

Royal Canadian Legion

Riverside Branch 255 - February 2024 Bulletin



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Everyone for your continued support

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

On Monday, February 19th Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 will celebrate it's 90th Anniversary of helping Veterans and the Community. Branch 255 came into being in 1934, when the official charter was signed on February 19th of that year. Doors open at 12 noon. Ceremony at 1pm. Entertainment 2:30 - 6:30pm by the NEW NORMAL Band. Kitchen will be open.

1934 - 2024

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PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings all.

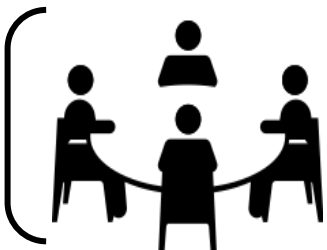
Well January has come and gone with our branch staying busy. February looks very good as well. February will be highlighted with the celebration of our 90th anniversary on February 19th. We will have a service at 1:00 pm where we will be acknowledged by a few honored guests. Following our service, the celebration will begin with music by The New Normal as well as dinner specials from Marcos and we will be selling 90th Anniversary Branch 255 shirts. It all adds up to an afternoon of good fun.

Also make plans for our Super Bowl party on February 11th. It won't be the same without the Lions playing but it still adds up to a great day. There will also be a Valentines dinner on the 14th and our very popular trivia night on the 18th as well as our Tuesday Seniors dinner dance and Saturday night bands. This all adds up to a very busy and fun filled February. Watch our bulletin and Facebook for all upcoming events.

Of course none of this would be possible without the hard work of our volunteers. Their creativity and dedication to our branch is immeasurable. So lets make dreary old February a month of fun and cheer and comradery. Thank you to our entire membership for making us the best legion around

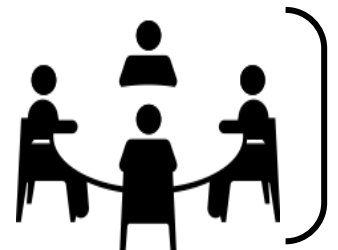
Thank you.

Ken Dault / President Branch 255



ATTENTION MEMBERS

Next General meeting is Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00pm. Please be sure to have your membership card with you.



LAST POST



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

“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM ”

MEMORIES by Louise Bailey



I feel a warmth around me,
like your presence is so near.
And I close my eyes to visualize
your face when you were here.
I endure the times we spent together,
and they are locked inside my heart.

As long as I have those memories,
we will never be apart.
Even though we cannot speak anymore,
my voice is always there,
because every night before I sleep,
I have you in my prayer.

POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

Poppy Trust Account is \$74,370.89.

The Poppy Fund donated \$5000.00 last week to Parkwood Hospital to help them with their campaign to raise \$282,000.00 to purchase a bus to assist Veterans to get to events such as London Knights games, Victoria Park Christmas lights or to Centennial Hall to see their favorite band play. This Campaign is supported by Ontario Command as well as our Ontario Poppy Chairperson.

I am happy to announce 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.

THE HISTORY ON BRANCH 255

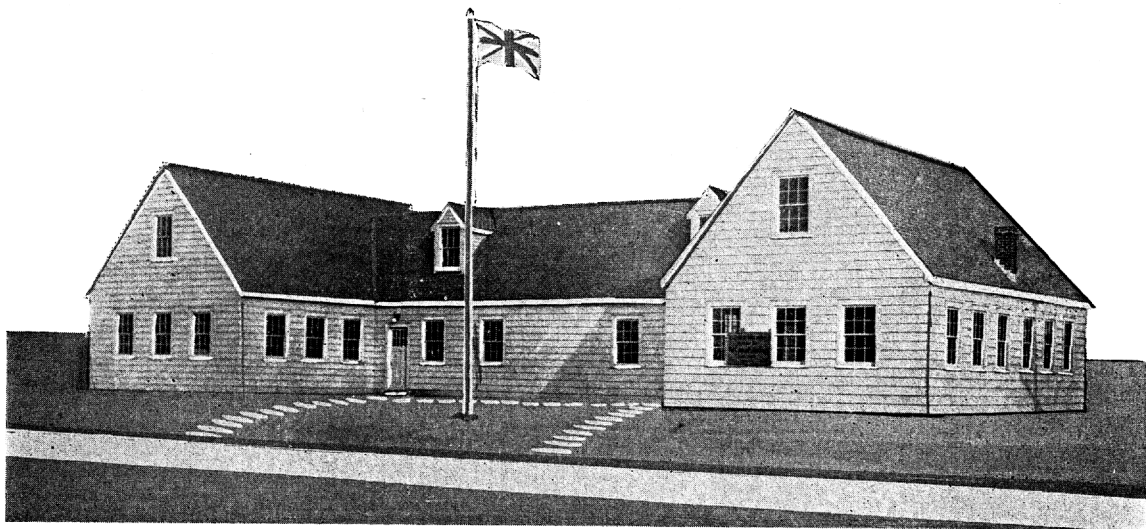
Colonel E.S. Wigle Branch 255, was founded in 1934. The present building was opened on June 30th, 1939 and has had several additions put on during its long history. The idea of the Riverside Legion first originated in the 1930's when, Captain B.J. Dunlevy realized the necessity of maintaining the comradeship formed by the men who served in the First World War while looking after their welfare. With this in mind he called a meeting at the Riverside Town Hall in 1934 and invited all veterans of the Great War to attend this meeting.

After some discussion it was decided to call this newly formed association the Riverside War Veterans Association and later it was agreed to affiliate with the Empire-wide organization, forming a new branch of the Canadian Legion.

It is interesting to note that while the headquarters were temporarily at the Riverside Town Hall, some of the meetings were held in the homes of the various members of the newly formed branch.

In 1935, the Legion moved to it's own home, the former residence of Mr. William Furlong on Riverside Drive. The branch continued it's slow but healthy progress, moving to the St. Clair Hotel on the shores of the Detroit River. By 1936, the Branch felt the need for club rooms and the headquarters were moved to 1533 Ottawa Street (Wyandotte St. today) where it maintained for the next two and one half years.

Building lots were purchased in 1937, between Villaire and St. Louis Avenues , and plans were drawn-up for the erection of the building we know today. Through the years, the Riverside Legion Br 255, has participated in all local patriotic events and has supported many youth athletic leagues.



Branch 255 History and Picture came from Our Town: A History of Riverside, Ontario 1921-1966 Book by FULLARTON, Richard - 2008

90th ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT Branch 255 Legion Fundraiser

(Red T-shirt with white logo) or (Navy Blue T-Shirt with gold logo)
Short sleeve \$20 tax included OR Long sleeve \$25 tax included
Unisex sizes small. medium. large. XL. XXL XXXL



T-Shirts orders can be placed by emailing Kathy at kathyrpatter-son96@gmail.com As soon as we have a delivery date it will be posted on facebook, our website www.branch255.com and at the branch .

Be sure to wear them at our 90th Celebration. Red Shirts also great for Red Friday

SPORTS REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

We had 2 teams qualify for District Regular darts. The event was held Saturday, January 27th at Branch 583 Newbury Ontario. Due to weather conditions only 1 of our teams made the trek to Newbury. Unfortunately they did not qualify to go to next level.

District Senior darts is being held January 27th at Branch 317 in London Ontario. Good luck to our team consisting of: John Troy, Todd Kavanagh, Mark Prutchick and Peter Coyles.

Our in house dart leagues are doing well and most importantly supporting the bar.

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.

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 DONATIONS
Month of December 2023**

DONATIONS - NEVADA

The Hospice of Windsor	1,200.00
The Salvation Army	1,200.00

DONATIONS - BINGO

The Windsor Youth Centre	1,200.00
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**DONATIONS - SPECIAL LOTTERY
FUND**

The Windsor Residence	1,200.00
Seniors Program	1,100.00
	= 5,900.00

Branch 255 Legion supports our Community by using funds raised through clubhouse operations (events), meat draws, break open tickets, and bingos. Each year thousands of dollars are donated.



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- 1/2 page \$200 a year



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMRADES!!

FEBRUARY 2024 Terry Bruner 2nd, Lee-Anne Dupuis 4th, David Morden 5th, Kelly Robinson 8th, JoAnn Robinson 9th, Gordon Tootill 13th, Don Hewitt 22nd, Norman Taylor 23rd, Tim Copland 28th, Dan Monaghan 29th. Members please email your name and birth date to elainedunnis@gmail.com so we can ad you to our list.

UP-COMING VETERANS EVENTS

- APRIL 9 - WWI Hall & Ypres 11am / Host - SOMM
- MAY 5 - Battle of the Atlantic 2pm at Dieppe Park / Host - RCNA
- JUNE 2 - WVMSC Main Monument City Hall Square 11am / Host - WVMSC
- JUNE 22 - Admiral Hose Heavenly Rest 2pm / Host - RCNA



Attention **Legion** Members

BRANCH 255 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS 2024

Thursday's General Meeting on March 28, 2023 at 7:00pm is the night of nominations for Branch 255 Officers and Executive. You are welcome to nominate any member who is in good standing and is a current paid member. To serve on the Executive you must have been a member for at least 1 year. It would be wise to speak to the person you want to nominate to see if they are interested in a position on the Executive.

There are a lot of Committees to be looked after. We need a fully functioning Executive who are willing to donate their time on a regular basis throughout the year to keep the Branch active.

All Branch 255 Legion Members are encouraged to attend the **Elections** which is to be held on **Sunday, April 28 at 1:00pm** to help elect your new Executive. (Nominations will re-open) before the Elections.

BAR REPORT - Bruce Tribute / Chair

The bar continues to be busy. It has been suggested that we lower the price of beer, but that doesn't seem feasible at this time as there is an impending increase coming from The Beer Store in the next month as it does every year. Maintaining the status quo rather than being faced with having to raise the price to reflect the Beer Store increase in another month.

Preparations are underway for the 90th Anniversary celebration. I have ordered 500 ribbons to commemorate the occasion. The breweries have been contacted for help with promotions.



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LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - Maureen Fracas / President

Our Ladies Auxiliary had a few busy weeks.

- Nov. 19 Craft Bazaar was packed full with vendors. - We had great feedback from vendors. - Our next Bazaar is scheduled for Sun. March 10, 2024 - week prior to St. Patrick's Day & 3 weeks prior to Easter. - Tables are filling fast. - We have reserved the Pool tables for Branch & Ladies Fundraising so think of something to sell or service to offer. - Great place to hand out applications. - Maybe have someone to speak on purpose of Legion, benefits of membership etc. - We are fortunate to have borrowed tables from a husband's place of employment - were a great addition as long tables are sought after by vendors.

- Nov. 25 Santa Pub Crawl was fun. We look forward to duplicating the run Nov./ Dec. 2024. Although our bus was only 1/2 full we did not loose - we drew even between big seats and meals. - Pasta dinner was fantastic. Thanks to Marco, Nonna and crew. Job well done on a busy day. Marco's menu was more popular, a lot of pizza's ordered. We will reconsider for future Pub Crawls.

- We are planning another Pub Crawl for March 23, 2024 this is the day before Palm Sunday. Belle River Branch 399 has a Pub Crawl planned for march 16 culminating at Branch 255. We did not want to diminish their success by competing.

- All 3 Branches - Br. 261 Tecumseh, Br. 201 Essex and Br. 399 Belle River were great hosts and showed appreciation for our visit.

- March Pub Crawl will be visiting Harrow Br. 388, Essex Br. 201 and Comber Br. 241. 40 minutes to Harrow, 20 minutes to Essex, 21 minutes to Comber, 34 minutes back to Branch 255. Bus would pick up at 11:30 at Branch 255. Drop off at Branch 255 at 6pm. Tickets will go on sale February 18 to give more exposure.


- Breakfast with Santa was well attended with 63 children and 105 adults and 26 babies and toddlers. Fun was had by all children and harries parents with sugar hyped offering. We (Br. 255) owe a debt of gratitude to Santa Glenn Magone. He engaged with each child and left them in awe. A lot of Santa I love you's. Beautiful job, Thank you. We were honored to have Kirk Harris volunteer as photographer. Very professional and a great addition to our annual event. Thank you to both of these individuals. You made our day memorable. To everyone walking around with sparkly rear views, you're welcome.

- We wish to have a Corn Hole Fun Day Saturday, February 24. This will be a free event in the Dart room 12pm-6pm.

- The Ladies auxiliary are honoured to be asked to fund the purchases of dinner plates to facilitate banquets / functions.



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if you don't want to.

Cut Throat PEPPER every Monday. at 6PM

EUCHRE every Wednesday at 6:00

CRIBBAGE every Wednesday 1pm & Thursday at 1pm



HONOURS AND AWARDS

Betty Goodison / Chair

At the January general meeting past
president Tim Copland received his
55 year bar.

*Congratulations
Tim!*

Life IS BETTER when you're **LAUGHING!** .. By *DAN GIBSON*



Tillie uses the handbrake to make an emergency stop.



Tom Thumb working his way through college.



I'm bored.. Wanna go to the mall and bump our scooters into people's ankles.

BURSARY REPORT - Sharron Jarvis / Chair

Applications for the Poppy Bursary are due by February 1, 2024 and successful applicants will receive the bursary at the General meeting in February.

The deadline for the Ontario application is March 1, 2024.

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- 1 order of Battered Mushrooms &
- 1 order of 10 Chicken Wings

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

The current membership for branch 255 is 531 as of January 25th, 2024.
Paid membership stands at 354 with renewals.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 is very excited to welcome our newest members:

New members are as follows:

Michael Nicholls	• Associate	Michelle Pian	• Associate
Thomas Appleyard	• Associate	Louis Pian	• Associate
Diane Manzi-Bevan	• Associate	Carole Heyens	• Associate
Matthew Higgins	• Ordinary	Christine Davison	• Affiliate
Brian Finnigan	• Affiliate	Brian Hodgins	• Associate
Peter Pellerito	• Affiliate		

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

We have a general membership meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month. I would encourage all members old and new to come out to the meeting to see what is going on at your Legion and vote on the executive when elections happen as we need new people with new ideas to oversee the running of your Legion.

BINGO REPORT - Kathy Patterson / Chair

In December we had 2 bingo assignments. We received \$1,487.68 from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments. At the end of December we had a balance of \$5,279.54 in the bingo account.

I am happy to say that 5 additional people have volunteered to do bingos. Thank you very much.



Support the Legion Branch 255 Charities fund by going to bingo.

Breakaway Gaming Centre

Bingo sessions: Mon. & Tues 10:45am & 1pm

Wed. thru Sat. 10:45am, 1pm, 8pm, 10pm

Sun. 10:45am & 1pm

Location: 655 Crawford Ave. Windsor, Ontario N9A 5C7

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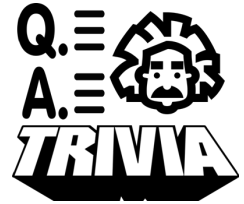
To our men and women in uniform past, present and future

V E T E R A N S

Thursday, February 8th / 6:30 Registration Game 7pm

TRIVIA NIGHT

Hey there TRIVIA FANS, get ready for a night of Fun..
Gather up a team and let the game begin.



Sunday, February 11th / Doors open at noon

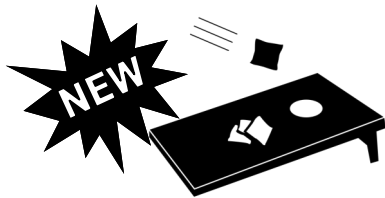
SUPER BOWL LVIII / KANSAS VS. 49ERS

Kickoff is set for 6:30pm. Enjoy the BIG GAME 10'x10' HD
BIG SCREEN. Lot's of Give-Aways. Enjoy MARCO'S special
menu of Football Food Favorites. Kitchen opens at 2:30.

Monday, February 19th

BRANCH 255 CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

Doors open at 12 noon. Ceremony at 1pm.
Entertainment 2:30 till 6:30pm by the NEW NORMAL Band.
Kitchen will be open.



Saturday, February 24th / 12 till 6pm

CORNHOLE - Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

FREE event in the dart room.
Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

Sunday, March 10th / 10am till 3pm

CRAFT BAZAAR - Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary.

We have a variety of vendors so you're sure to find
something special! We hope to see you there!



Sunday, March 17th / All Day..12 Noon - ???

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! 255. DETAILS INCOMPLETE

Saturday March 23rd / 11:30am - approx 6pm

PUB CRAWL - Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

Meet at Branch 255 at 11:30am. First stop is
Harrow Br. 388, Essex Br. 201 and Comber Br. 241 then back
to Branch 255 at approx 6pm. Tickets \$25 each
Tickets are \$ and will go on sale February 18th.





- 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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MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024

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MUSIC 3:30-6:30 / DINNER AVAILABLE FROM 3-6PM

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**** NO SUBSTITUTIONS ****

Tuesday, February 6th - Music by The Eclectic Groundhogs

\$13.00 - Cabbage Rolls. Served with Potato & Vegetable **OR**

\$12.00 - 1pc Fish & Chips. Served with Fries & Coleslaw

Tuesday, February 13th - Music by Mickey

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

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

Tuesday, February 20th- Music by Sixties Live

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

OR \$12.00 - 8pc Chicken Wing & Fries. Served with Dipping Sauce

Tuesday, February 27th- Music by Sixties Live

\$13.00 - Chicken Cordon Blue. Topped with Mushroom Cream Sauce. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable

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

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| • Lasagna | Call 519-944-0101 |

SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI


SAT





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS OF BRANCH 255 FOR 90 YEARS OF SERVICE TO VETERANS, THEIR DEPENDANTS AND TO THE COMMUNITY.




1
1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE


2
MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM
MEN'S DARTS 7:30PM



3
MEAT DRAW 2-5PM

JUJU REVIVAL 8PM



4
OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE
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5
CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM



6
SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC THE ECLECTIC GROUNDHOGS
MENS DARTS 7:30PM

17
1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE
6PM EUCHRE
7PM MIXED DARTS


8
1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE

7PM

9
MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM
MEN'S DARTS 7:30PM



10
MEAT DRAW 2-5PM

BSOUL MINORS 8PM



11
SUPERBOWL SUNDAY LVIII




12
CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM


13
SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC MICKEY
MENS DARTS 7:30PM


14
1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE
6PM EUCHRE
7PM MIXED DARTS


15
1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE
EXECUTIVE MEETING 7PM


16
MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM
MEN'S DARTS 7:30PM



17
MEAT DRAW 2-5PM

SOUL MINORS 8PM



18
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19
90th CELEBRATING BRANCH 255 90TH ANNIVERSARY DOORS OPEN AT NOON MUSIC 2:30

20
SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE
MENS DARTS 7:30PM



21
1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE
6PM EUCHRE
7PM MIXED DARTS


22
1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE
GENERAL MEETING 7PM


23
MARCO'S FISH FRY 2-9PM
MEN'S DARTS 7:30PM


24
MEAT DRAW 2-5PM
CORNHOLE 12-6PM
CROWBAR HOTEL 8PM


25
OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE
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26
CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM
LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30


27
SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE
MENS DARTS 7:30PM


28
1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE
6PM EUCHRE
7PM MIXED DARTS

29
1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE