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PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings all

May is here and so is the transition of our new executive. Beginning June 01st Bruce Tribute will be our new president. Congratulations to Bruce and your entire incoming executive. I believe you are going to have a challenging but rewarding year ahead and I am very confident you are up to the task. To all past executives thank you for all your support. Everyone of you has contributed to the betterment of our branch and that is reflective in our bank accounts, charities, and any changes that have been made within our branch. You were tasked with different duties and you always come through. A special thank you to Kathy Patterson for taking on the secretary position and doing an amazing job. You helped me immensely and you proved to be invaluable to our branch. Keep up the good work. I know a lot of our outgoing executives are part of our incoming executives and this is a very positive thing in that you are bringing another year of experience to the table and now you can guide our first time executives through their first year. This is a very big positive for all of us. To Elaine Dunn our behind the scenes invaluable member. Your contributions to our bulletin, Facebook page, and management of all posters and tickets is very much appreciated by our membership and I want to personally thank you. To our staff. Rob and Mary for all you do for all of us thank you. To Trish for coming onboard and right from the start making a difference. Thank you. And to our bartenders. I am forever grateful to you for the job you do and the passion you show toward to our members and patrons. I know it is not always easy, but you do your job and always manage to have a smile. And you always put up with me. Always remember, I only give a hard time to the people I like. To Dianne Vendrasco. What can I say, you stepped into a position with a mountain to learn. With the help of Linda Faubert and teaming up with Trish you quickly adapted to the position and have done an incredible job. You have proven to be very professional and invaluable to our branch, and you kept me in line for the last year. Thank you Dianne, and thank you for all the ju jubes and M&M's. I think you used the candy to get me to do things. To my family, thank you for the help, guidance and support. That is what always kept me going. One person in my family who was extremely helpful to me was my sister Susan. I know mom always liked me more, but I think she thought you were special too.(lol).

Lastly to our entire membership. For your support and unwavering commitment as volunteers. That was on full display when we decided to paint the walls of the branch.

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Ken Marshall took the lead on this project and gathered a very capable group of volunteers and what seemed like a blink of an eye they were done. Terry Lauzon, Colin Skelly, Jimmy Stewart, Tim Soullierre, Ron Marshall, Bruce Tribute and anyone else who helped, a very big thank you for a job well one. This is just one example of what our volunteers do for the good of Br. 255. Whether it is through the fundraising of our Ladies Auxiliary, the meat draws, trivia nights an all other events none would be possible without the combined efforts of so many. If I have missed anyone I apologize. It is very difficult to remember everyone when there are so many.

Thank you RCL Br. 255 for giving me the honour to represent you as your president.

Thank you Ken Dault / President Branch 255



ATTENTION MEMBERS

Next General meeting is Thursday, May 23rd
at 7:00pm. Please be sure to have your
membership card with you.



LAST POST

REMEMBERING our members who have left us.
It is with great sadness we announce the passing of James and Donald.
Our condolences to their family & friends

**AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING
“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”**





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POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair



Poppy trust account is \$58,579.89.

The poppy fund has donated \$20,000.00 since Jan. 01. We are starting to receive requests for donations which will be reviewed as they come in.



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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HONOURS AND AWARDS - Betty Goodison / Chair

Bruce Tribute received his 20 year membership pin.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2024 / 2025 AS OF JUNE 1ST

Thank you to the Election Committee Comrades Nelson Dufour, Sheila Hamilton and Lynn Pinchuk from Branch 644 for their support.

PRESIDENT

- Bruce Tribute

PAST PRESIDENT

- Ken Dault

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

- Ron Marshall

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

- Ken Marshall

SECRETARY

- Kathy Patterson

SGT. AT ARMS

- Chantale Davis

EXECUTIVES

- Susan Yablonsky
- Mike O’Harra
- Betty Goodison
- Olga Schutz
- Marty Flanagan
- Glenn Magone
- Dave Jarvis
- Sharron Jarvis

Meet your new president ►
BRUCE TRIBUTE
Accompanied by
Sgt.at.Arms
Chantale Davis.



Congratulations to all!!

Thanks to all of you for stepping forward to get involved in the Executive and joining the leadership team that will work together to make our branch successful.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Tim



Colin

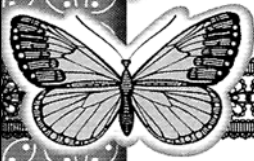


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Orange
CARTOONS



KITCHEN REPORT - David Jarvis/ Chair

I will start with a great big branch thank you to Marco's kitchen for supplying the meal for the RCAF 100 year anniversary luncheon at no cost to the branch. This saved the branch approximately \$500.00. It was well received by all in attendance.

The oven in the kitchen requires a new gas valve which will cost in the range of \$700.00 - \$800.00 once the hst is factored in. There for I would like to put forth a motion not to exceed \$800.00 to repair the stove.

TRACK AND FIELD - Jim Dunn / Chair

The District A Track and Field meet will be held June 21st and 22nd at Sandwich Secondary School. The Provincial meet will be July 12th and 13th at York University and the National meet will be held August 9th thru the 11th in Calgary Alberta. We are asking for volunteers to assist with duties such as raking jump pits, message runner, greeters, registration and medal presentations.

If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Jim Dunn at Branch 255.

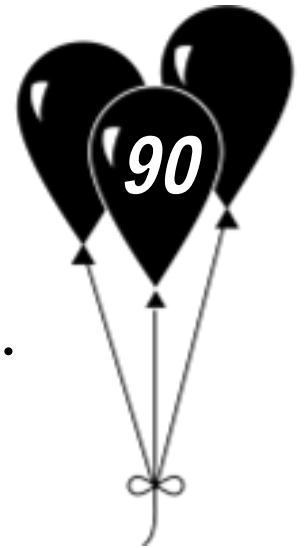


HAPPY 90th Birthday OMAY DROUILLARD

On behalf of the executives and members of Branch 255 we would like to wish Omay a Happy 90th Birthday. "May your special day be just as special as you are!"



If you know a member of branch 255 who is celebrating a milestone birthday please email elainedunnis@gmail.com with a picture.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMRADES!!

MAY 2024 - Olav Kitchen 2nd, Omay Drouillard 9th, Bob Bromley 9th, Frank Maheux 20th, Gary Marshall 21st, Denis Holmes 25th.

Members please email your name and birth date to elainedunnis@gmail.com so we can ad you to our list.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - Maureen Fracas / President

LA again thanks the branch for assisting us with Biennial Convention.

We held our elections Monday April 22.

- President Maureen Fracas
- 1st Vice president Margaret Smole
- 2nd Vice President Joanne Cooper
- Sergeant at Arms Elaine Johnson
- Secretary Kelly Campeau
- Executive at Large Mary Nunweiler



Tuesday's Bake Sale was successful.

Our community initiative is extremely well supported. Friday lunches have to date been donated out of our LA personal grocery budgets. Our ladies have been generous with time and monies.

Up coming events:

1. May 9 Corn Hole Fun night starting at 7pm. Attendance and participation is free. Donations of school snacks to community initiative is welcome.
2. May 21 Bake Sale
3. June 4 Bake Sale
4. June 8 Pub Crawl - Amherstburg, Kingsville, Tecumseh, 255 for Steak BBQ. Volunteers would be appreciated at the BBQ.
5. June 17 Pasta Dinner 5pm-7pm
6. July 11 Corn Hole Fun Night.

We would appreciate NEW younger members. Do you have daughters, grand daughters, nieces, neighbors looking for worthy organizations to donate time and efforts. **WE ARE HERE!**

VETERANS CALENDAR If you know of a Veteran willing to be included in calendar. We need a photo of veteran during duty and another more recent photo. Active, retired or deceased. LA now has an email address. LA.RCL255 @gmail.com



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.

thank you

To our men and women in uniform past, present and future
V E T E R A N S



CANADA REMEMBERS

Tens of thousands of Canadians took part in the Normandy Campaign in 1944. Charles Davis was one of them. Learn more about the road to #DDay80: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/get-involved/d-day-80#CanadaRemembers>

THE WINDSOR - ESSEX EASTER SEALS CAMPAIGN

Helping KIDS with physical disabilities succeed.
Financial Assistance for Equipment - Fully Accessible
Summer Camp - Special Education Resources.
Pledge forms are available at the front entrance.
Please donate by filling out a form and give to the bartender.
You will be billed later.



RCAF CENTENNIAL CEREMONY - Thank you all who attended



Pictures taken by Jenie Davidson.. See more on our website at www.branch255.com

UP-COMING VETERANS EVENTS

- 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
- JUNE 30 - Vietnam Monument 12 noon Assumption Park / Host - CVVA
- JULY 27 - Korean Monument 11am Dieppe Park / Host - Korean
- AUGUST 11 - Peacekeepers Monument 11am Reaume Park / Host - Peace K.
- AUGUST 19 - Dieppe Monument 1pm Dieppe Park / Host - E&K Scots

MILITARY INSTITUTE OF WINDSOR

MAY SPEAKER'S LUCHEON Guest Speaker - LCOL John Hodgins
Deputy Commander, 31 Canadian Brigade Group
TOPIC - "Training and Employment within 31 CBG"

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024 - 1130HRS FOR 1200 HRS

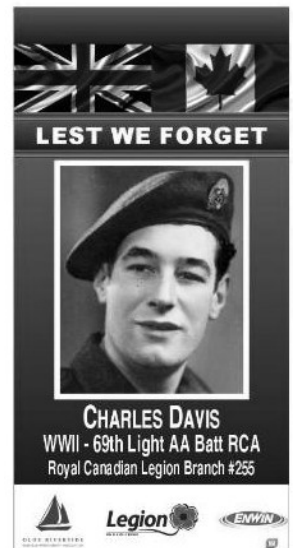
Lunch at noon with speaker to follow at ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255
Door prizes.. Lunch consisting of a sandwich bar and pastries will be provided
at a cost of \$10.. Please RSVP to Maj Roy Embury by 12 May 2024.
Phone: 519.735.6767 or Email: rembury2@cogeco.ca

VETERAN BANNER PROGRAM 2024

We still have openings for those wanting a Veteran Banner.
If you want to sponsor a banner, please come to Branch#255
Legion this Saturday (May 4th) between 1 & 4. Let's line
Wyandotte this fall with banners celebrating our Veterans.
Any profit from the Banners will be going to help Veterans in
the Windsor area! Let's honour and help our Veterans!!!

Forms are available at front door table at branch 255. Forms and
payment will be collected Saturday, May 4th from 1 to 4pm.

Any questions, please email them to either of these address.
rsidevetbanner@outlook.com or flansinx@hotmail.com



The **LADIES AUXILIARY** of Zone A-1 held their Annual Spring Convention on,
April 29, 2024, hosted by our Branch 261 L. A. Comrade Cheryl Moore, newly
elected as Zone A-1 Commander. Comrade Maureen Fracas, newly elected as
Zone A-1 Deputy Commander. Comrade Betty Vigneux, re-elected for another term
as Zone A-1 Sports Officer.

Congratulations Ladies !!

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
SUPPORT our TROOPS wear your RED T-Shirt on FRIDAYS.



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.

Various Veteran Transition Programs that we have supported at Ontario Command through our Military Service Recognition Book Program over these past eleven years. These funds have been donated to these various programs once we received requests for support at our Command Headquarters.

• Ad Astra Stables	\$20,520.00
• Project Trauma Support	\$40,000.00
• Project Healing Waters	\$10,000.00
• Operational Stress Injury Spouses Retreat	\$450.00
• Frontline Family Wellness Day	\$1,000.00
• Heroes Mending On The Fly	\$33,000.00
• Wounded Warriors Canada	\$10,200.00
• Veterans Transition Network	\$228,000.00
• Writers Collection of Canada	\$32,450.00
• Empower 2 Recovery Veterans Wellness	\$900.00
• Promotional Yoga Mats for Retreat	\$3,722.06
• Service Officers Booth at Sportsman Show	\$300.00
 Total Expenses To Date	 \$380,542.06

A SALUTE TO WOMEN VETERANS



Happy
Mother's
Day



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To all the Mom's, Step-moms, Grandmas, Aunts, Sisters and other women in our lives that care for us and love us unconditionally. And to the moms in heaven. Gone but not forgotten.

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



SERVICE OFFICER REPORT - David Jarvis/ Chair

D-DAY 6 JUNE 2024

I will start this report by announcing the branch will be hosting a D Day Dinner on 6 June 2024 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D Day which will open to all branch members and guests. Tickets are on sale at the bar.. The initial sale will be 100 tickets. We will order more if needed. The cost is \$25.00 per person. There will be a cocktail hour from 5-6 followed by dinner at six. Those wishing to help out please see Dave Jarvis.

Menu: roast beef and chicken , potatoes and gravy, vegetables and salad, dinner roll, coffee and tea, assorted desserts.

BURSARIES REPORT - Sharron Jarvis / Chair

The next date for the **Branch 255 Poppy Bursary** is October 1, 2024. Applications are behind the bar.

The Ontario Poppy Bursaries have been awarded for 2024 and the successful recipients have been notified. Just a reminder the eligibility for this bursary is a bit different than that for Branch 255 Poppy Bursary. **Ontario Poppy Bursary** eligibility is as follows:

1. Ex-service personnel or currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular, Reserve and Merchant Navy) and their spouse, children, and grandchildren. (read applications for more information).
2. Ordinary and Life members of the Legion, their spouses, children and grandchildren.
3. Associate members of the Legion and their children only (**not grandchildren**).
4. Ladies Auxiliary Members, and their children and grandchildren. Stepchildren and step grandchildren may be considered where applicable.

There are other eligibility's listed on the applications so be sure to read all of them. Dateline is the last Friday in March. Applications are behind the bar.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

The current paid membership for branch 255 is 462.

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

New members are as follows:

Joseph Benson	• Associate	Tony Budrewicz	• Associate
Monica Nenson	• Affiliate	Lynn Budrewicz	• Associate
Norman Campeau	• Associate		

If you know anyone who may have forgot to pay their 2024 dues could you please remind them that they are due.

A musical tribute to the centennial of the RCAF happening **Sunday, May 26th, 2024**, at the Canadian Aviation Museum beginning at **2:00 pm**. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Free will donations at the door.

The bands include the Silver Ambassadors, Music Express, the Windsor Regiment Band, and the Sun Parlour Pipes and Drums.



SPORTS REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

Our in house dart leagues are winding down and are in playoff mode. As of this report there are no organized leagues during the summer. I've been informed the Tuesday league will conduct informal get togethers throughout the summer. See Dan Crockett for details.

The executive would like to thank all leagues for their patronage this past year.

LEGION SPORTS: Currently there ia posting for Golf on the board. It is a 2 person best ball format and being held at Roseland. Check next page or the board for further details. There has been a change a date and location for the District Golf.

I would to thank the Fitzsimmons family for their generous donation of a custom built pool table. This table belonged to long time branch 255 member Mr. Jim Fitzsimmons . Unfortunately Jim passed away before the installation of the table. A plaque in Jim's memory will be placed on the table. I would like to thank Jim's step son Colin Skelly for working with for getting this done. True gentlemen like his step dad.

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LIL BIT OF BAND HUMOR



Stop the Band - "Didn't you use to hear music every time you put on your Western hat?" one cowboy asked another. "I sure did." "How did you get it to stop?" "I removed the hat from my head and took out the band."

Rock Crash - Question: What do you call it when two rock guitars accidentally crash into each other? Answer: A Fender bender.



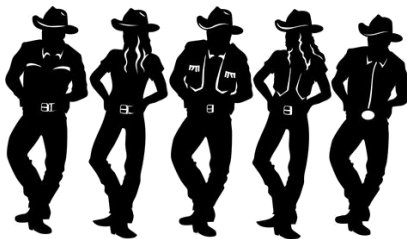
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Wed. thru Sat. 10:45am, 1pm, 8pm, 10pm Sun. 10:45am & 1pm

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LINE DANCING IS BACK

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Dance instructor Rick Del Col.

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Look for postings in the Legion, facebook or our website at www.branch255.com

CORN HOLE FUN NIGHT - THURS. MAY 9TH

At 7pm Host - Ladies Auxiliary of 255. No charge to play, however, donations to our community project, is requested.



D-DAY DINNER - THURSDAY JUNE 6TH

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D Day witch will open to all branch members and guests. Tickets on sale at the bar. The cost is **\$25.00** per person. There will be a cocktail hour from 5-6 followed by dinner at six. Those wishing to help out please see Dave Jarvis. Menu: roast beef and chicken , potatoes and gravy, vegetables and salad, dinner roll, coffee and tea, assorted desserts.



PUB CRAWL - SAT. JUNE 8TH

11:30am - 6pm Host - Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 255
Meet at Branch 255 at 11:30am. First stop is Amherstburg, Kingsville, Tecumseh then back to Branch 255 for a Steak BBQ. Volunteers would be appreciated at the BBQ. Bus tickets are \$25, Steak BBQ \$30. Tickets sold separately. On sale at the bar May 7th.



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ZONE A-1 GOLF TOURNAMENT - 2 PERSON BETTER BALL

WHERE: Roseland Golf & Curling Club

WHEN: SATURDAY, **MAY 25th** (Tee Times start at 10:00am)

BRANCH REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 11th.

Schedule will be sent out to Branch Sports Officer with Rules by May 22nd.

COST PER PERSON \$75.00 (Green Fees and Shared Power Cart)

Note: We are limited to 30 teams as we have only 15 tee times.

DEADLINE (for registration payment): May 11th

Score cards to be returned to Branch 261 immediately following play!

Dinner and post game beverages will be available to purchase at the Branch.



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		<p>1 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p> 	<p>2 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> 	<p>3 MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> 	<p>4 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p>  <p>CROWBAR HOTEL 8PM</p> 	
<p>5 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE</p> <p>▼</p>	<p>6 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> 	<p>7 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE</p> 	<p>8 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p> 	<p>9 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>CORNHOLE 7PM</p> 	<p>10 MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> 	<p>11 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p>  <p>B.B. & THE J'S 8PM</p> 
<p>12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p> 	<p>13 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> 	<p>14 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC B.B.& THE J'S</p> 	<p>15 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p> 	<p>16 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>EXECUTIVE MEETING 7PM</p> 	<p>17 MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> 	<p>18 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p>  <p>B.B. & THE J'S 8PM</p> 
<p>19 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE</p> <p>▼</p>	<p>20 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> 	<p>21 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE LA BAKE SALE</p> 	<p>22 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p> 	<p>23 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>GENERAL MEETING 7PM</p> 	<p>24 MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> 	<p>25 GOLF TOURNAMENT</p> <p>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p> <p>ELECTRIC BLUE BAND 8PM</p>
<p>26 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE</p> <p>▼</p>	<p>27 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> <p>LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30</p> 	<p>28 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC MICKEY</p> 	<p>29 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p> 	<p>30 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> 	<p>31 MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> 	