The Royal Canadian Legion, Orillia Branch 34
215 Mississaga St., E Orillia, Ontario L3V 1W2

Vet's Gazette

July 2026



Our float in the Canada Day Parade

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved, and were loved and now we
lie in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow In Flanders Fields.

Col John McCrae

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Poppy – Bob Thomas
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PRO - Rob McCron
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President's Report

Comrades.

Things are going fairly smoothly at the Legion.

It has been an exciting 6 months in our 100th Anniversary Year.

On May 23rd we received Freedom of the City. We had a good turn out considering the weather did not co-operate This is a huge honour for military units or Legion. We thank the City for that honour.

For the first time in a very long time the branch entered a float in the Canada Day Parade. We wanted to showcase some of the things the legion does for the community as well as the Navy, Army, Air Force and nursing. Players from Orillia Minor Baseball assisted by carrying banners and parents helped distribute Poppy Flags. It was a very hot day and their help was appreciated. The Air Cadets were also in the parade.

July is also the Scottish Festival. This is probably one of the largest events the Orillia Legion has each year. The Scottish Festival honours a clan each year, and this year they are honouring Branch 34 as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

We thank the Auxiliary for having the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon and we thank them for all the assistance they provide during the year. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group.

We also thank ***Good Things*** for making up all our Anniversary clothing. The Anniversary clothing went really well. It is great to see Anniversary shirts and jackets around the Legion. We owe a lot of thanks to Cheryl Rumohr for all her hard work taking orders and getting clothing made up for our Legion members.

Thanks also to Dorothy Cotter for organizing the Popsicle Dart Tournament. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

The last event of the year is our 100th Anniversary Dinner on October 17th. This will be another big event for us closing our 100th Anniversary events.

In August, the Legion's Dominion Convention will be held in Winnipeg where the Legion was incorporated in July 1926. The Orillia Legion was formed in October of 1926.

We also thank the Orillia Legion Pipes and Drums for always supporting the Legion at Legion events and Legion parades. We are lucky to have a Pipe band like the one we have

Have a fun and safe summer.

Yours in Comradeship:

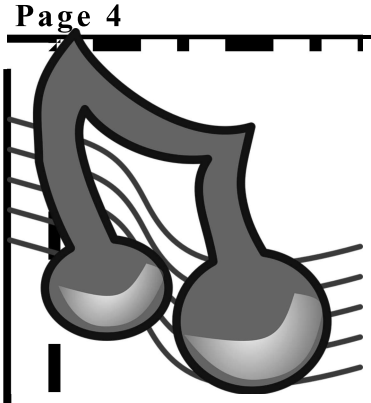
Rick Purcell,
President Branch 34

Last Post

Lest We Forget

FERGUSON, George, passed away May 31, 2026.
World War II, Ordinary Member Branch 34 age 101

At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We Will Remember Them



Upcoming Entertainment

Saturday, July 25th

Dance With D.J. Bill Gallant

Saturday, August 22nd

Dance with Bustin Loose

Western Theme Dance

Saturday, September 5th

Dance with Mil & the Thrills

Pirate Theme Party

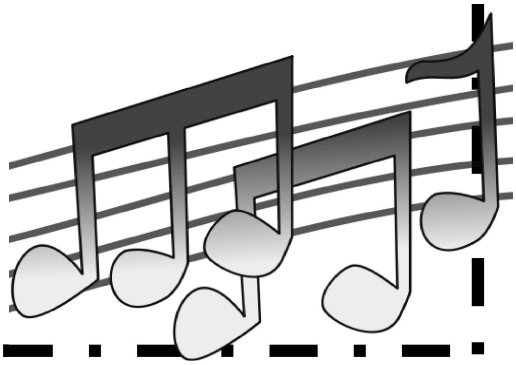
Dances are $7.00 members / $10.00 non members

Dances are 8 p.m. to midnight

Saturday, October 3rd

Adam Graeme Hypnosis Show

8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



Ladies Auxiliary President's Report

Comrades

The Auxiliary ladies have been very busy since my last report. We have catered The Grey Simcoe Foresters luncheon, Veterans luncheon, Celebrations of Life, Birthday parties, Baby showers and Retirement parties. A Fashion Show and Tea were held and was a great success. We have been a busy bunch.

We had 5 members attend the 61st biennial Provincial Convention in Bracebridge. 3 Delegates and 2 Observers. There were just over 500 in attendance. Before opening ceremonies, we had a parade with all our flags, it was very impressive. Speakers from Ontario Command gave a presentation on the needs of the Homeless Veterans. There are 200 Ladies Auxiliaries of Ontario and we have raised $6,508,943.53. Monies raised were spent on the Charitable Foundation, Bursaries, and Veterans Wish Fund. Donations of $1,725,088.00 went to Branches. After all the business was done, we had a fantastic Western Evening with line dancing lesson and some great music.

Our ladies recently played in the Provincial Team Darts tournament in Collingwood. Sports will continue in September.

We are planning a day at the Gravenhurst Market on Wednesday July 29th. We are meeting in the Legion parking lot at 10 am. Come join us.

At our last general meeting a motion was made and carried to hold the general meeting in January and February and take July and August off. The meetings in January and February will start at 6:30.

Our general meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. For our executive members our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. We are always looking for new members please come and join us.

Yours in comradeship,

Bev Brennan

Pictures from Provincial Convention





Membership

As of June 3rd we have 1,102 members for 2026. This includes 217 Centenary Members. If the Centenary Members renew their membership for 2027 they will be entered in a Canada-wide draw for a Ford F150 STX.

Ontario Command has increased the per capita tax for 2027 by $4.00. A motion was made and approved at the June General Meeting to increase the Branch 34 dues by $5.00 to $75.00.

The Early Bird Campaign for 2027 will begin in September.

I will continue to be in the office most weekdays during the summer. Please drop in and say hi. Have a great summer.

Yours in comradeship,

Cathy Carde

Membership chair



At the 99 Lynx Squadron Annual Inspection held recently at Rotary Place, Zone E5 Commander Bruce Henn presented the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence to W/O Sophie Ulrick.

Congratulations Sophie!





Comrade Sandra Evans proudly carries the Ladies Auxiliary Banner at the 51st L.A. Provincial Convention held recently in Bracebridge

Attention Veterans



VETERANS' Dinner

Tuesday, September 22

At 5 p.m.

In the Vimy Room
Branch 34,
Royal Canadian Legion

This invitation is extended to all veterans in the Orillia area. If you know a veteran who you think would like to attend please let him/her know. The veteran <u>DOES NOT</u> have to be a Legion member.

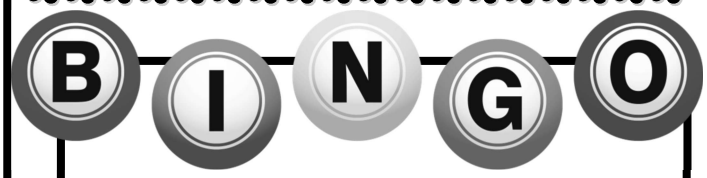
We will arrange transportation for those who need it.

RESERVATIONS WILL <u>NOT</u> BE TAKEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1 AND MUST BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 17

Presented by the Branch 34 Poppy Committee

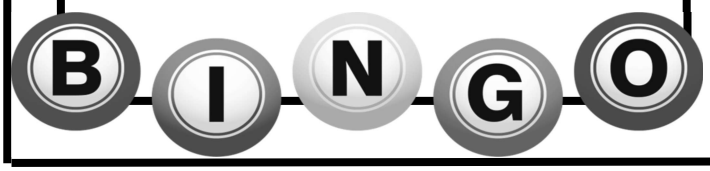
Open Mic Music Jam

July 12
August 9 & 23
September 20 and
October 18
2 to 5 p.m.
In The Vimy Room
Admission
$5.00 per person



Wednesday Nights

Doors open at 5 p.m.
Sales start at 5:30 p.m.
Games start at 6:30 p.m.



Steak BBQ's

July 24
August 21
At 6 p.m.
Only $25.00 per person
Steak, baked potato cole slaw, roll and dessert

Get your tickets early these dinners sell out fast

Thank You

Special thanks to
Dorothy and Tim Cotter
for all of their hard work organizing and running the Popsicle Dart Tournament in June

Everyone had a great time!

Scottish Festival

Are you inspired by the Tartan Army taking over the World Cup? Join us for the 48th Orillia Scottish Festival July 17 - 19, 2026. We are excited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion as this year's honoured clan.

The weekend is packed with options. And all the schedules and information can be found on our website Scottishfestival.ca.

We kick things off with a Ceilidh on Friday, July 17th at the Legion. Tickets are available online at www.scottishfestival.ca or at the bar at the Legion. Ticket includes a light late night snack, live music with Celtic Effect, and special guest appearances by the Orillia Pipes and Drums and Meghan Miller's Highland Dancers.

July 18th activities take place in Couchiching Beach Park for all things Scottish as we celebrate our 48th annual Orillia Scottish Festival!

Saturday, the parade starts at noon from Peter Street, down Mississaga Street to Couchiching Park where food and craft vendors, children's village, opening and closing massed bands, pipe band performances across three stages throughout the day, Pipes and Drums Duet competition, Scottish Country and Highland dancing, our version of the Heavies and festival pub will keep you entertained all day. Live music with Strange Potatoes in park! The park is open to attendees, but we strongly encourage you to make a donation for a festival button to help ensure we will return for our 49th annual. This is a major part of our fundraising and well worth the donation for a weekend of entertainment.

Sunday, July 19th, we are grateful to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for hosting the Kirkin' o' the Tartan before our afternoon Ceilidh at the Legion starting at 1:00. Arrive early to get your preferred seats! Live entertainment with The Kempencelts, Pipes and Drums of Canada and more!

Circle the date on your calendar and be sure to join us for a weekend of fun!

We are in need of volunteers for July 18 at the park tasks. Please reach out on our website and we will find the right fit for you!

Find us on:

- Facebook - @orilliascottishfestival
- Instagram - @orilliascottish
- Twitter - @orilliascotfest
- Web: scottishfestival.ca or scan the QR code to go to the website here

Angela Paylor and Carrie Dunn
Co- chairs, Orillia Scottish Festival
orilliascottishfestival@gmail.com



Royal Canadian Legion Orillia Branch 34

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

Recruiting new members for the Branch 34 Colour Party!

In an effort to rebuild the Branch 34 Colour Party we are looking for interested individuals who:

1. Can dedicate one night per month, for one or two hours of practice;
2. Can participate in most if not all parades and events as a Branch 34 Colour Party member (e.g. Remembrance Day, Santa Claus Parade, Canada Day, Scottish Festival, etc.); and
3. Can learn colour party drill movements and follow commands given on parade.

* Drill experience IS NOT required.
* Must be a strong team player and able to work with existing members.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS PLEASE CONTACT
SEAN COUSENS AT: rcl34parademmander@outlook.com

Saturday, July 18

9:30 AM — **FESTIVAL OPENS**

Vendor Market, Food Market,
Children's Activity Zone



BEER TENT

Serving beer, coolers, non-alcoholic beer, water until 7 PM

11-7 AM

12 PM — **SCOTTISH FESTIVAL PARADE**

Mississaga and Peter St. past Legion to Couchiching Beach Park. Join the parade fun and march with us at the end of the parade



OPENING CEREMONIES

Watch for 100 pipers around Terry Fox Circle to the main field for massed bands

12:45 PM

ENTERTAINMENT STAGES OPEN

Full schedule on Scottish Festival website, socials and TripVia app

2-5 PM



CLOSING MASSED BANDS

Competition winners announced, Jam session in beer tent following closing. Beer tent open to 7 pm

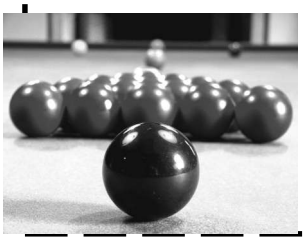
5 PM

SCOTTISHFESTIVAL.CA

Open Snooker Tournament

Every weekend

Doubles on Saturdays
Singles on Sundays



Registration each day at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone welcome

Back by Popular Demand!

Millionaire's Afternoon

Saturday, September 19
1 p.m.



Come to the

Trail Walk Café

At The Legion

Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays
From 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Sides

Side Fruit	$1.50
Scallop Potatoes	$4.75
Cheese Potatoes	$4.25
Mashed Potatoes	$3.75
Home Fries	$3.75
Cheese Swiss, Cheddar, Mozzarella	$1.75
Mushrooms	$1.00
Trio of Sweet Peppers	$1.00
3 Bacons, 3 Hams or 2 Sausages	$3.95
3 Peameal	$4.50
Toast	$2.95
Plain Bagel	$2.95
Gravy	$1.00
Tomatoes	$1.50

Drinks

Canned Pop	$1.40
Bottled Water	$1.25
Hot Chocolate	$2.25
Milk (Chocolate or White)	$1.90
Orange Juice	$2.50
Apple Juice	$2.50
Coffee	$2.50
Tea	$2.50

Please inform your server of any food allergies or dietary restrictions.

Trail Walk Café At The Legion

Breakfast

2 Eggs Your Way	$7.25
Add Bacon, Ham or Sausage	$10.50
Add Peameal	$11.00
Add Steak	$16.50
Add Scalloped Potatoes	$3.00

Big Breakfast $15.00
3 Eggs Your Way, 2 Bacon
2 Sausage, 2 Ham

Cheesy Breakfast $13.50
2 Eggs, Ham, Bacon or Sausage
with Fried Scalloped Potatoes

Corn Beef ,
Hash & Eggs $14.00
Corn Beef, Caramelized Onion
Home Fries, Eggs

Waffles $10.10
with fruit $11.25

Pancakes $10.10
with fruit $11.25

3 French Toast $10.10
With fruit $11.25

All Breakfasts include
Fresh Home Fries, Toast,
Coffee or Tea

TAXES NOT INCLUDED

Omelettes

Vegetarian	$11.50
Spinach & Feta	$10.75
Meat Lovers (Ham, Bacon and Sausage)	$12.95
Classic Western	$10.25
Mushroom Swiss	$10.85
Mediterranean	$12.95

Eggs Benedict

Salmon	$12.75
Peameal	$11.50
Ham	$10.95
Bacon	$10.75
Sausage	$10.75
Spinach	$10.75

Lighter Options

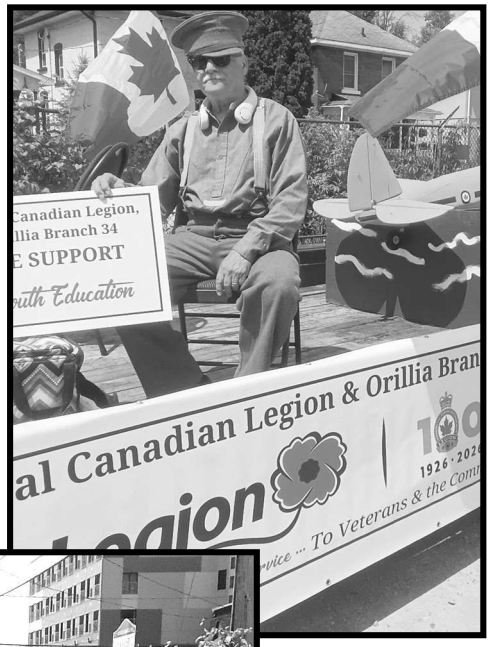
Bagel with cream cheese	$5.99
Smoked Salmon, Red Onion Capers, Cream Cheese	$10.99

Sandwiches

Steak	$15.50
Western	$10.25
Bacon & Egg	$7.95
Clubhouse	$12.50
BLT	$8.95
3 Cheese Grilled	$6.50
Reuben	$12.95

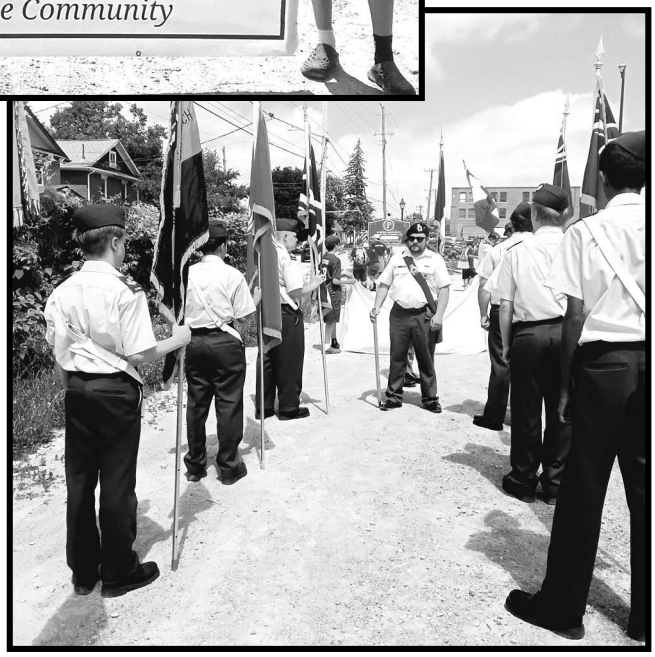
Canada Day Parade











Special Thanks

As chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee I want to thank everyone who put so much effort into the Freedom and the City and Canada Day Parade. Rick Purcell and Sean Cousens worked with the City of Orillia for a successful Freedom of the City event that went off well despite the rain.

The Canada Day Parade was wonderful. It was the first time in a long time that we put a float in the parade and it couldn't have been done without the huge help of **Gerry Cox**, a friend of Rob McCron who not only provided the flatbed for the float but also did a lot of work on it to adapt it to hold the banners. Rob McCron and Rick Purcell did a lot of background work lining up volunteers to help with the float and acquiring the uniforms. Chuck Penny worked with Georgian Bay Printers for all of the banners. Thanks also to John Osborne for constructing the platform for the aircraft.

Despite the extreme heat Peter DeVillers and Rick Crouch donned the Army and AirForce uniforms and Lynn Tryon dressed in medical garb. Padre Gerry McMillan was also on the float.

We couldn't have managed without the help of the Legion Minor Baseball players and their parents who carried the signs and handed out the Poppy Flags.

Thanks also to Karen Tolton for providing golf carts for Rick, Chuck and I to ride in. and to the 99 Lynx Air Cadet Squadron for always looking so good.

Special thanks to the City of Orillia Branch 34 Pipe Band who played at both the Freedom of the City presentation and the Canada Day Parade. They always sound so good.

With extreme gratitude,

Kate Palmer

100th Anniversary Committee Chair

Legion Branch 034 Orillia

1926 · 2026

100th Anniversary

The 100th Anniversary Committee has been working hard to plan special events to celebrate this huge milestone.
Here are some things to mark on your calendar.

July 17 to 19

Orillia Scottish Festival
Honouring our
100th Anniversary

Saturday, October 17

100th Anniversary Dinner

With special guest
Comrade Sharon McKeown
1st Vice-president
Dominion Command

Watch for Details

Treasurer's Report

Financial Summary for the Twelve months ending May 31, 2026

	12 Months ending May 31st, 2026	12 Months ending May 31st, 2025
Bar revenue	$303,880	$316,588
Cost of goods sold	131,908	144,284
Gross Bar profit	$171,973	$172,304
Gross Profit %age-bar	56.6%	54.4%
Committee revenue	$ 55,288	$ 47,196
Committee expenses	41,034	44,386
Committee profit (loss)	$ 14,255	$ 2,810
Revenue-Ways & Means	$ 36,196	$ 28,348
Expenses-Ways & Means	4,510	5,099
Ways & Means profit	$ 31,686	$ 23,249
Revenue-Normandy Room	$ 58,545	$ 56,758
Expenses-Normandy Room	---	-----
Normandy profit	$ 58,545	$ 56,758
Member Fees-net	$ 20,040	$ 25,305
Other Income	$ 57,186	$ 69,076
Expenses		
Administration	$ 64,023	$ 57,807
Building	$ 79,295	$101,229
Payroll	$180,726	$175,888
Total Expense	$324,044	$334,924
Net Profit(loss)	$ 29,640	$ 14,577

Cash and GICs less payables	$ 93,945
Bingo Bank Account	$ 9,071
Nevada Bank Account	$ 8,951
Raffle Bank Account	$ 5,380

Treasurer's Comments

July 8th, 2026

Financial Statements May 31st, 2026

Profit & Loss June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026:

Detailed financial statements are available at the Branch. Financial highlights are listed below:

1.Bar revenue for the twelve months ending May 31, 2026 was $303,880. Other revenues for the twelve months ending May 31, 2026 were Ways & Means net revenue of $31,686 net Membership Fees of $20,040, Bingo/ Kitchen rent of $58,545, Scottish Festival, Regalia and Sport Committees net profit of $14,255, and Other Income of $57,186. Bar Gross Profit was 56.6% of bar revenue and amounted to $171,973.

2. Geneva Bingo is held every Wednesday. Trail Walk Catering is open for Friday through Sunday breakfast in the Vimy room from 8:00am to 11:30am.

3. Building and Administration costs were $143,318. Wages were $180,726.

4. The Legion's profit for the twelve months ending May 31, 2026 was $29,640 as compared to a profit of $14,577 for the twelve months ending May 31, 2025.

Balance Sheet- May 31, 2026:

1. Retained earnings at May 31, 2026 were $122,851.

2. Cash on hand was $218,669.

3. Accounts payable & reserve liabilities were $124,724 leaving a net cash balance of $93,945 at May 31, 2026.

4. The Bingo, Nevada and Raffle bank accounts have a balance of $23,403.

TRILLIUM GRANT – The Legion has filled a 2026 Trillium Grant for $193,000, to cover cost of repairs to the flat roof above the Normandy room, roof of the Vimy room and for the modernization of the elevator.

ONTARIO SENIORS GRANT - The Legion has filed for another 2025 Ontario Seniors Grant for $26,000 for replacement of the Legion's partial replacement/repair of driveway around the entries to the front of the Legion to make it more accessible, accessible toilets and Seniors programs.

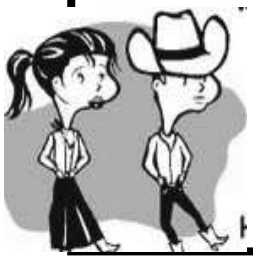
NEW HORIZON GRANT – The Legion has filed a 2025 New Horizon Grant in September 2025 for $25,000, to replace the two Cooler Thermal Doors, repainting outdoor siding and replacement/repair signs. **Not accepted.**

PIB/AVIVA INSURANCE- A tentative settlement has been reached in concern with the Orillia Legion's lawsuit for a Business Interruption Claim but it still needs to be approved by the court.

Respectively submitted,

Charon Varty,

Treasurer



Back by Popular Demand

Line Dancing lessons

With Richlynn

Sundays July 5 & 26, August 2 & 23, September 6 & 27 and October 4 and 25

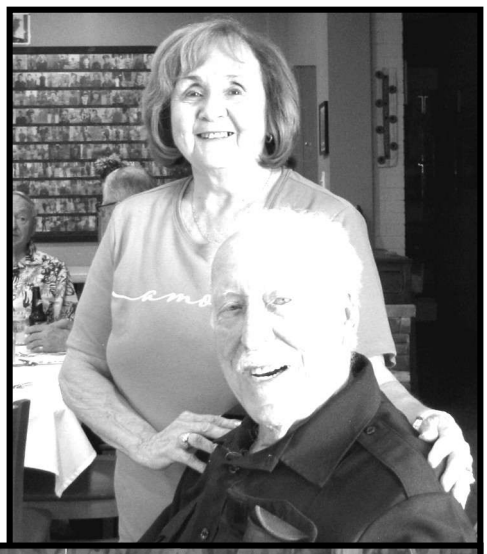
2 to 3 pm.

In the Normandy Room

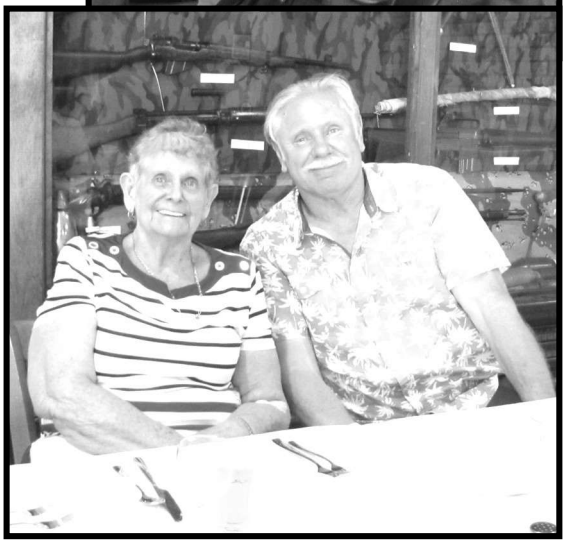
Bring a friend, make a new one!

Veteran's Lunch 2026











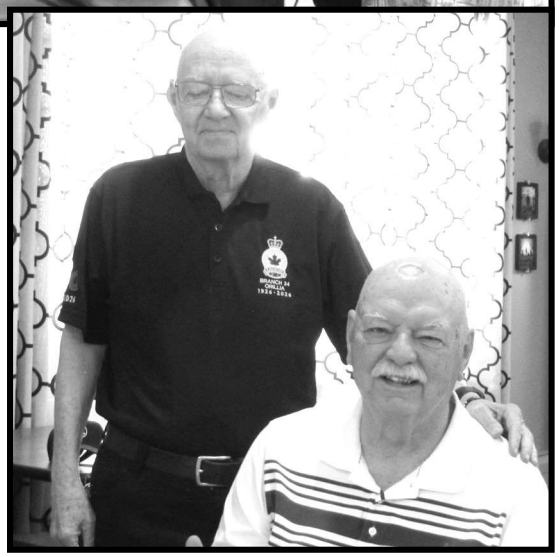


Veteran's Lunch 2026













Fun Darts

Every Friday Night at 8 p.m.

Only $6.00 per person

Please register by 7:45 p.m.





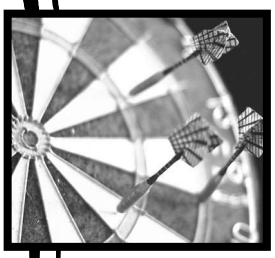
Enjoy a game of

Euchre

Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

Bid Euchre Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Everyone welcome



DARTS

Come out to Branch 34 every Wednesday at 1 p.m. for a fun afternoon of darts and comradeship.

Any skill level acceptable - just a fun way to pass a Wednesday afternoon.



Save your beer can and pop can tabs

Bring them to the branch.

They will be collected and taken to a scrap yard. The money received is then donated to

Soldiers' Memorial Hospital


JOIN US
17 JULY, 2026
ORILLIA LEGION
BRANCH 34
FRIDAY
NIGHT
CEILIDH
DOORS OPEN: 630
7 PM - 10 PM
TICKETS: $35 includes light late night snack
PURCHASE AT SCOTTISHFESTIVAL.CA
CELTIC EFFECT
&
MEGHAN MILLER'S HIGHLAND DANCERS
ORILLIA PIPES AND DRUMS

Veteran's Licence Plate

The new Veteran licence plate is available to those who have honourably served in:

- Served in the Canadian Armed Forces, including Reserve Forces, the forces of the Commonwealth, or its wartime allies;
- Served in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command during wartime;
- Currently serving members of the Canadian Forces including Reserve Forces;
- Served in NATO operations or as a member of United Nations peacekeeping force as a member of a Canadian police service;
- Currently serving or retired members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- Served in the Vietnam War in the forces of the United States or its allies during this war and who was a Canadian citizen at the time of such service.

HOW TO ORDER

First, applicants can obtain an "Application for Veteran Plate Eligibility Certification" form from any Drivers and Vehicles Licence Issuing Office, listed in the blue pages of your local phone book. You may also download your form here or on the Ministry of Transportation's Web site (https://www.ontario.ca/page/choose-licence-plate-graphic#section-6).

Second, to verify their service, applicants are asked to complete this form and attach photocopies of their:

- Copy of Canadian Forces discharge certificate, Certificate of Service (or equivalent for Merchant Navy or allies), if retired; or NDI75 CF ID Card"Canadian Forces Identification Card NDI20," if still serving
- RCMP ID Card
- Police Personnel – Letter from applicant's police service confirming his/her involvement NATO operation or United Nations mission
- Vietnam Service – Statement of service or discharge certificate showing service in Vietnam during the Vietnam War in the United States Forces or the forces of its allies during this war and proof of Canadian citizenship at the time of service (Canadian birth certificate or citizenship document, which shows date of becoming a Canadian citizen.)

Send the completed form with a $5.00 cheque or money order payable to the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command, to cover administrative costs, plus photocopied service information, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command
89 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora, Ontario L4G 4C4

Ontario Command may need up to three weeks to verify the information and return an approved form.

COST Ontario values Veterans' contribution, dedication and commitment to serving and protecting our country. To honour their contribution, veterans can exchange their current plates or obtain the new veteran licence plate at no charge, once their service has been verified by the Legion. Sample veteran plates reading "000 VET," for display or gift purposes only (i.e., prohibited from being attached to a vehicle), are also available at no charge to veterans whose service has been verified by the Legion.

100th Anniversary

Following the honour of the branch receiving Freedom of the City and at the opening ceremonies of the festivities at the park on Canada Day I was honoured to say a few words on behalf of the 100th anniversary committee. Many people have asked me to share them in The Gazette - Kat

Happy Birthday Canada

Happy Birthday Orillia

How lucky we are to live in this great country and while it is my pleasure to be here to say happy birthday it is really my great honour to represent Branch 34 of the Royal Canadian Legion as we celebrate a milestone of our own.

100 years marks a once-in-a-lifetime milestone, a century of standing with veterans, strengthening communities and honouring the memory of those who served.

On July 17, 1926, the Legion was officially incorporated by a special Act of Parliament. Months later, on October 30, Orillia veterans signed their charter and became Branch 34 of The Canadian Legion.

I am the proud daughter of a World War II veteran, and he passed on to me a deep respect and admiration for all who served and continue to serve. He taught me that an anniversary gives us not only the opportunity to look back and examine the past, but also to reflect on the present and look forward to the future. The wars of the past changed our way of thinking and our destiny.

Because of the sacrifices of so many we have a destiny, a future. Because of their sacrifices we are here. We can make decisions, choose our own friends, run for public office, wear the clothes we want to wear, worship the way we choose and join our friends in a ceremony such as this without fear and to give thanks without being judged. We can stand here and say thank you.

Branch 34 has a 100-year legacy of upholding the traditions of the Royal Canadian Legion. We continue to help veterans by supporting programs like Operation Service Dogs and Leave the Streets Behind - no veteran should be homeless. We continue to support veterans locally we even take them fishing and have lunches and dinners where they can simply enjoy the company of other veterans.

And added to this we take pride in serving our community. We organize the annual Remembrance Day Service, we make sizeable donations to Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, sponsor the 99 Lynx Air Cadet Squadron, we support the amazing City of Orillia Branch 34 pipe band. We sponsor minor baseball, and other sports and make donations to other service clubs. The Orillia Scottish Festival was born at Branch 34 48 years ago and this year the festival will honour our 100th anniversary.

We have a great relationship with the City of Orillia and thank them for all they do to support us including the Veteran's Crosswalk. We thank Mayor McIsaac and members of council for the honour of granting us Freedom of the City and the Celebrate Orillia committee for honouring us today.

We also recognize and thank our very supportive ladies auxiliary for everything they do for our veterans and our branch.

To all the veterans here today, those who have served and those who continue to serve, thank you isn't enough. We honour you, we respect you and we love you. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU.

Today, we celebrate the past but also look forward to the future. The next 100 years start now. Happy birthday Canada.

Legion 100 1926 · 2026

Branch 034
Orillia

July 2026

48th Annual
Scottish Festival
Honours 100th Anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion and Branch 34

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 pm Bingo	2 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	3 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	4 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30 a.m.* .
5 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30 a.m.* *Line Dancing*	6 Yoga 9:45	7 Euchre 1 p.m.	8 Darts Bid Euchre EXEC. MEETING 7 P.M. Bingo	9 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	10 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	11 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30 a.m.* .
12 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30* *MUSIC JAM 2 to 5 p.m*	13 Yoga 9:45	14 Euchre 1 p.m.	15 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 pm Bingo	16 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	17 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts **SCOTTISH FESTIVAL**	18 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* \.
19 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* **Ceilidh 2 pm**	20 Yoga 9:45	21 Euchre 1 p.m.	22 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 pm Bingo	23 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	24 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws STEAK BBQ Fun Darts	25 *Breakfast* *Pool 10:30 a.m* *DICE ROLL* *DANCE* *Bill Gallant*
26 *Breakfast* *Pool 10:30 a.m.* *Line Dancing*	27 Yoga 9:45	28 Euchre 1 p.m.	29 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 pm Bingo	30 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	31	**July 25 Dance with DJ Bill Gallant**

STEAK BBQ
FRIDAY, JULY 24
6 P.M.
$25.00 PER PERSON

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WESTERN THEMED DANCE with BUSTIN LOOSE Saturday, August 22nd, 8 P.M.						1 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30*
2 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30 a.m* *Line Damcing*	3 Civic Holiday	4 Euchre 1 p.m	5 Afternoon Darts *Bid Euchre* EXEC MEETING Bingo	6 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	7 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	8 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30*
9 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30 a.m* *MUSIC JAM 2 TO 5*	10 Yoga 9:45	11 Euchre 1 p.m	12 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 pm Bingo	13 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	14 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	15 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30*
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23 *Breakfast* *Pool 10:30 a.m* *Line Dancing* *MUSIC JAM 2 TO 5*	24 Yoga 9:45	25 Euchre 1 p.m.	26 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 pm Bingo	27 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	28 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	29
30 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30 a.m*	31			**STEAK BBQ FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 6 P.M. $25.00 PER PERSON**		

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PIRATE THEMED DANCE WITH MIL AND THE THRILLS Saturday, September 5		1 Euchre 1 p.m. LA Meeting	2 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 p.m. Executive Meeting Bingo	3 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	4 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	5 *Breakfast Pool 10:30 DANCE with Mil and the Thrills*
6 *Breakfast Pool 10:30 a.m. Line Dancing*	7 **Labour Day**	8 Euchre 1 p.m.	9 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre General Meeting Bingo	10 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m.	11 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	12 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30 Pool 10:30 a.m.*
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20 *Breakfast Pool 10:30 a.m. MUSIC JAM 2 TO 5*	21 Yoga 9:45 Ladies Darts	22 Euchre 1 p.m. VETERNS DINNER Mens Darts	23 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 pm Bingo	24 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m. Mixed Darts	25 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	26 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30 Pool 10:30 a.m.*
27 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30 Pool 10:30 a.m. Line Dancing*	28 Yoga 9:45 Ladies Darts	29 Euchre 1 p.m. LA Executive Mens Darts	30	**Millionaire's Afternoon Saturday, September 19, 1 p.m. Games of Chance** ***Fun for all***		

October 2026

Adam Graeme Hypnosis Show
Saturday, October 3rd
8 p.m. to 9:30 pm.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
100th Anniversary Dinner **Saturday, October 17** ***Come help us celebrate!***				1 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m. Mixed Darts	2 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	3 *Breakfast* *Pool 10:30 a.m.* *Adam Graeme Hypnosis*
4 *Breafast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30* *Line Dancing*	5 Yoga 9:45 Ladies Darts	6 Euchre 1 p.m. LA Meeting Mens Darts	7 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 pm Bingo	8 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m. Mixed Darts	9 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	10 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30 a.m.*
11 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* *Pool 10:30* *2 to 5 p.m*	12 *HAPPY THANKS GIVING*	13 Euchre 1 pm Mens Darts	14 Afternoon Darts Bid Euchre 1 pm Bingo	15 Yoga 9 & 10:15 a.m. Mixed Darts	16 *Breakfast 8 to 11:30* Meat Draws Fun Darts	17 *Breakfast* *Pool 10:30 a.m.* *Anniversary Dinner*
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