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WELCOME BACK



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Valentine's Day



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TO COME HOME
"REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED"

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PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings all,

Well February is here and we are opening up our doors. We will be opening under the previous rules as set out by the WECHU. Please bring your QR code card with you when entering the legion. According to the guidelines set out by the Province the restrictions will begin to ease up after 21 days which will be February 21 and then again on March 14. This all depends on the declining numbers of Covid and also the declining hospital beds that are being used. Hopefully everything begins to decline and we can get back to normal.

February 13 is the Super Bowl and we will be setting up for the big game. We can operate at 50% capacity but that will still allow us a good group to come in and enjoy the game. Watch for further information around the branch. Also March 17(St. Patrick's Day) is not that far off and hopefully we can have a good party and get back to where we should be. If you remember, it was 2 years ago on St. Patrick's Day when we were first shut down. Our meat draws should be up and running by Saturday February 05 starting at 2:00pm. This depends on our licensing going through on time. We will know early this week. Our loonie toonie draw is in the works, we are working with the city licensing to develop a blueprint for running this. It will take a little more time as city hall has been closed, so it is difficult to work on this through email.

As I stated in my last report we need more people to step up. If you are interested in the executive please let us know so we can give you any information and answer any questions you may have to make your decision. You can also step up and be on a committee. This does not require you to run for the executive but will let you be involved in one of our committees that may interest you. Right now we are looking for people for membership, youth and education, house committee, donations, public relations, poppies and more. Please step up. None of us are good at everything, but all of us are good at something. Also we are looking for someone within the branch to take on the treasurers position. Our bookkeeper Linda Faubert has been wearing two hats for a long time. Linda would like to start easing into retirement so for someone to come in and start learning would be a great asset to us. For more details on this position please come in and talk to myself or Linda and we can answer all your questions.

In closing I would to thank our staff and volunteers for all you have done in making sure our legion is safe and sanitized and always remember Branch 255 will survive.

Thank You,
Ken Dault / President



LAST POST



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Len Ryan and Eugene Deschamps.
"Our condolences to their Families"

They will be missed by all of us at Branch 255 and by all that knew and loved them.



At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

" WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

YOUR POPPY FUND DONATIONS AT WORK! Legion

A donation of \$75,000 from the Legion **National** Poppy Fund was presented to Concussion Legacy Foundation Canada in support of Operation Brain Health. This program will help Veterans and their families living with the effects of concussions by provide recovery programs, a peer support network, education, and critical research through the CLFC's Project Enlist Brain Donation Program.

Up to 35% of Canadian Armed Forces members and Veterans are living with the effects of concussion, which can have a serious impact on their quality of life and lead to other mental health conditions.

LEAVE THE STREETS BEHIND



Legion hopes to form local committee to expand homeless veterans program. For more than 12 years, the Royal Canadian Legion's Ontario Command has been serving veterans facing hard times through its operation "Leave the Streets Behind" program.

Initiated in 2009, the program aims to end homelessness among veterans. Once the Legion identifies a homeless veteran, it determines the immediate needs of the veteran and quickly takes action, providing food, clothing, shelter and other assistance such as help with rent payments, covering dental work, and providing gift cards to veterans in need.

For over a decade, the program has assisted more than 662 homeless veterans in finding permanent housing. More than 980 homeless veterans have been identified in 184 municipalities across the province since the program's launch.

Ontario Command first vice president Derek Moore said the Legion is now wanting to build on the program's success and expand by forming regional committees across the province, including one in Wellington County and one in Guelph. Regional committees have already been formed in Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Niagara Falls and London.

"The program has been so successful, and we want to expand on that," Moore said. "We have 393 branches in Ontario, and we need to get all of those branches

DISTRICT "A" SPRING CONVENTION

APRIL 8th to the 10th , 2022 to be held in Port Stanley, Ontario
Submission deadline: March 19, 2022.

WORLD WAR II QUIZ - TRUE OR FALSE

- Q1. Japan won World War II.
- Q2. World War II was fought in the 19th century.
- Q3. The rescue at Dunkirk took place late in World War II.
- Q4. The outbreak of World War II caught most European countries by surprise.
- Q5. World War II began with the invasion of Poland.
- Q6. World War II cost many millions of lives.
- Q7. India was neutral in World War II.
- Q8. The Yalta Conference took place late in World War II.
- Q9. The Philippines became independent after World War II.



ANSWERS
2ND LAST PAGE
NO PEEKING!!





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Starting on 1 April 2022, Veterans living in Canada who apply for a disability benefit for a mental health condition – as well as those who have already applied – will automatically qualify for Mental Health Benefits coverage.

The regulatory changes for these benefits (introduced as part of Budget 2021) are now posted in the Canada Gazette. Comments can be submitted by 30

January 2022 to cabinetbusinessunit-unitedinformationducabinet@veterans.gc.ca
veterans.gc.ca

GENERAL MEETING - ATTENTION MEMBERS

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday February 24th at 7p.m. Must show membership card before seating.

Branch 255 monthly General Meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of the month January through November beginning at 7:00 p.m. There are no Meetings in December. The General Meeting is your chance to influence what and how things happen so consider taking an hour of your time once a month to exercise your rights as a member.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR MEMBERS:

- NOMINATIONS of Branch 255 Legion Executive will be held at the March General Meeting on Thursday March 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- ELECTIONS of Branch 255 Legion will be held on Sunday April 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. (Nominations will re-open)

ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE AND HOLD OFFICE

No person shall be nominated except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws. Only Life, Ordinary, Associate and Affiliate Voting members in good standing shall have the right to vote or hold office at any level within this branch. Members so nominated must be present at the nominating meeting or have signified in writing willingness to accept such office. Please DO NOT nominate anyone who does not want to be on the executive committee.

“Member in Good Standing” means a member who has been initiated and who is not under suspension or is not in arrears in payment of dues.



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STRESS AND ISOLATION DURING COVID-19

Feelings of isolation, stress, worry and sadness are common and completely normal during a time of crisis.

You may be feeling:

- Worried about losing your job, not being able to work or finances.
 - Fear of being apart from loved ones due to isolation or physical distancing.
 - Helplessness, boredom, or loneliness due to isolation or physical distancing.
- If you need support, visit Wellness Together Canada for a range of free online mental health and substance use resources, including counselling.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/mental-health.html>

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT announced on Jan. 20, 2022 3 STAGES for re-opening:

- STAGE 1: January 31, 2022 - Clubroom capacity 50%
- STAGE 2: February 21, 2022
- STAGE 3: March 14, 2022

We will update the notice as we reach each stage.

Branch 255 / Government Covid protocol requirements:

- Full vaccination / Sign in at side door
- Proof of vaccination must include the QR Code.
(Please download it on your cell or print a copy.)
- Masks to be worn when not seated
- When standing, 6' social distancing

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WORLD WAR II QUIZ ANSWERS:

Q1. Japan won World War II. Answer: FALSE

Japan was defeated in August 1945 in World War II. The war began in Europe and lasted for six years. Japan had been fighting separately in China before joining an alliance with Germany and Italy.

Q2. World War II was fought in the 19th century. Answer: FALSE

World War II was fought between 1939 and 1945, in the 20th century.

Q3. The rescue at Dunkirk took place late in World War II. Answer: FALSE

The rescue of 300,000 British and Allied troops at Dunkirk took place in the first months of World War II, from May 26 to June 4, 1940.

Q4. The outbreak of World War II caught most European countries by surprise.

Answer: FALSE

The countries of Europe spent most of the 1930s building toward war. Many commentators predicted that a long, murderous struggle would ensue, and they were correct.

Q5. World War II began with the invasion of Poland. Answer: TRUE

On September 1, 1939, the German army invaded neighboring Poland. This was the event that finally led to the start of World War II.

Q6. World War II cost many millions of lives. Answer: TRUE

Although the estimates are inexact, it is believed that between 35 and 60 million lives were lost in World War II.

Q7. India was neutral in World War II. Answer: FALSE

India supported the Allied war effort in World War II. More than 2,000,000 Indians served in the army, and some 24,000 were killed in combat.

Q8. The Yalta Conference took place late in World War II. Answer: TRUE

By early 1945 it was clear that Germany could not fight for much longer. The Allied leaders met in Russia for the Yalta Conference. There they planned for the final defeat and occupation of Germany.

Q9. The Philippines became independent after World War II. Answer: TRUE

In 1935 the self-governing Commonwealth of the Philippines was established to prepare the country for independence. The Philippines achieved full independence in 1946.



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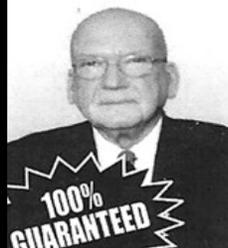
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<p>6</p> <p>OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE</p> <p>▼</p>	<p>7</p> <p>ZONE MEETING AT 7:30 PM AT BRANCH 594</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>FISH FRY</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>MEAT DRAW 50/50 DRAW 2-5PM</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Come watch it on our BIG SCREEN <i>More details to come</i></p> 	<p>14</p>  <p>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>EXECUTIVE MEETING 7PM</p> 	<p>18</p>  <p>FISH FRY</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>MEAT DRAW 50/50 DRAW 2-5PM</p>
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