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*Happy New Year to our
Veterans, Members and Friends
of Branch 255 Legion.*

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PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings all.

First let me start the New Year off by thanking Elaine Dunn for continuing to do our bulletin until we find a replacement. Elaine understands the importance of our bulletin and the importance of keeping it going. Again thank you very much.

The last year has been a very exciting and challenging one. With new roles being filled and the learning process that is required, it has been a big challenge to those involved. I can report they are showing great success for all their hard work. So much work is required behind the scenes and our executive and employees have stepped up immensely. Through everyone's effort we are showing positive results and that is good for all of us. This will make for a prosperous New Year.

Going forward we will have new and exciting events planned to keep everyone involved. Our first event will be the celebration of our 90th anniversary of Branch 255. This will take place February 19, 2024. Plans are in the works, so watch for further updates.

Looking back at 2023 and the success we enjoyed, none of this would have ever been possible without our membership and our many volunteers. It shows by all the decorations put up to celebrate each coming event. It shows by the great success of our Poppy Campaign. It shows by overwhelming increase of our membership. And it shows by our respect and remembrance of our Veterans past and present. These are just a few examples of how our volunteers and membership have promoted our branch and put the work in to showcase the 255 spirit. So cheers to all of you and let's have a great New Year.

Thank you.

Ken Dault / President Branch 255



ATTENTION MEMBERS

Next General meeting is Thursday, January 25th at 7:00pm. Please be sure to have your membership card with you.



REMEMBERING our members who have left us.♥

LAST POST

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

“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Comrade **Donald Potter**



MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

The current paid membership for Branch 255 is 531.
New membership for the year 2023 stands at 103 including transfers.

The winner of the December's draw was Patricia Ladouceur.

POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

Poppy Trust account is \$79,370.89.

I want to thank Glenn Magone for applying for and receiving The Capital Power Empower Hours Volunteer Grant provided by his employer the Capital Power Corporation. This was granted to the Poppy Fund for Glenn's volunteer work he does in the community and especially here at the Branch. Thank you Glenn.

I am happy to say that this years grand total for our Poppy Campaign is \$70, 399.84. Sincere thanks to all who volunteered and contributed to this year's campaign.

MILITARY RECOGNITION SERVICE BOOK - Jim Dunn / Chair

We are now accepting submissions for the next addition Volume 11.
We invite you to submit a pictures and a short story of Veterans and Military Service Personnel who have touched your life.
Submission forms are available at the branch or online at www.on.legion.ca.
Please contact Jim Dunn 519-945-0671 for more information.

SPORTS REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

The Branch had 2 teams qualify for District "A" Darts and 1 team for District "A" Senior Darts.

Regular darts is being hosted by Branch 583 in Newbury on January 13th.

- Team 1 - John Troy, Todd Kavanagh, Mark Prutchick and Peter Coyles.
- Team 2 - Ken Dault, Bernie Dault, Dan Crockett and Bill McGuire.

Senior darts is being hosted by Branch 317 in London on January 27th.

- Team 1 - John Troy, Todd Kavanagh, Mark Prutchick and Peter Coyles.

Some of these players have qualified for both doubles and singles.
Good luck to you all.

BAR REPORT - Bruce Tribute / Chair

With the Christmas season upon us, there are many events scheduled. Bar sales are still doing very well. Some members had mentioned the fact that the beer has not been as cold as usual, so the service people were brought in to inspect the system and make some adjustments to the compressor. As a result, the cooler is once again operating at the proper temperature and the beer is cold again.



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Wishing You A Dashing 365 Days, 12 Happy Successful Months And Glorious Moments To Enjoy In 2024 Lots Of Lovely Wishes For Happy New Year!



THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING 2023
 As the year comes to a close, we'd like to thank you for all your support. Here are just a few pictures of the incredible events and special occasions that we celebrated at Branch 255.



cheers
TO THE
new year
2024



Happy Birthday Comrades!!

JANUARY 2024George Kime 1st, Mary Bergeron 2nd, Ken Marshall 9th, Mary-Jane Bowyer 20th, Joyce Nichols 21st, Robert Bergeron 28th. Members please email your name and birth date to elainedunnis@gmail.com so we can ad you to our list.

2828 CADET CORPS REPORT - Bruce Tribute / Chair

The 2828 Cadet Corps has grown to over 40 members. Monday, 18 December we held a joint Christmas dinner at the branch, hosting over 50 hungry cadets, officers, and support staff. Marco put on an amazing turkey dinner and nobody left hungry.

We also presented the Commanding Officer with a cheque in the amount of \$5000 to help with training costs. We wish the Corps a successful training year ahead.



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BURSARY REPORT - Sharron Jarvis / Chair

The next deadline for the Poppy Bursary is February 1, 2024, successful candidates will receive the bursary at the February General Meeting. Applications are behind the bar.

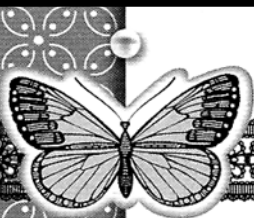
Also, the deadline for the Royal Canadian Ontario Legion Provincial Bursary is the last Friday in March 2024. Applications are behind the bar or online at: <https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries>.

Branch 255 Legion Colour Party participated in the opening of the Windsor Hockey Christmas Tournament on December 28th at the WFCU Center. Pictures by Jenie Davidson



VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

If there is any member interested in taking over editing Branch 255's monthly Bulletin. Please let Ken Dault (Branch 255 President) or Elaine Dunn know. Elaine will guide you thru it and is available if you have any questions. If interested please e-mail Elaine at elainedunnis@gmail.com.



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YOUTH AND EDUCATION - Betty Goodison / Chair

Thanks to all who assisted in the poster, literary and poem contest, and in the judging of the responses at our Branch.

Eighteen schools were recipients of the material. Response was good, with room to improve.

Nine certificates and cash were awarded at Branch level, for a total of 21, including cash prizes. Four awards were presented to Princess Elizabeth Public School and one to St. Rose Catholic School. Three of these were 1st prize recipients, and two were posters, one a poem. They were judged at Zone A-1.

Congratulations to all!!

LOLA'S PAJAMA FAIRY PROJECT

Once again we are blown away by the kindness and generosity of so many! The members of Branch 255 outdid themselves again this year collecting a couple hundred pairs of warm and cozy Pajamas. Thank you so much.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - Maureen Fracas / President

The Ladies Auxiliary has had a great year.

We have resumed our bakes sales once a month.

We have held 2 successful craft bazaars, with another scheduled for March 10, 2024 (the Sunday prior to Palm Sunday).

We were privileged to have been asked to man the barbeque for the annual Brian Crocket Memorial Golf tournament.

Our Jingle Bell Santa Pub crawl was enjoyed by our bus load, Essex branch 201, Belle River branch 399, and Tecumseh branch 261. We will definitely be planning our next Christmas pub crawl. In the meantime, we are planning another bus crawl for March 16, 2024. Keep your ears open for details.

Breakfast with Santa was another huge success. The children enjoyed the cookie decorating, and crafts, but the highlight was THE BIG MAN himself. Santa is the ultimate reason to visit Branch 255!

We celebrated comradeship prior to Christmas, and have great ideas for the coming year.

Thank you all for your continued support. The ladies greatly appreciate every one of you. We would like to express special thanks to (in no order) Ron Marshall -a fantastic liaison and supporter, Glen Magone -a gentle soul with that special kinship with children, Rob Garant and Mary Bergeron - who always do so much to allow our functions' successes including volunteering above and beyond!, Marco for allowing us to usurp his kitchen or creating and serving our meals, Sue MacAree for giving us her skills and preparing all of Santa's sacks for our trinkets, Sue Yablonsky and the decorating team for the changing festive seasons, Betty Goodison for always enthusiastically stepping forward, lending a hand and sharing your enjoyment, Elaine Dunn for the countless hours spent creating our event posters, tickets, social media notices, monthly news and so much more!, the bar staff for keeping our tickets and applications - we can't express our gratitude and appreciation for the support and general atmosphere enhanced by your personalities. I always am hesitant to thank individuals, because I know that some will be unintentionally left out. For all those people- you know who you are, correct me when you see me next! You are all critical to our Ladies' Auxiliary's success. THANK YOU ALL.

As the new year unfolds, may we all continue enjoying life, and especially comradeship within branch 255 and the Ladies Auxiliary.

COME JOIN THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF BRANCH 255

Hey ladies are you are looking for something meaningful to do in your spare time. Consider joining the Ladies Auxiliary. Our meetings are held every 4th Monday each month except for July and August at 6:30pm stop by and see what were all about.

CALENDAR OF ANNIVERSARIES OBSERVED BY THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

January	Each year since 1970, in January, the Royal Military College, Kingston, and the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Spring , compete in a two-game hockey series. In the odd-numbered years, the USAFA team visits Kingston; in the even, the reverse.
January 1st	Traditionally, New Year's Day is celebrated widely throughout the Canadian Forces. Many units enjoy activities, the nature of which are peculiar to a particular base, battalion or unit, and these are mentioned elsewhere in this book. But most consist of the warm geniality of inter-mess visiting and <u>levees</u> .
January 16th	On 16 January 1863, the forbear of the Princess of Wales Own Regiment, the 14th battalion, Volunteer Militia Rifles, Canada, was formed. The regiment observes the day annually with a ceremonial parade at Montreal Street Armoury, Kingston.
January 25th	Burns Night. The birth of Robert Burns, 25 January 1759. The Pipes and Drums of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) hold their annual Burns Night Dinner on the Saturday nearest January 25 in traditional Scottish fashion.
January 25th	The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada celebrates Burns Night at a mess dinner in the sergeant's mess.

Canadian Forces Morale & Welfare Services - CFMWS

Starting January 1, 2024, @CanadianForces members, veterans, and their immediate families will get FREE daily admission to all Parks Canada administered locations when presenting their CF One Platinum card* at the front gate!

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By giving free daily admission to national historic sites, national parks and national marine conservation areas, Parks Canada is supporting the health and wellness of CAF members and Veterans.

See all the details here <https://cfmws.ca/parks-canada>

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*The CF One Platinum card is administered through the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services Agency (CFMWS).

Don't have your CF One Card? Sign up today: <https://cf1fc.cfmws.com/Join/Register>



- Monday..... CLOSED
- Tuesday..... 2:00 - 8:00
- Wednesday... 2:00 - 8:00
- Thursday..... 2:00 - 8:00
- Friday..... 2:00 - 8:30
- Saturday..... 2:00 - 8:30
- Sunday..... 2:30 - 6:00

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**** NO SUBSTITUTIONS ****

Tuesday, January 2nd - No Seniors Dinner or Music

Tuesday, January 9th - Music by Mickey

\$13.00 - Roast Beef Dinner. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable.

OR

\$11.00 - Spaghetti & Meatball. Topped with Meat Sauce. Served with Bread & Butter.

Tuesday, January 16th - Music by Sixties Live

\$12.00 - Chicken Cordon Blue. Served with Roasted Potato & Vegetable.

OR

\$12.00 - 1 PC Fish & Chip. Served with Fries & Coleslaw.

Tuesday, January 23rd - Music by OHM

\$13.00 - Pork Schnitzel. Topped with Gravy. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable.

OR

\$11.00 - 2Pc Fried Chicken. Served with Fries & Coleslaw.

Tuesday, January 30th - Music by Sixties Live

\$13.00 - Turkey & Stuffing. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable

OR

\$11.00 - Chicken Burger. Topped with Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo. Served with Fries.

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TUES

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SAT

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<p>7 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼</p>	<p>8 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> 	<p>9 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC MICKEY MENS DARTS 7:30PM</p> 	<p>10 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE 7PM MIXED DARTS</p>	<p>11 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> 	<p>12 MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM MEN'S DARTS 7:30PM</p> 	<p>13 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM  B.B. & THE J'S 8PM </p>
<p>14 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼</p>	<p>15 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> 	<p>16 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE MENS DARTS 7:30PM</p> 	<p>17 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE 7PM MIXED DARTS</p>	<p>18 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE EXECUTIVE MEETING 7PM</p> 	<p>19 MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM MEN'S DARTS 7:30PM</p> 	<p>20 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM  THE AMIGOS 8PM </p>
<p>21 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼</p>	<p>22 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30</p> 	<p>23 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC OHM MENS DARTS 7:30PM</p> 	<p>24 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE 7PM MIXED DARTS</p>	<p>25 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE GENERAL MEETING 7PM</p> 	<p>26 MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM MEN'S DARTS 7:30PM</p> 	<p>27 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM  THE AMIGOS 8PM </p>
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