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PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings all.

Today marks the beginning of March and hopefully the end of winter. But in this area, one never knows. Nonetheless, we still have some big events planned this month. When you talk the month of March the first thing to come to mind is St. Patrick's Day. We will be celebrating on Sunday March 17 with a day filled with the Ardan Academy Irish dancers and music by McOlden McYoung. And of course, lots of corned beef sandwiches from Marco's. It is always a very popular day for our branch, so make plans and get there early. We will be opening at 11:00am.

Another very busy day for us is our Good Friday fish fry put on by Marco's. Please make plans and remember to have patience and respect for all our patrons, bartenders and especially the kitchen staff. They are working hard all day to make sure your meals are served as quickly as possible.

The Ladies Auxiliary also have some great events planned this month. The ever-popular Craft Show is planned for Sunday March 10. They also have a pub crawl scheduled for Saturday March 23. Watch Facebook and our bulletin for times and tickets. The Ladies Auxiliary has put a barrel in the members lounge near the dart room to collect donations for youth lunch programs. This is a very worthwhile venture for them to take on and we support this cause immensely. A list of donation ideas is posted in the branch.

With our Tuesday Seniors dinner/dances, the Saturday meat draws and Saturday night dances going in full swing we are very busy and all for a good cause and lots of fun. The branch is already in full St. Patrick's decor, so let the festivities begin. Of course none of this is possible without the amazing work of our volunteers. They do so much for us. So, if you are in the branch and know of someone who has stepped up and donated their time and effort, a simple thank you can go a long way.

Lastly, we have our general elections coming on the last Sunday of April which this year is April 28th at 1:00pm. Nominations will open March 28th at our general meeting. They will open again April 28th (elections). If you meet the qualifications to run for the executive, and you feel you have something to offer for the betterment of Br. 255, please consider running or volunteering to be on a committee. What this Legion and all Legions need is people to step up in a positive way with new ideas and energy to keep us going in a positive direction. Thank you to all our membership and keep up the good work.

Thank you Ken Dault / President Branch 255



A BRIEF HISTORY OF RAY OZORIO'S NAVAL SERVICE

Ray joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1954 as an Ordinary seaman and retired in 1989 as a Lieutenant Commander. He then served in the RCN Reserve until 1997, completing 43 years of naval service.

Ray was a proud member of the Canadian Armed Forces Medical Service who served at CFHs Cornwallis, Halifax, Esquimalt, NDMC Ottawa and with NATO at CFH Europe (Lahr, Germany). As a CPO1, he was SWO (RSM) at NDHQ Surgeon General. In 1981, he was commissioned as Lieutenant (Navy).

Ray served at sea in HMC Ships Magnificent, Bonaventure, Lauzon, Lanark, Cap de Madeleine, Yukon, and Chaudière.

Decorations: Canadian Forces Decoration (3 Bars), NATO Medals and Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Information provided by Ron Sitarz of the RCNA



ATTENTION MEMBERS

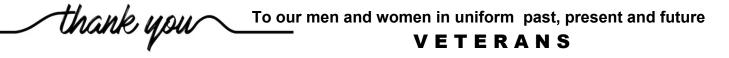
Next General meeting is Thursday, March 28th at 7:00pm. Nominations will be open. Please be sure to have your membership card with you.





KITCHEN REPORT - David Jarvis/ Chair

The kitchen is closed Easter Sunday. When booking an event you must follow up with confirmation 2 days prior to event.



POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

Poppy Trust account is \$69,370.89. The Poppy fund has donated \$10,000.00 since January 01.





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 January 2024

NEVADA		
RCAF Centennial, Canadian	500.00	
Grow on Windsor, Windsor Regional	500.00	
BINGO		
The Welcome Centre	1,200.00	
Windsor Home Collation	1,200.00	
SPECIAL LOTTERY FUND		
Windsor Goodfellows	1,200.00	
Adopt A Vet	1,200.00	
Seniors Program	1,100.00	
	= 6,900.00	

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMRADES!!

MARCH 2024 - Shaun Holmes 3rd, Ernie (Joe) Niemi 4th, Jim Lengyel 10th, Vicki Sinclair 16th, Rick Donaldson 21st, Debra Starks 22nd, Lonnie Adams 24th, Kelly Campeau 26th Hugh Pillon 30th. Members please email your name and birth date to elainedunnis@gmail.com so we can ad you to our list.

RED FRIDAYS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Is an organization to promote support for our men and women who serve our country. Our Canadian military has made many sacrifices in the name of peace, not only for Canada but for many other countries around the world. Wearing Red on Fridays is a symbolic gesture to show fellow Canadians and our troops that we care and honor those who fought for our freedom, our peace, our resolve.





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.

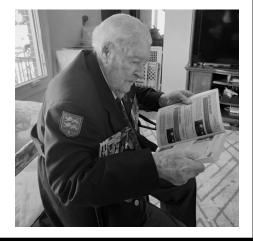
There are a lot of Committees to be looked after. We need a fully functioning Executive who are willing to donate their time on a regular basis throughout the year to keep the Branch active.

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.

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.

Picture - Charles Davis - Army Veteran looking at his picture and story in the Military Recognition Book





- ARMY VS NAVY -

February 24th, 2024 Branch 255 Color Party opened the Army / Navy hockey game. Navy won the game 6 to 3 ... Congratulations.



VETERANS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

Learn about the Commission and support available to all Ontario Veterans and their families in financial need.<u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/soldiers-aid-commission</u> The Ontario Soldier's Aid Commission can provide up to \$2,000 a year to Veteran's and their eligible family members in financial need.

For more information visit Ontario.ca/SoldiersAid or call 416-327-4674



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BINGO REPORT - Kathy Patterson / Chair

In January we had 3 Bingos assignments. We received \$2,513.09 from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments. At the end of January we had a balance of \$6,398.81 in the Bingo account. We donated \$1,200 to the Windsor Youth Centre in January from the Bingo funds.



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

VETERANS

VETERANS SERVICES - Dave Jarvis / Chair

Rebecca Hyndman (Calder) Provincial Services Officer is coming to Branch 255 on March 22nd at 12 noon, Sign up sheet is on the Veterans Board.

-THANK YOU

Hello and happy 90th anniversary to all.

What a great day we had, from our opening ceremony to the last song of the night we honoured our Branch and celebrated our accomplishments with so many of our members and guests in attendance.

Our opening ceremony was highlighted with many of our invited guests including Irek Kusmiersczyk who presented us with a certificate of congratulations from our Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Andrew Dowie making a presentation on behalf our Ontario Premier Doug Ford.

Off course none of this would have been possible without the many volunteers who stepped up and showed once again why we are the best Legion around and the reason why we made 90 years with no signs of slowing down. Also, to Metro Grocery Store for their donation of the two beautiful cakes which were enjoyed by all and Marco's for all he has done. Also, don't forget to purchase a 90th anniversary shirt to wear and show how proud we are to be part of such a great organization.

So on behalf of myself and our entire executive thank you for your support and dedication and let's celebrate this anniversary for the entire year.

Ken Dault / President Branch 255

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Pictures taken by Kirk Harris

A few more pictures next page ►



DID YOU KNOW?

What does it mean when there are coins on a gravestone?



When you see coins on a gravestone, this signifies that the person buried there was a member of the **military**. People who visit the deceased service member can leave a coin on the headstone so when loved ones come to the cemetery, they're aware that others have been to pay their respects, too. This moving sentiment can make a tremendous impact on the family of deceased military folks, which is why it's a special tradition.

It's also important to take note of the type of coin on the stone.

For instance, different coins hold different meanings.

What do individual coins on a gravestone mean?

- If you notice a penny on a gravestone, this signifies that a person has visited the headstone. It's an act of gratitude for the person's service. Anyone can leave a penny, whether they are a family member, friend or fellow service person.
- If there is a nickel on the gravestone, this means that the visitor who left it went to boot camp with the person buried.
- Next, if you see a dime on their gravestone, that signifies that the visitor served with the deceased military member.
- Seeing a quarter has a particularly heavy association. If you notice a quarter, this signifies that a previous visitor was present when the soldier passed away.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

The current membership for branch 255 stands at 413.

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

New members are as follows:

Liles, Annie Liles, Mary Lou Vrablik, Steven Sorensen, John • Affiliate Fanelli, Jessica Hamilton, Maureen •

- Affiliate
- Affiliate
 - Affiliate
- - Associate
 - Associate

Miller, Wiiliam Clark

Miller, Ann McCullogh •

- Barron, Alice
- Decaire, Joe

Decaire, Shari

- Associate
- Associate
- Affiliate
- Affiliate
- 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.



BURSARY REPORT - Sharron Jarvis / Chair

Branch 255 Poppy Bursary Recipients of 2024

Emma Ryan is a third year student at Lakehead University studying Business Administration. She is receiving this bursary because of father Sean Ryan served in the Naval Reserves from 1989 to 1995.Emma's grandfather Tim Ryan also served in the Army Reserves for 25 years. Emma's grandmother Chris Ryan who is a member of 255 is accepting the bursary on Emma's behalf.

Madelyn Schultz is a fourth year student at the Ontario College of Arts and Design University who is currently working on her thesis. She is majoring in Fine Arts. She is receiving this bursary because of her grandmother Olga Schultz served in the Royal Canadian Air Force for three years. Olga is a valued member of branch 255 and serves on the colour party.

Lauryn MacPherson is a third year student in the Human Kinetics program at the University of Windsor. Lauryn is receiving this bursary because of her great Grandfather Armond Ruston who served in the Air Force for 3 years. Lauryn's mother Jennifer is a member of 255.

Justin MacPherson is a first year student in the Bachelor of Commerce program at the University of Windsor. Justin is receiving this bursary because of great grandfather Armond Ruston who served in the Air Force for 3 years. Justin's mother Jennifer is a member of 255.

Thank you Sean, Tim, Olga and Armond for your service and we wish this years Poppy bursary recipients good luck in their studies. Congratulations to all!!



HAPPY EASTER ... It's such a hopeful time of year, and we wish you every good thing at Easter and always.



Branch 255 will be Closed Easter Sunday Open Easter Monday

LIST OF SOME SERVICES FOR SENIORS



Please visit <u>https://www.wechu.org/</u> for other services.

- Home Maintenance / Medical Supplies
 211 / <u>www.211ontario.ca</u>
 MedsCheck Program 1-866-255-6701 (INFOline) / TTY: 1-800-387-5559
 Ontario Accieted Device Program
- Ontario Assisted Device Program
 1-800-268-6021 / TTY: 1-800-387-5559
 www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/adp
- Parks and Recreation Programs / Seniors Centres and Social Clubs
 211 / www.211ontario.ca

Transportation – CareLink Health Transit 1-855-728-1433 **Adult Day Program**

Provides program activities designed to enhance individual abilities.

- Windsor-Essex Community Health Centre
 www.wechc.org Chronic Disease Self-Management 1-855-259-3605
- Active Aging and Fall Prevention 519-997-2823 ext. 341
- Diabetes Wellness 519-997-2823 ext. 301

PLACE AN AD in our bulletin anon our website at www.branch255.com - Business Card Size \$50 a year

- 1/4 page \$100 a year - 1/2 page \$200 a year

MARCO'S ORIGINAL - GOOD FRIDAY MENU

Appetizers: French Fries \$4.99

Onion Rings \$5.99

Mozzarella Sticks \$8.99

Fish & Shrimp: Served with Fries, Coleslaw, Bread, Butter,& 1 Tarter Sauce8pc Shrimp \$13.991 pc Halibut \$16.992pc Haddock \$15.995pc Lake Perch \$16.99Add 1 extra Piece halibut \$9.99

Entrees: Sauces: Hot - Mild - BBQ - Honey Garlic - RanchPasta \$9.99Chicken Tenders & Fries10 Wings & Fries

ST.PATRICK'S DAY SPECIALS - MARCH 17th



Appetizers:

French Fries \$4.99

Onion Rings \$5.99 Fried Mushrooms \$8.99 Mozzarella Sticks \$8.99

Entrees:

Chicken Tender & Fries \$11.9910 Wings & Fries \$12.99Fish & Chips 16.99Corned Beef Sandwich & Fries \$14.99Corned Beef & Cabbage \$16.99



Sunday March 10th 10am till 3pm CRAFT BAZAAR

Host - Ladies Auxiliary. We have a variety of vendors so you're sure to find something special! We hope to see you!

BOOK YOUR SPECIAL EVENT AT BRANCH 255



Sunday March 17th All Day..Noon - ??? ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

A great time, you do not want to miss. Ardan Academy of Irish Dancers at 1pm. Irish Music duo with Mc Olden & Mc Yonge 50/50 Draw / Kitchen will be open.



Saturday March 23rd 11:30am - 6pm **PUB CRAWL**

Host - 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 are \$25 On sale at the bar.



Ladies Auxiliary OF Branch 255

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROJECT



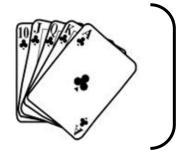
We are collecting lunch items for hungry students who for whatever reason don't get meals at home. We have a barrel set up in the branch next to the ATM machine.

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

CARDS GAMES - ALL WELCOME

These are not leagues, you don't have to come every week if you don't want to. Open to the public. Cut Throat PEPPER every Monday. at 6PM EUCHRE every Wednesday at 6:00 CRIBBAGE every Wednesday 1pm & Thursday at 1pm





- 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

Check out Marco's *Weekly Specials* on our website , facebook or call

519-944-0101

MONTH OF MARCH 2024 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, March 5th - Music by Mickey

\$13.00 - Open Face Hot Beef Dinner. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable **OR**

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

Tuesday, March 12th - Music by Crowbar 3.0

\$13.00 - Meatloaf Dinner, Topped with Gravy. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable

OR

\$11.00 - 1pc Fish & Chip. Served with Fries & Coleslaw

Tuesday, March 19th- Music by Mickey

\$13.00 - Chicken Cordon Blue. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable **OR**

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

Tuesday, March 26th- Music by Sixties Live

\$13.00 - Cabbage Roll Dinner. Served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable *OR*

\$11.00 - Chicken Burger. Served with Fries

.... You do not need to be a Senior to order our TUESDAY SPECIAL

BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT AT BRANCH 255 LEGION

Mario's Original Italian Diner is available to cater all of your special occasions here at Branch 255. We are also available for wakes and funerals.



Don't forget about our **FRIDAY FISH FRY'S** Just one bite and you will be Hooked!!



BRANCH 255		MAR	RCH 2024		CALENDAR	
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17 ST.PATRICK DAY CELEBRATION ALL DAY	18 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM	19 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC MICKEY MENS DARTS 7:30PM	20 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE 7PM MIXED DARTS	21 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE EXECUTIVE MEETING 7PM	22 MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM MEN'S DARTS 7:30PM	23 PUB CRAWL MEAT DRAW 2-5PM ELECTRIC BLUE 8PM BAND
24 OPEN SPACE ▼ ³¹ EASTER SUNDAY CLOSED	25 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30	26 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE MENS DARTS 7:30PM	27 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE 7PM MIXED DARTS	28 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE GENERAL MEETING 7PM NOMINATIONS	29 GOOD FRIDAY MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM MEN'S DARTS 7:30PM	30 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM CROWBAR HOTEL 8PM