit, Past Office medals and bars, the Legionnaire of the Year 2024 award, and a Life Membership award. Congratulations to all the recipients, and particularly to our Sergeant-at-Arms Debbie Southorn, who was awarded the title of Legionnaire of the Year, and to Past President Marie Langley, who was awarded a Life Membership in the Legion.



Congratulations to Sergeant-at-Arms Debbie Southorn (center), who was presented the Legionnaire of the Year Award by President Anne Frankish (left) and 1st Vice President Kari Malmström. (For more photos and full citations, please visit our website or Facebook pages.)



Escorted by Sergeant-at-Arms Barry Gougeon (left), Comrade Kari Malmström is installed as Branch President by Zone E4 Deputy Commander Comrade Dave Sampson.

WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT!

Comrades of Branch 270 Coldwater, the membership has spoken: we have a new president! On Sunday May 4, 2025, the Coldwater Branch held its annual elections for a president, two vice-presidents, and three executive members. Congratulations go to Comrades Henny Risebrough, Gaëtanne Robinson, and Debbie Southorn, who were acclaimed as members of the Executive; to Comrades John O'Hara and Al Myre, respectively 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents; and to Comrade Kari Malmström, our newly acclaimed President.

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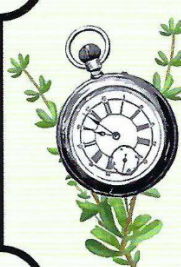


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FROM THE BRANCH (PAST) PRESIDENT



Condolences go out to George Collin's family. He was a Veteran and an active member of Branch 270 for years. It was wonderful to see a number of Branch 270 attend his service in Toronto. Condolences also go out to Betty-Jean Murray and Sharon McKeown in the passing of their sister Jacqueline Ann Walter.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers: President Kari Malmström, 1st Vice President John O'Hara, 2nd Vice President Al Myre, and executive members Debbie Southorn, Gaëtanne Robinson and Henny Risebrough. They are a dedicated team and I wish them all the best in the next coming year.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as Branch 270 President over the last two years. Thank you to officers and executive who have worked together with me over these two years, and to the members of Branch 270 and community who have supported the Legion by attending events and providing feedback to improve things at the Branch. The Ladies' Auxiliary of Branch 270 are a very important team who work to support the Branch, and I wish them continued success and thank them for all their support over the last two years. I do look forward to being the Immediate Past President and will be here to support the newly elected officers and executive of Branch 270.

Kari Malmström, John O'Hara and I attended the Provincial Convention in London. Congratulations to Lynn McClellan, our new Provincial President, Provincial 1st Vice President Crystal Cooke, Provincial Vice Presidents Dean Weir, Jack Gemmell and Rick Preston, Treasurer Sharlene Sissons, Provincial Chair Ron Goebel and Vice Provincial Chair Ron Crown. We wish them success over their two-year term.

Again, I thank everyone who supported me over the last two years. The changes that have been made at the Branch could not have been done without your support.

In closing, I offer my condolences to Ellie Schull's family on her passing. Ellie was a long-time member of the Coldwater Branch and Life Member of the Ladies' Auxiliary. She will be missed dearly.

Yours in Comradeship,
Anne Frankish, Branch 270 Immediate Past President

FROM THE LADIES' AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings Comrades.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as your President for the past year and I look forward to another year as President.

Our elections were held at the May meeting run by our Zone E4 Commander Helen Smith. Your Officers/Executives for the next year are as follows:

President – Donna Packer, Immediate Past President – Anne Frankish, 1st Vice President – Yvonne Sauvé, 2nd Vice President – Janis Cronin, Secretary – Marlene Klanert, Treasurer – Karen Dravis, Sports Officer – Michele Russell, Executives – Betty-Anne Burnie, Henny Risebrough, Jennine Crowe, Mary Sauvé, Bonnie Moreau.

I would like to thank all of the above for their dedication to our Auxiliary and look forward to a successful year ahead! We had several catering events in April and May and would like to thank those who helped out.

Our Auxiliary sent two teams to the Ladies' Auxiliary District E dart tournament in Orillia on May 24. Congratulations to the team of Michele Russell, Anne Frankish, Dianne Sauvé and Mary Sauvé who placed second and will be going to Provincials in Hamilton on June 28! Well done Ladies and good luck at Provincials!

Our next meeting is Tuesday June 17. Meeting at 4:00 pm and we will have a Pot Luck Dinner after the meeting. There will be no meetings in July and August. Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Yours in Comradeship,
Donna Packer, Branch 270 Ladies' Auxiliary President

BRANCH GENERAL MEETINGS

The next General Meeting will be on **Tuesday June 24, 2025**, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Branch General Meetings take place on the **fourth Tuesday of each month, from September to June (except for December), in the upstairs hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.**

THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Leaf is the award-winning newsletter of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater, published each month in the first week of the month. It is primarily an internal communication tool through which the Branch Executive and Committee Chairs disseminate information and report to the membership on their respective activities. Opinions expressed in feature articles are those of the writers and do not imply endorsement by the Branch or the Legion. Committee reports and pre-arranged articles must be received no later than the 23rd of the month in order to be published in the following month's issue. Please submit by email to: Branch PRO at branch270@rogers.com.

TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Al Myre, Treasurer

The General account balance is \$64,802.37.

The Building account balance is \$80,129.66

The Nevada account balances remains at \$237.61.

The Bottle Drive for the month is \$929.20.

The prior month Bottle Drive was \$256.80.

Square point of sale terminals seem to be working as expected. We are seeing more use and it will be interesting to see if it translates into more sales. We have also created a button allowing our patrons to purchase tickets for our "Diamonds & Rhinestones" (Dolly Parton & Neil Diamond tribute) event scheduled for June 14. The majority of advanced tickets sales have been paid by using debit/credit cards. Our average cost continues to be approximately \$1.60 per every \$100.00 spent using a debit/credit card.

On another note, I had an opportunity to attend the Celebration of Life for George Collins in Toronto, along with Henny Risebrough, Anne Frankish, Paula Brown, Norm Marion, Betty-Jean Murray, Bob Gourlie, Bryan Judges, Penny Lawrence-Judges, Marie Langley, Maggie Murphy, Betty-Anne Burnie and Paul McTaggart. George was a long-time member of our branch and the Legion Service that also included friends and family was absolutely amazing.

Flags at Half-Mast

We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Garry Pond, a proud Veteran and the former First Vice President of The Royal Canadian Legion, Dominion Command, and Immediate Past Provincial President, Ontario Command. Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and all who had the honour of knowing him. Our flags were flown at half-mast in his honour.

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Penny Lawrence-Judges, Entertainment Chair

The June entertainment schedule is as follows:

- 5 Sing-O Bingo - registration at 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Music Just the Blues from 2:00 p.m.
- 12 Sing-O Bingo - registration at 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Diamonds & Rhinestones doors open at 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Sing-O Bingo - registration at 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Sing-O Bingo - registration at 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Music with Vic Dupuis from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

BOTTLE DRIVE UPDATE

Submitted by Comrade Cheryl Barr, Bottle Drive Coordinator

The Branch started the Bottle Drive back in July 2020. The number of empties sent back to the beer store to this date is 577,657. For the month of May the Branch has sent back \$1448.50 worth of empties.

The Branch has reached a total of \$70,994.50 since the very beginning of the Bottle Drive. The Branch would like to thank the community and members for their generous support. They would also like to thank all the volunteers that look after the Bottle Drive shed.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

You know when you buy a bag of salad
and it quickly gets all brown and soggy?
Well, cookies don't do that.



Congratulations to our Bar Manager Debbie Southorn who won the beautiful quilt that was raffled off at the branch on May 3. The quilt, made and donated by Anne Chitherow, raised \$570.00 for the branch.

WAYS & MEANS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Penny Lawrence-Judges, Ways & Means Chair

The quilt made by Anne Chitherow was won by Debbie Southorn. Thank you Anne for your wonderful support. Sing-O Bingo is back for the summer every Thursday evening. Registration at 6:30 p.m., play starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the bar for our tribute to Neil Diamond and Dolly Parton called "Diamonds and Rhinestones". Tickets are \$20.00. The show is upstairs. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Bring your friends for a fun night of entertainment. Saturday 14 June.

As I complete my term as Entertainment and Ways and Means Chair, I would like to thank all the members who have volunteered in many different ways to assist me with the many calls for help that I requested so many times. Without your help, what we accomplished would not have happened. THANK YOU ALL!

To the community THANK YOU for your support also. Our goal was to have the Legion a community place for many different activities. Your support is greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Cheryl Barr, Membership Chair

Membership stands at 323: Affiliate, 58; Associate, 215; Life, 3; and Ordinary, 47. Congratulations to Marie Langley who became a Life Member of Branch 270.

As Membership Chair, I am sad to report the loss of Veteran George Collins. He will be deeply missed by members of Branch 270, his family and friends.

Comrade Fred Shaw has rejoined the membership, and we welcome to the branch Comrades Kelly Murphy, Jeffery Archer, and Michael Collins. They are all included in the Membership total of 323.

There are still outstanding memberships due for 2025. Please check the back of your membership card to see if you have your 2025 sticker. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Branch at (705) 686-3388. We had three new membership applications approved at our May General meeting, so they will be initiated at the June General Meeting.

The 2025 National Legion week is September 21 to 27.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Branch Public Relations Officer

The monthly newsletter, on-line media, and the BIDDY are kept up-to-date. One photo was sent for inclusion in the Legion Magazine, which is about Branch Member Roger Pratt receiving his 60 Year bar Long Service Award.

I thank everyone for their support throughout the past year, and I am looking forward to continuing in my current jobs with the new Executive beginning next month.



Congratulations to Branch Member Roger Pratt who reached the significant milestone of 60 Years' service with the Royal Canadian Legion. The 60 Years bar to his 50 Years Medal and a Certificate of Appreciation were presented to him at his home on May 12, 2025. Left-to-right: H&A Chair John O'Hara, Roger Pratt, and President Anne Frankish.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS **BRANCH CANTEN OPERATOR**

The Executive Committee of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater is accepting proposals for the opportunity to rent the Branch Clubroom Canteen.

Applicants should be prepared to operate the Canteen to accommodate the Clubroom hours and to provide a menu suitable for workers and families. Branch 270 Canteen is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday. The successful operator will be required to provide proof of the appropriate insurance.

Written proposals may be delivered by Canada Post to RCL Branch 270, 2 Michael Anne Drive, PO Box 89, Coldwater, Ontario, L0K 1E0 or emailed to branch270@rogers.com

BUILDING MANAGER REPORT

Submitted by Kari Malmström, Building Manager

I have the following report in the way of 1st Vice/ Building Manager since our last meeting.

My report is as follows:

- Monthly fire inspections are completed.
- Various small repairs have been completed as required.
- The euchre tournament held upstairs was well attended. Looked like most had a great time.
- Canteen renovations will start once we have Ontario Command's approval. Thank you to everyone who attended the special meeting on May 15 to discuss the scope of the project.
- The canteen exhaust system has been cleaned; the next step is the new flooring and then renos start.
- I attended the Provincial Convention from May 10 to 13 in London, Ont. There was a large turnout from various branches in Ontario. And many first time attendees, which shows how the Legion is growing. It's good to see some younger members. Minutes of the meetings will be available in the Clubroom once they become available.
- I was honoured to be a part of the wreath laying along with other members commemorating the Battle of the Atlantic on May 4.
- Finally I want to thank everyone on being elected your new Branch President. I feel that we have a strong core executive group and many members who step up to help

when needed. I'm looking forward to continuing to make our branch even better, step by step. Anyone who would like to join or help on one of our various committees, please let me know.

YOUTH EDUCATION REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Cheryl Barr, Youth Education Chair
Happy Summer Comrades!

We are starting to receive information in regard to the Remembrance Day program for our students. I'm looking forward to receiving more information in the weeks to come, so that we can get everything ready for the upcoming year. We'll have more information in July's Maple Leaf.

Ladies' Auxiliary Elections Results



On May 20, the Branch 270 Ladies' Auxiliary held its annual elections. Here are the members of the newly elected Ladies' Auxiliary Executive, left-to-right: Karen Dravis, Treasurer; Henny Risebrough, Executive; Anne Frankish, Immediate Past President; Michele Russell, Sports Officer; Donna Packer, President; Yvonne Sauvé, 1st Vice President; Janis Cronin, 2nd Vice President; Mary Sauvé, Executive; Bonnie Moreau, Executive; Jennine Crowe, Executive; and Helen Smith, Zone E4 Commander, who oversaw the elections. Missing from the photo are Marlene Klanert, Secretary, and Betty-Anne Burnie, Executive.

Ontario Boosting Local Emergency Preparedness

Ontario is investing an additional \$5 million to prepare for and respond to emergencies. A safe and prepared Ontario comes when communities and organizations have the resources they need to respond efficiently and effectively in times of crisis.

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MESSAGE FROM MPP JILL DUNLOP

As we welcome the vibrant days of summer, I extend my warmest wishes to the residents of Simcoe North. This season brings opportunities for community gatherings, local festivals, and cherished moments with family and friends. It's a time to celebrate our shared spirit and the beauty of our region.

The recently released 2025 Ontario Budget, if passed, lays the foundation for our province's continued growth and resilience. Key investments include an additional \$50 million for vocational and skills training through the Better Jobs Ontario program, \$20 million to support laid-off workers via new training and support centres, and the

introduction of a \$40 million Trade-Impacted Communities Program aimed at helping local industries adapt to global economic shifts.

Locally, I would like to share how proud I am to be a part of a government that continues to invest in the health and well-being of our communities with the \$3 million planning grant for Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. The announcement is a huge win for Orillia and is the first big step toward the new hospital the growing community needs and deserves.

In line with our commitment to safety and preparedness, the province is investing an additional \$5 million to enhance local emergency response capabilities. This funding, part of the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, supports municipalities in acquiring critical equipment, improving infrastructure, and providing essential training.

As MPP, I am dedicated to ensuring that Simcoe North benefits from these initiatives. Together, we will continue to build a community that is not only prosperous but also resilient and prepared for the future.

Wishing you a joyful and safe summer season!

SPORTS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Al Myre, Sports Officer

Congratulations go out to the team of Greg Stout, John O'Hara, Anne Frankish & Diane Sauvé who have qualified to move on to Provincials!! This is a first for us to have representation at this level and we wish them luck in London.



And the Ladies did it too! On May 24, the Coldwater Branch Ladies' Auxiliary Dart team including Michelle Russell, Anne Frankish, Dianne Sauvé, and Mary Sauvé placed 2nd at an Orillia tournament and is moving on to the provincials in June. Congratulations to them all!!

Vic Dupuis *at the Legion*

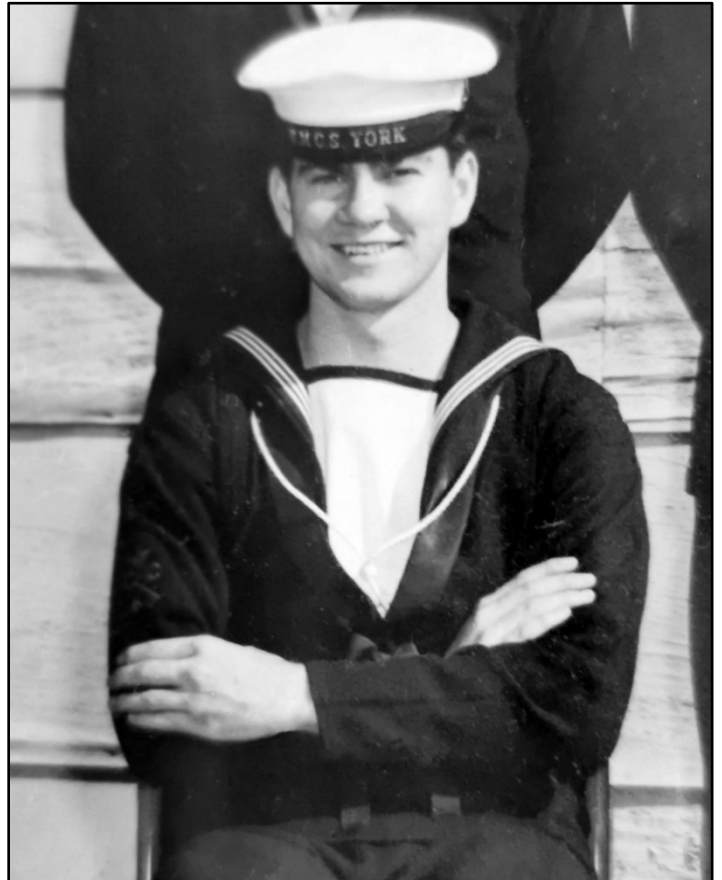


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During his time with the Naval Reserve he trained at HMCS York, HMCS Brunswick, and sailed on HMCS Cape Breton. George was part of the Naval Field gun crew representing HMCS York. He was also part of the Royal Guard for the arrival of then Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on their visit to Toronto on October 12, 1951. He was discharged from the Navy on August 25, 1955. George worked virtually all his life in the stock brokerage business. He married Patricia Barry and together they raised two children. He was a lifelong member of the Naval Club of Toronto, and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for over 40 years, playing an active role in the activities of Branch 270 in Coldwater. George passed away on May 4, 2025, at age 93. He is buried at Highland Memory Gardens in Toronto.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Leadership Development Chair

Statements of Duties for the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Honours & Awards Committee Chair positions have been drafted and are currently being reviewed.

BRANCH HISTORIAN REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Branch Historian

Since my last report I have sent three new submissions for the Military Service Recognition Book (MSRB) Vol XII, including one on long-time branch member George Collins who passed away last month. New submissions or suggestions for submissions are welcome year round. A sample submission can be seen on this page featuring George Collins.

COLLINS, GEORGE BENJAMIN MAGEE

George Benjamin Magee Collins was born in Toronto on January 31, 1932, the son of David and Margaret Ann (Magee) Collins. George enlisted as a Reservist with the Royal Canadian Navy on February 14, 1951. It was in honour of his father that he joined, and it was done over his mother's strong objections.

Long-time branch member George Collins served as Reservist with the Navy in the early '50s. He was part of the Royal Guard for the arrival of then Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on their visit to Toronto in 1951.

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION JOINS VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA AT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

National memorial was a Legion vision that became a reality with government and community support

OTTAWA, ON, 28 May 2025 – The Royal Canadian Legion shared the history of how Canada's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier came to be, during a special Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) event in Ottawa this morning. The story was part of the commemoration that took place on May 28th – the same day the soldier was originally interred in the final resting place at the site of the National War Memorial in Ottawa, in the year 2000.

Legion Grand President, Vice-Admiral (Ret'd) Larry Murray, who was deputy minister of VAC at the time, spoke on behalf of the Legion about the great collaboration. "I recall the thoughtful deliberations, the selfless efforts and the superb teamwork by all involved during the planning and preparation phases," he shared.

VAdm (Ret'd) Murray also noted how significant the tomb remains today, with busloads of students and others visiting throughout the year, and as a site of deep reflection at Canada's National Remembrance Day Ceremony; afterwards, attendees often place their lapel Poppies of Remembrance on the tomb.

Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Duane Daly is a former Legion Dominion Secretary (now referred to as National Executive Director) and the tomb's project director. He, and past Dominion President the late Chuck Murphy, were instrumental in making things happen. BGen (Ret'd) Daly recounted some of the initial challenging history, and the overwhelming government and community support that eventually led to the tomb's successful completion.

"By early 2000, the remedial work to modify the foot of the National War Memorial was completed and the tomb itself was crafted using the Legion's design template based on the altar at Vimy (Canadian National Vimy Memorial, in France)," he said. The soldier later lay in state at

Parliament, and a ceremonial parade including a Royal Canadian Mounted Police mounted horse and a vintage gun carriage, escorted the soldier to the final resting place.

Her Excellency Governor General Mary Simon took part in the 25th anniversary event and shared her thoughts. She placed a wreath at the site, after which other special representatives including the Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, laid a Poppy at the tomb.

"As we mark 25 years since Canada's Unknown Soldier was laid to rest at the National War Memorial, I am deeply grateful to all Canadians who have served and sacrificed for peace and freedom. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier stands as a powerful tribute to those who have served, those who gave their lives, and those who will serve. Today and always, we honour them," said Minister McKnight.

The Governor General of that time, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, was also present for the morning event. During the commemoration, several students from Glebe Collegiate Institute helped tell the story of one soldier - whose grave remains unknown - through some letters shared with his family during the First World War. Guests included representatives of Veteran groups, and community leaders. The placing of a Remembrance torch near the tomb, and a fly-past of a CH-147F Chinook helicopter also helped mark the ceremony.

BGen (Ret'd) Daly ended his remarks thanking VAC for acknowledging this milestone and speaking about the legacy of Remembrance that will endure at the site. "This tomb will forever stand as the focus of Remembrance for all those who have gone before us, for all those who serve today, and for all those who may be called upon again in the future," he expressed.

A second unknown soldier was recently laid to rest in Newfoundland, also the result of a project led by the Legion and supported by government.

In May 2024, a special delegation traveled from Canada to France to receive the remains of an unknown First World War soldier from Newfoundland who served at Beaumont-Hamel in France; at a time when that province was a separate dominion of the British Empire and not yet part of Canada. On July 1, the Unknown Soldier was also interred at the refurbished Newfoundland National War Memorial which was rededicated to mark its 100th anniversary. Led by the Legion's Newfoundland Command, the event was planned and executed in close partnership with all levels of government and additional supporters.



At the Branch Honours & Awards ceremony, Years of service pins were presented by Sergeant-at-Arms Debbie Southorn (left) and 3rd Vice President Al Myre (right) to branch members (left-to-right) Sheila Burke (20 Years) and Kari Malmström (10 years). Congratulations to Sheila and Kari.

HONOURS & AWARDS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade John O'Hara, Branch Honours & Awards Chair

The past several months were very busy. We had the Awards Ceremony, Election of Officers, Zone, District and Provincial Conferences. The Honours & Awards Committee held the Awards Ceremony on May 27. Despite individual invitations to comrades receiving service pins the turnout was not great. To those who attended, thank you. For those who were notified, you may pick up your pin at the Legion during business hours or have it presented at a subsequent meeting.

At the ceremony there were Years of Service pins, Past Office Bars, and Certificates of Appreciation and Merit awarded to worthy comrades. Debbie Southorn received the "Legionnaire of The Year" award for her contribution to the legion over the past year. Congratulations. President Anne Frankish was presented her Past President Medal with Bar. Thank you for your service.

And congratulations to Marie Langley who was awarded a Life Membership in the Legion. A Life Membership is the recognition of many years of service, for holding various offices, chairs and the contribution of much TIME by an individual for the betterment of the Royal Canadian Legion. Marie Langley was nominated, then approved by the Executive, Provincial Command and finally Dominion Command to receive this prestigious award for her contributions to the Royal Canadian Legion, in particular, Branch 270 Coldwater. Comrade Marie joins Comrades Grace Mahoney and Betty-Jean Murray as Branch 270 Life Members. Congratulations.

I had the privilege to attend the 53rd Biennial Convention of Ontario Provincial Command in London Ont. The Guest

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speakers were mainly focused on the prevalence of PTSD amongst our serving and retired Veterans and the many initiatives in the form of service dogs and various group therapies that are designed to help them cope and reintegrate into society.

The amount of time dedicated by Command Personnel to the organization through meetings, phone calls, reporting, consultation, and personal visits to the Branches, Zones and Districts is astounding. These Conferences are something that every Branch Officer should attend. This experience reinforced the branch-level commitment to recognize our Branch 270 Comrades for their TIME spent. Many hands make light work and their contribution is appreciated.

And as part of the trip to the Provincial Convention, we stopped by Coldwater Branch member Roger Pratt's place and presented him with his 60 Years bar to his 50 Years' Service Medal, and a Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution to our Legion. Roger, who was a Veteran Peacekeeper in Egypt in 1965-67 now lives in London, Ont., but maintains his Coldwater Legion membership.

I urge the various Chairs and Officers to keep track of the people who share their time with the Branch in order that all volunteers are properly recognized.



Congratulations to Comrade Marlene Klanert (center), who was presented a Certificate of Merit by Sergeant-at-Arms Debbie Southorn (left) and President Anne Frankish. The citations reads: "This member has worked tirelessly on the executive and as secretary to ensure that our grant applications are properly filled out, sent, received by the organisation, and the ever important follow up. This allowed for Branch to proceed with renovations in a timely manner. A few of the grants submitted were the parking lot paving, new chairs throughout, new windows and new doors. We are pleased to present to Marlene this Certificate of Merit"



Congratulations to Past President Marie Langley (center), who was presented a Life Membership in the Royal Canadian Legion. To present the award, the two current Life Members at Branch 270 were asked to come forward. Presenting the award are, left-to-right: President Anne Frankish; Life Member Grace Mahoney; Life Member Betty-Jean Murray; and 1st Vice President Kari Malmström.



Congratulations to outgoing President Anne Frankish (center), who was presented her Past President medal and bar, surrounded here by the three Vice Presidents and Sergeant-at-Arms, left-to-right: Al Myre (3rd VP), Debbie Southorn (Sgt-at-Arms), John O'Hara (2nd VP), and Kari Malmström (1st VP).



Bars to Past Office medals were presented by 3rd Vice President Al Myre (left) and Sergeant-at-Arms Debbie Southorn (right) to branch members (left-to-right) Penny Lawrence-Judges (Ways & Means), Paula Brown (Service Officer), Gaëtanne Robinson (Poppy), and Henny Risebrough (Bursary). Congratulations to all.



Congratulations to Comrade Penny Lawrence-Judges (center), who was presented a Certificate of Merit by President Anne Frankish (left) and Sergeant-at-Arms Debbie Southorn. The citations reads: "This member has worked tirelessly to promote our Branch Entertainment, bringing a variety of bands, musical jams and recognition of our participation in the blues community. The attendance numbers continue to grow, thereby increasing the bottom line of our Branch financials. We take pleasure in awarding to Penny the Certificate of Merit."

Live at the Coldwater Legion

Diamonds & Rhinestones



A Neil Diamond & Dolly Parton Tribute
featuring Will Chalmers & Laurie Lynn

Saturday June 14, 2025

Upstairs in the Banquet Room
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June 7	Annual Lawn & Plant Sale
June 21	Mid-Summer's Drumming
June 21-22	Coldwater & Area Studio Tour (Host Centre) Vintage Tractor & Equipment Display
July 19	Archibald & Catherine Woodrow Farm Day
Aug. 21	Heritage crafters sale
July 2-August 27	School Day Wednesdays
July 3-August 21	Community Day Crafting Thursdays

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON EUCHRE

May 6

High Hand – Paul
Low Hand – Phyllis
Most Lone Hands – Brian S.

May 13

High Hand – Jim
Low Hand – Marie
Most Lone Hands – Doreen

May 20

High Hand – Marie
Low Hand – Sherrin
Most Lone Hands – Kathy

May 27

High Hand – Sherrin
Low Hand – Richard
Most Lone Hands – Doreen

SHUFFLEBOARD

May 1

1st: Lloyd & Doreen
2nd: Heather D. & Richard
3rd: Heather G. & Cam
Sunshine: Richard

May 8

1st: Lloyd & Heather G.
2nd: Doreen & Richard
3rd: Heather G. & Brian

May 15

1st: Lloyd & Betty-Anne
2nd: Sherrin
3rd: Richard & Jim
Sunshine: Phyllis

May 22

1st: Paul & Brian
2nd: Ken & Heather D.
3rd: Betty-Anne & Heather G.
Sunshine: Paul

May 29

1st: Lloyd & Jim
2nd: Phyllis
3rd: Brian & Heather

FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DARTS

May 2

1. Margaret-Anne
2. Jennine
3. Grace
4. Annie
5. Don
6. Don
Sunshine: Mark

May 9

1. Lloyd
2. Adam
3. Adam
4. Adam
5. Marlene
6. Hans
Sunshine: Don

May 16

1. Al
2. Lorne
3. Yvonne
4. Rob
5. Brenda
6. Annie
Sunshine: Cathy

May 23

1. Jim
2. Cheryll
3. Yvonne
4. Anne
5. Don
6. Margaret Anne
Sunshine: Lorne

May 30

1. Margaret Anne
2. Henny
3. Margaret Anne
4. Kari
5. Cheryll
6. Tony
Sunshine: Margaret Anne

BRANCH 270 WEEKLY SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

- Summer Schedule -

Euchre

1 p.m. every Tuesday

Fun Darts

7 p.m. every Wednesday

Shuffleboard

1 p.m. every Thursday

Sing-O Bingo

7 p.m. every Thursday

Steak Darts

6 p.m. every Friday

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Euchre 1 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Fun Darts 7 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Shuffleboard 1 pm Sing-O Bingo 7 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Bid Euchre 12:30 pm Steak Darts 6 pm	7 Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm <i>Just the Blues Festival starts at 1:30 pm</i>
8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Euchre 1 pm  D-Day 79th	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Fun Darts 7 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Shuffleboard 1 pm Sing-O Bingo 7 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Bid Euchre 12:30 pm Steak Darts 6 pm	14 Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Diamonds & Rhinestones 8 pm
15 CLOSED Father's Day	16 CLOSED	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Euchre 1 pm L.A. General Meeting 4 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Fun Darts 7 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Shuffleboard 1 pm Sing-O Bingo 7 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Bid Euchre 12:30 pm Steak Darts 6 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm 21
22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Euchre 1 pm Branch General Meeting 6:30 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Fun Darts 7 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Shuffleboard 1 pm Sing-O Bingo 7 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm Bid Euchre 12:30 pm Steak Darts 6 pm	Branch Open 11:30am-9:00pm 28 Music with Vic Dupuis starts at 3 pm
29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	Happy Father's Day!				