Royal Canadian Legion

Riverside Branch 255 - December 2022 Bulletin

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

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PRESIDENT REPORT

Comrades,

November has been a very busy month. Our Remembrance Ceremony at our Cenotaph was well attended, and after we returned to the Branch for refreshments. Our Remembrance Banquet was well attended and the meal was served from Marco's kitchen. Our in Branch Service was well attended and again Marco served a terrific lunch.

Our Poppy Campaign was a success. Many thanks go out to Ron Marshall and his crew Ken Marshall, Kathy Patterson, Diane Vandresco and all the volunteers who distributed the Poppies, and the many who volunteered their time for the money count. Thanks again for a job well done.

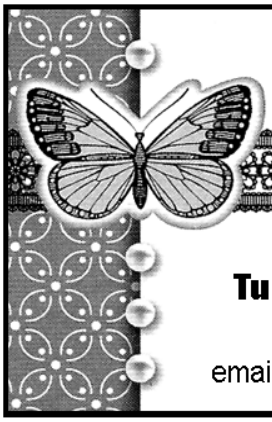
We also thank our Cadets who served the Banquet meal. A job well done.
I would also like to thank Denis Holmes for presenting the table of Honour at the Banquet and in our Branch Service. There are many more to be thanked, to many to mention, we know who you are.

Also all the functions are doing well Meat Draws, Seniors Dinners, Saturday night bands. Again thank you to all.

Thank You,
Tim Copland / President Branch 255

ATTENTION MEMBERS

There is NO General meeting the month of December.
Next General meeting is Thurs. January 24th at 7pm.



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LAST POST

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

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM "

It is with great sadness we announce the
passing of LINDA TETLEY and DAVID BARWISE
who were known by all.
"Our condolences to their Families"
They will be missed by all of us at Branch 255.

Remembering Branch 255's Members and our Ladies Auxiliary who have passed in the year 2022.

November 25th - David Barwise
November 4th - Linda Tetley
August 3rd - Concetta Querqui L.A.
July 20th - Jim McAree
June 25th - Brian Crockett
June 9th - Glenn Stankewich
May 29th - Ronald Lavoie
May 29th - Frances Wood L.A.
May 9th - Donald Buchanan

April 12th - Earl Deneau
March 28th - Bob Burkinshaw
February 11th - Karen Sutcliffe
March 26th - Jack Hastings
March 8th - Alberta Tootill
February 25th - Betty Stevenson L.A.
January 19th - Eugene Deschamps
January 18th - Lenard Ryan

LEGION SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Legion provides a range of services and supports for Veterans, their families and dependents. In addition to directly assisting Veterans and their families with the disability claims process through Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), the Legion offers a variety of programs, resources and referrals to support Veteran health, transition to civilian life, financial assistance and well-being.

At the local Legion Branch, a Veteran or their family can:

- meet with a volunteer Legion Service Officer to help identify unmet health or support needs and review possible benefits through VAC, as well as other supports available
- get assistance with completing the Legion Claims Form and receive a referral to Legion Command Service Officers for individual assistance
- request benevolent financial assistance through the Poppy Fund
- request visits to Veterans in retirement and long term care facilities
- access Veteran support and care programs as offered through the Branch

Provincial Command Service Officers can help a Veteran or their family:

- get assistance with the disability claims process
- request benevolent financial assistance through the Poppy Fund, beyond what a Branch can provide
- obtain referrals to appropriate Legion and provincial Veteran support programs and resources
- obtain referral to a Legion Dominion Command Service Officer for additional assistance and free, professional representation with VAC benefits and appeals

Dominion Command Service Officers can help a Veteran or their family:

- access VAC benefits, from first application with the Veterans Affairs disability claims process, up to and including professional representation in a Request for Reconsideration with the Veterans Review and Appeal Board
- request benevolent financial assistance through the Poppy Fund, beyond what a Provincial Command can provide
- obtain referrals to appropriate Legion and national Veteran support programs and resources
- request assistance for Canadian Veterans abroad, and Allied Veterans living in Canada

If you or a Veteran you know needs help, please contact a Legion Command Service Officer.

This Holiday Season be sure to toast to all our VETERANS..“Canada without our soldiers would be like God without his angels.”

Merry Christmas

to all the Soldiers who can't be with their families this Holiday Season.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Bob Bromley / Chairman

As of November 2022 we have processed a total of **95** new members joining the Royal Canadian Legion in our Branch. Welcome to our Branch. This is an increase of **215.15%** from 2021.

Also, as of November 24, 2022 Branch 255 has 459 paid members for 2022. This is an increase in membership of **105.76%** over 2021.

NEW MEMBER INSTALATION
(Left to right)

Gregory Gnyp	Affiliate
Sean Holmes	Associate
Jennifer Mac Pherson	Affiliate
Maggie Crillet	Associate
Beverly Wiese	Associate
Normand Taylor	Ordinary
Jo-Anne Brecka	Associate

Be sure to give them a great ***BIG WELCOME*** and make them feel right at home when you see them in the branch.

Welcome Comrades

Birthday Wishes

In *the New Year* as Branch 255’s Bulletin editor and facebook administrator I would like to try and acknowledge our members and Ladies Auxiliary birthdays every month if possible. Because of the privacy act the only way for me to get this information is by posting a sign for you to print your name and birth date on it . A sign is up at the Legion near the washrooms. Please print your name on the sheet and birth date or message me on facebook or email me at elainedunnis@gmail.com. Thank You - *Elaine Dunn*

SNOW ANGELS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for City of Windsor Snow Angels program
Winter is upon us, and the City of Windsor is once again asking for able-bodied volunteers to clear snow for those who need help. The long-running Snow Angels program matches willing shovelers with members of the community who are of advanced age or have limited mobility. Anyone interested in being a Snow Angel in Windsor can call 311 or visit www.citywindsor.ca.
All volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.

For high school students, Snow Angel participation counts as community involvement hours. Registered volunteers are automatically entered into a prize draw, with the awards being a tablet and Rec Express Cards.

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BINGO REPORT - Kathy Patterson / Chair

We had 3 assignments in October.
Our opening bank balance was $6,217.95. We received $1,640.98 from Breakaway Gaming Centre for those assignments.
Total charitable donations during October were $1,500.

We **NEED** additional **VOLUNTEERS**. If you know of anyone who is willing to help please let me know.

BREAKAWAY Gaming Centre

Support the Legion Branch 255 Charities fund
by going to bingo.
Breakaway Gaming Centre
Open from Monday to Sunday
Bingo sessions at 10:45am & 1pm
Thursday & Friday at 8pm and 10pm
Location: 655 Crawford Ave.Windsor, Ontario N9A 5C7

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255
DONATIONS Month of October 2022

NEVADA / TOTAL $2,400.00

SWO MFRC (Windsor)	300.00
Autism, Ontario Windsor	300.00
Adopt A Vet	300.00
Seniors Program	1500.00

BINGO/ $300 EACH / TOTAL $900.00

Windsor Goodfellows
Windsor Homes Coalation
The Windsor Residence

SPECIAL LOTTERY $300.00 EACH / TOTAL $3,000.00

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Canadian Mental Health
Family Services Windsor
Feeding Windsor
Hiatus House
Street Help
The Downtown Mission
The Hospice of Windsor
The Salvation Army
The Welcome Centre

Legion Cares!

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - Maureen Fracas / President

- The Pub Crawl was cancelled due to lack of participation.
  We will reschedule in the New Year.
- November 27, 2022 was the craft show with 24 vendors registered.
- December 4, 2022 Breakfast with Santa

Thank you to Susan McAree for the generous donation of Santa Bags for trinkets.
Thank you to Tracy Magone's husband for volunteering as Santa Claus.
Congratulation to Karl & Mrs. Claus on their retirement.
We are still looking for volunteers. The sheet is posted in the Dart Room.

ANGEL TREE

Share the true meaning of the Christmas Season by helping the Windsor Youth Centre and men and Women's Shelter.
Tags will be marked with one much needed item on their wish list.

Take a tag or two or three or more and return unwrapped gifts to the Branch.

What better way to get into the *Christmas* SPIRIT.

DECEMBER NATIONAL NOTABLE DATES 2022

The following are national days of relevance to The Royal Canadian Legion that raise awareness of an issue, commemorate a group or event, or celebrate something. Also included are national Legion activities.

- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 6 Halifax explosion (1917)
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- 10 Nobel Prize for Peace awarded to peacekeepers (1988)
- 25 Christmas (Legion supports Operation Santa Claus)
- 25 Fall of Hong Kong (1941)
- Membership renewal reminder

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK
Recognize our VETERANS

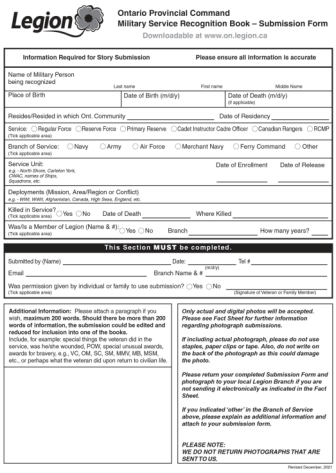
As the “Keepers of Remembrance”, Ontario Command is proud to publish this Military Service Recognition Book - Volume 1X to identify and recognize many of our Veterans in Ontario, have either served or are still serving in our Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or Allied Forces.

We invite you to visit your local Legion Branch to obtain more information regarding this Remembrance program and more importantly, to submit a story and photo of a Veteran for a future edition.

You can also get a copy of the submission form online at www.on.legion.ca.

Everyone is welcome to submit a story, including Veterans, relatives or friends. You don’t have to be a Legion member. Please drop off or send your stories to your local Legion Branch. Submission Form , Fact Sheet & All Books available online at www.on.legion.ca.

For more information contact Jim Dunn



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Ontario Provincial Command
Military Service Recognition Book – Submission Form

Downloadable at www.on.legion.ca

Information Required for Story Submission	Please ensure all information is accurate

Name of Military Person being recognized _____ Last name _____ First name _____ Middle Name

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth (m/d/y) _____ Date of Death (m/d/y) (if applicable)

Resides/Resided in which Ont. Community _____ Date of Residency _____

Service: ◯ Regular Force ◯ Reserve Force ◯ Primary Reserve ◯ Cadet Instructor Cadre Officer ◯ Canadian Rangers ◯ RCMP (*Tick applicable area*)

Branch of Service: ◯ Navy ◯ Army ◯ Air Force ◯ Merchant Navy ◯ Ferry Command ◯ Other (*Tick applicable area*)

Service Unit: *e.g. - North Shore, Carleton York, CMAC, names of Ships, Squadrons, etc.* _____ Date of Enrollment _____ Date of Release _____

Deployments (Mission, Area/Region or Conflict) *e.g. - WWI, WWII, Afghanistan, Canada, High Seas, England, etc.* _____

Killed in Service? (*Tick applicable area*) ◯ Yes ◯ No Date of Death _____ Where Killed _____

Was/is a Member of Legion (Name & #) (*Tick applicable area*) ◯ Yes ◯ No Branch _____ How many years? ____

This Section MUST be completed.

Submitted by (Name) _____ Date: (m/d/y) _____ Tel # _____

Email _____ Branch Name & # _____

Was permission given by individual or family to use submission? (*Tick applicable area*) ◯ Yes ◯ No _____ (Signature of Veteran or Family Member)

Additional Information: Please attach a paragraph if you wish, **maximum 200 words. Should there be more than 200 words of information, the submission could be edited and reduced for inclusion into one of the books.** Include, for example: special things the veteran did in the service, was he/she wounded, POW, special unusual awards, awards for bravery, e.g., VC, CM, SC, SM, MMV, MB, MSM, etc., or perhaps what the veteran did upon return to civilian life.

Only actual and digital photos will be accepted. Please see Fact Sheet for further information regarding photograph submissions.

If including actual photograph, please do not use staples, paper clips or tape. Also, do not write on the back of the photograph as this could damage the photo.

Please return your completed Submission Form and photograph to your local Legion Branch if you are not sending it electronically as indicated in the Fact Sheet.

If you indicated 'other' in the Branch of Service above, please explain as additional information and attach to your submission form.

PLEASE NOTE:
WE DO NOT RETURN PHOTOGRAPHS THAT ARE SENT TO US.

Revised December, 2021

POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

The Campaign has been over for a couple weeks now and we are now in post Campaign activities, collecting all poppy boxes, documenting inventory, re-stocking when necessary and reorganizing storage bins to make next years Campaign a quick and easy start up. Our team will be meeting in early December to go over the Campaign, to discuss things that went well and things that can be improved.

I want to thank my co-chairs Kathy Patterson, Diane Vendrasco, and Ken Marshall for their endless hours of commitment to the Campaign. We turned work into enjoyment and the total experience was very rewarding. Special thank you's to our counting team volunteers, Rob and Mary, Jim and Elaine Dunn, Kathy Brown and my co-chairs. Thank you to our drivers and runners who distributed and picked up over 150 Poppy boxes at local businesses. A much appreciated thank you to our Ladies Auxiliary for the delicious food and refreshments they provided our volunteers everyday and to our Branch for supplying pop and chips. I would also like to thank the over 50 volunteers who distributed Poppies everyday at our major Sponsors, Ford Motor Co., Walmart, Zehrs, Feschco, No Frills, Shoppers Drug Mart and Home Depot. As you can see the success of this campaign could not be possible without their help. Appreciation certificates and thank you's will be sent out in the coming weeks.

As of today the grand total for this years Poppy Campaign is $64,142.68 with a possibility of more to come in from our schools and sponsors.

Current bank balance is $90,929.06.

At this time I would like to make a motion to pay $1475.00 from the Poppy Fund for our Annual Veterans dinner which was held on November 6, 2022 at the Branch. A total of 59 tickets at $25.00 were distributed to Veterans and their spouses or care givers.

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REMEMBRANCE WEEK REPORT - Dave Jarvis / 2nd Vice

CENOTAPH PARADE - This years parade was one of the best attended with over 150 in attendance. I would like to thank all those who helped put the actual parade together both at the service and behind the scenes. There are far to many people to name so just let me say GREAT job all. After the service we returned to the branch for hotdogs and beverages.

VETERANS DINNER - This year was a near record for attendance with 91 meals served. Thank you Marco for a wonderful meal. Also thanks to our branch Ladies Auxiliary for supplying the deserts and Lifetime Nursing Home for the wonderful poppy cookies.

BRANCH SERVICE - Another great day with over 60 people attending the in branch service and another 50 plus returning to the branch after attending the downtown service. Once again Marco supplied a great cold plate meal for all in attendance and thanks to Linda Faubert and Lifetimes Nursing Home for the deserts.

A **BIG THANK YOU**
to E.S. Fry foundation for the generous donation of the 55 inch television in the dart room. We found the perfect spot for it for our members and guest to enjoy!

BURSARIES REPORT - Sharron Jarvis / Chair

Deadlines for this year have passed for the Mary Turner Bursary and the Rev Goddard Bursary. When the new deadlines for next Fall become available I will let you know.

The following bursaries are still open:

RCL Branch 255 Bursaries from the Poppy Fund – one time bursary, for any year of study - Applications behind the bar. - deadline Feb 1, 2023 to be given out at the February General meeting.

Cliff Capnerhurst – 2nd year students and up at St. Clair College. Application open from Oct 1/22 to Dec 1/22. For further information contact the awards office.

Provincial Command Bursary – 1st year students and up. Applications are at the bar and on line at https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries. Deadline last Friday in March 2023.

A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Having trouble finding the perfect gift to get for your loved ones? Give them the gift of a Riverside Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 membership.
Must be a Canadian citizen or citizen of an Allied nation who is **18** years of age.

Renew your Legion membership to show your ongoing support of Canada's Veterans, keep all the benefits of your Legion membership.

BRANCH 255 MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your support and ensuring Veterans and their families have access to the services and programs your Branch offers and that Canadians never forget.

Not a member? Join today!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?

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thank you!

To all those who contributed to Lola's Pajama Fairy Project and dropped off a new pair of P.J.'s. They are going appreciate these comfy & fun new pairs of pajama's this holiday season!

UGLY Christmas Sweater

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd at 8pm
Come ROCK your Ugly Christmas Sweater
with the POWER AND THE GLORY Band ..
Make it a Night to Remember!!

PLEASE bring a FEW **CAN Goods** for CHARITIES

Q.
A.
TRIVIA

Hey there Trivia Fans!! Join Us for a **TRIVIA NIGHT**.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th.
Registration starts at 6:30pm TRIVIA begins at 7pm.
Gather up some friends & family and get ready for a
FUN evening!!

A New Beginning to a New Year!!

NEW YEARS EVE

Come Celebrate with us!!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st
Doors Open at 6:00
Dinner at 7:00

$65 per ticket

Tickets go on sale starting noon Fri. December 2nd

Choice of meal:
Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken Breast *or*
Citrus Dill Salmon

* Sweet Table
* Party Favours
* Champagne Toast
* Light Late Night Snack

ENTERTAINMENT

BB AND THE J'S

New Years Day LEVEE 2023

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2023. New Year's Day levee, a long tradition in
Canada affiliated with the Armed Services.
Branch 255 Legion welcomes members and non-members alike for
an afternoon of camaraderie and a light luncheon.

MARCO'S HOLIDAYS HOURS

Dec. 24th / 1PM-5PM (Turkey Dinners Only)
Dec. 25th and 26th CLOSED
Dec. 27th, 28th, 29th – 2PM-8PM
Dec. 30th 2PM-9PM
Dec. 31st 1PM-4PM (For Regular Menu)
January 1st, 2nd and 3rd CLOSED

MONTH OF DECEMBER

SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC / EVERY TUESDAY

MUSIC 3:30-6:30 / DINNER AVAILABLE FROM 3-6PM
All dinners are tax included / call 519-944-0101 Pick-Up / Delivery / Dine-In
**** NO SUBSTITUTIONS ****

Tuesday, December 6th - Music by Mickey
$11.00 - Baked Ham. Served with Scalloped Potatoes & Vegetable ***OR***
$10.00 - 1pc. Fish & Chip with Fries, Coleslaw & 1 Tar-Tar Sauce

Tuesday, December 13th - Music by Sixties Live
$11.00 - Meatloaf. Topped with Gravy. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable
OR $10.00 - Spaghetti & Meatball

Tuesday, December 20th - Music by Crowbar 2.0
$10.00 - Cabbage Rolls. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable ***OR***
$10.00 - **Chicken** Burger. Topped with Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo. Served with Fries

Tuesday, December 27th - Music by Mickey
$11.00 - Chicken Cordon Bleu. Topped with Mushroom Cream Sauce. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable ***OR***
$10.00 - 2 Pcs. Fried Chicken. Served with Fries & Coleslaw
BAKE SALE - Ladies Auxiliary 3:30 - 6pm.

…. You don't need to be a Senior to order our TUESDAY SPECIAL ….

Pre-orders Required / Offered December 24th / 1PM-5PM
Call: 519-944-0101 **PICK UP ONLY**

MARCO'S Christmas Meal: $15.99
INCLUDES: Turkey, Mashed Potato, Stuffing, Vegetable, Cranberry sauce
Bread, Butter, Gravy
MARCO'S Christmas Feast: $139.99 INCLUDES same as meal above

BRANCH 255 DECEMBER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC **EVERY TUESDAY** **MUSIC 3:30-6:30** **DINNER 3-6PM** (MENU BACK OF THIS PAGE) YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SENIOR TO ORDER MARCO'S TUESDAY SPECIAL		**ATTENTION** CARD & DART PLAYERS PLEASE CHECK WITH PERSON IN CHARGE TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES OR CANCEL-LATIONS DURING THE HOLIDAYS		1 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	2 MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM	3 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM POWER AND THE GLORY **UGLY X-MAS SWEATER** 8PM-12PM
4 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	5 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM	6 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC MICKEY	7 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE **6PM EUCHRE** 6:30PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	8 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE TRIVIA 7PM	9 MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM	10 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM POWER AND THE GLORY 8PM –12PM
11 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	12 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM	13 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE	14 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE 6:30PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	15 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE EXCECUTIVE MEETING 7PM	16 MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM	17 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM B.B.&THE J'S 8PM-12PM
18 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	19 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM	20 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC CROWBAR 2.0	21 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE **6PM EUCHRE** 6:30PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	22 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	23 MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM	24 **CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN 12-5PM**
25 Merry Christmas	26 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM	27 LA .AUX. BAKE SALE SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC MICKEY	28 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE **6PM EUCHRE** 6:30PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	29 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	30 MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM	31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY WITH B.B.&THE J'S 8PM