

Royal Canadian Legion

Riverside Branch 255 - July 2024 Bulletin



Eh! It wouldn't be Canada if we didn't have to stop for geese crossing the road.
It never fails to make most of us laugh when a flock of geese crossing
the street stops traffic!
One by one, the Canada geese cautiously step in front of the on coming traffic.
And so we all stop. and wait, and wait and wait.

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PRESIDENT REPORT

1 June welcomes the new executive of RCL Branch 255. We have many projects in the works for the upcoming year and everyone is anxious to see at least some of them reach completion. First, and foremost, our cooler, which is very old and showing its age, is to be completely revamped with a new energy-efficient refrigeration system and rework of the interior of the cooler room. This will not be cheap, but as selling beer is the business that ensures our survival, it must be done.

We are also looking at options to replace the carpeting in the Empire Room. We have had quotes from various suppliers and look forward to a change to complement the beautiful paint job. Heartfelt thanks goes out to all who contributed to this project.

Since I was conspicuous in my absence for my first General Membership Meeting as President, due to a previously planned vacation, I would like to thank 1st Vice President Ron Marshall for carrying the torch, assisted by 2nd Vice president Ken Marshall. All reports are that you both did a wonderful job.

Also, I should mention the award presented by Windsor's Mayor, Drew Dilkens commemorating 90 years of service to the community and our Veterans.

With Canada Day here, special thanks needs to go out to Susan Yablonsky and her crew of tireless volunteers for decorating the Branch like no other branch in the Zone. It truly makes us proud.

Our strength is in our members and their willingness to contribute to the well-being of the Branch.

Thank you

Bruce Tribute / President Branch 255

LAST POST

REMEMBERING our members who have left us.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING
"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"



**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION RIVERSIDE
BRANCH 255 DONATIONS - Sue Yablonsky / Chair**

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| Big Brothers / Big Sisters - Windsor/ Essex County | 1,200.00 |
| Canadian Mental Health Association | 1,200.00 |
| Family Services - Windsor/Essex County | 1,200.00 |
| Feeding Windsor | 1,200.00 |
| Total | 4,800.00 |

DONATIONS Year ending from the of month of June 1st, 2023 to May 31,2024

Branch 255 Legion supports our Community by using funds raised through clubhouse operations (events), meat draws, break open tickets, and bingos. Year ending June1,2023 to May 31,2024 **\$88,987.10** was donated to our Community in Windsor and over **\$70,000.00** has been donated to Veterans and their families from the Poppy Trust Fund.

Everything our Legion does is to help Veterans and our Community.

It is because of YOU our Executive, Volunteers, Ladies Auxiliary, Members and Guests who walk in the doors of Branch 255 Legion and support us.



**WE THANK YOU
GRAND TOTAL DONATIONS
\$158.987.10**



BAR REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

The bar is doing well but slowing down a bit as it is summer and people go on vacations. Our profit numbers are still very good and our inventory control is good.

We have approval to go ahead with the construction of a new cooler. This most likely will happen sometime in August and will take approximately 7 days to complete, barring no surprises. This is much needed as our old system is antiquated and uses water to cool, which is costing us dearly on our water bills.

We also have approval to purchase a new POS system for our Bartenders. Eventually we will be able to offer debit with this new system.

“Volunteerism is one of the most selfless acts that we can become involved in. Nonprofits need more volunteers to make the biggest difference possible. “



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POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair



The Poppy Trust Account Balance is \$53,349.15.
I received a donation request from "Camp Maple Leaf".
They provide week long summer programs that bring children together who share similar unique life challenges. They provide these programs to Canadian Military families (both serving and veterans) and 1st responder families.
This organization is supported by both Dominion and Ontario Commands.
I would like to make a motion that we donate \$4,000.00 from the Poppy Fund to "Camp Maple Leaf".

90th ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT ... SALE

Branch 255 Legion Fundraiser

(Red T-shirt white logo) or (Navy Blue T-Shirt gold logo)
Short sleeve \$15 tax included OR
Long sleeve \$20 tax included
Unisex sizes small. medium. large. XL. XXL XXXL



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VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

If there is any member interested in taking over editing Branch 255's monthly Bulletin. Please let Bruce Tribute (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.

VETERANS

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT - David Jarvis/ Chair NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT

Miss Brittany Campbell - Acting Provincial Service Officer will be visiting Branch 594 during the week of August 14th - 16th, 2024. Any Veteran or Veteran family member who would like to make an appointment with Branch 255 Service officer please call Dave Jarvis please call 519-735-7414 no later than July 26.

Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance regarding:

1. Disability Benefit Applications, Reassessments, Reviews, and Appeals
2. Referrals for Entitled Veterans to Treatment Benefits, VIP, and Special Awards
3. Information and Assistance with Rehabilitation and Vocational Assistance Applications
4. Applications for Benevolent Funds
5. War Veterans Allowance Applications
6. Information and Assistance for Widows

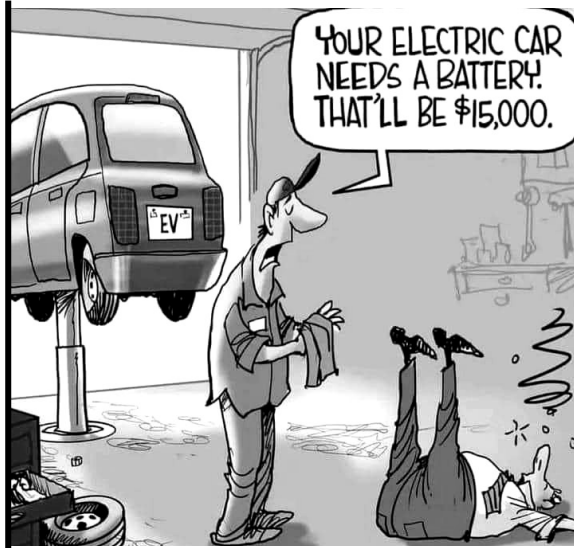
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thank you To our men and women in uniform past, present and future
V E T E R A N S

Life IS BETTER when you're **LAUGHING!**



"Your call is important to us. Please stay on the line until your call is no longer important to you."



SPORTS REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

I am still waiting on a schedule for Zone Sports.

The 3rd annual Brian Crockett Memorial Fun Golf Day scheduled for August 24th is **SOLD OUT**. We will be placing a waiting list on the Sports board, which will be used in case of cancellations. Replacements will be in order as signed.

HAPPY CANADA DAY... EH!!

A few pictures taken from Saturday night June 29th Best Dressed Canadian Contest
Check out our facebook page or website
at www.branch255.com for more pictures.



Please share your pictures of you celebrating **CANADA DAY** at Branch 255 Legion or send the to elainedunnis@gmail.com .



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

BINGO REPORT - Kathy Patterson / Chair

In May we had 3 bingo assignments. We received **\$2,226.43** from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments.

We donated \$1,200 to Hiatus House and \$1,200 to The Salvation Army in May from the Bingo funds. At the end of May we had a balance in the account of \$9,005.39.



Support the Legion Branch 255 Charities fund by going to bingo. There's a new place to be every Wednesday! Win it BIG without breaking the bank playing HALF PRICE BOOKS for all sessions on Wednesdays! Location: 655 Crawford Ave. Windsor, Ontario.

VETERANS EVENTS 2024

Supporting our Veterans, Supporting our Troops
 Please be there and seated a half hour before the event starts.
 Everyone is welcome to attend - Open to the Public

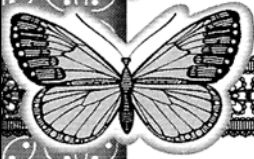
| DATE | EVENT | PLACE | TIME | HOST |
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| Aug. 11 | Peacekeepers Monument | Reaume Park | 11am | Peacekeepers |
| Aug. 19 | Dieppe Monument | Dieppe Park | 1pm | E&K Scots |
| Sept. 8 | Afghanistan | Reaume Park | 11am | NWRA |
| Sept. 15 | Battle of Britain | Jackson Park | 2pm | RCAF |

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MILITARY RECOGNITION BOOK REPORT - Jim Dunn

We have finished with volume number 11 of the MSRB and have started on volume number 12. It is important to keep this program going so I will be approaching our new members to help with the recruitment of new Veteran submissions.

It is very important that permission is given by the Veteran or a family member. Applications will be behind the bar.

VETERAN BANNER PROJECT REPORT

We will have 42 banners going up this year for the 2024 program. Thank You to all who renewed their banners and those who have sponsored a banner for this year. The information has been sent to the banner manufacturer and I expect the mock-ups to be sent back in a week or so for sponsor verification.

I have also been in contact with ENWIN with the 2024 Program and we have secured their help again for this year. Many thanks to Frank Cleminson for coordinating this.

Some tentative dates for the 2024 Program:

- Sunday September 8th – Veteran Banners going up
- Tuesday September 10th – 2024 Banner Ceremony (at Branch #255)
- Sunday September 22nd – Windsor Open Street in Riverside (more info coming soon)
- Sunday November 17th – Veteran Banners coming down
- Saturday November 23rd – Banners returned to Sponsors

Marty Flanagan

2024 Branch 255 Veteran Banner Team Member

TRACK AND FIELD REPORT - Jim Dunn

The District A Track and Field meet was held June 21st and 22nd at Sandwich Secondary School. It was important to provide a well run meet for our athletes so they could display their talents after last years issues.



If you remember the track was not finished in time.

Brian Harris would like to thank all the

branches who have supported this program, at all levels as well the volunteers who assisted us at the Track meet. The Provincial meet will take place at York University on July 12 and 13. The National meet will be August 9 thru the 11th in Calgary Alberta.



LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - Maureen Fracas / President

We attended the 2024 Biennial Convention in New Market. While there, we spent considerable time on housekeeping both ways of means and bylaws. The majority of changes overall eliminating redundant, repetitive and erroneous verbiage with the intent of parroting branch bylaws, etc. We also discussed at length banking and signatory requirements – most of which do not concern us; we are not allowed debit cards, nor e-transfer and are not eligible for credit cards. On a positive note, the Ladies Auxiliary have assisted 1187 homeless individuals and 62 families in 199 communities. We continue to give Walmart and Tim Hortons gift cards twice per year.

The Service Dog Program has placed 61 dogs and 20 additional are in training.

Ladies Auxiliary will no longer have the position of 3rd VP at Ontario level. In total, the ladies across Ontario raised \$5,168,884.68; spent \$4,558,456.58 which includes \$1,175,732 to branches and 1,299,972.80 to Veterans. The convention was attended by 466 members including 8 guests. Overall, this convention was productive. We would like to thank the branch for their monetary donation which allowed us to attend.

Cornhole nights – July 11 and September 12. Come out for fun and pops! We will hold the games outside, weather permitting. Please consider a donation to our Community Initiative Project! We have told the branch to use the cornhole boards and bags whenever suitable. All we ask is someone be responsible to ensure all bags and boards are returned and put away.

Pasta Monday was held on June 17; for an introductory event, we considered it successful and look forward to greater attendance. Next pasta Mondays are: July 15, August 19 and September 16 with the possibility of rotating sauces. Bake Sales at Senior Dinner Tuesdays will pause for July and August.

Kids Lunch Program is on recess until September. However, the collection of snacks will continue through the summer to stock the cupboard in preparation for the start of school.

We are considering moving the chili cook-off to an autumn month. Stay tuned for date confirmation and details.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our pub crawl and steak dinner BBQ in June due to lack of ticket sales. We will consider another one at a different date.

Lastly, the ladies are still looking for Veterans for our 2024/25 calendar pinups. We are looking for photos, brief background and the permission of the veteran/family. Photos and background information can be emailed to: LA.RCL255@gmail.com. This email can also be used for more information or any inquiries. Arrangements can be made for original photos to be copied and of course returned.

BURSARIES REPORT - Sharron Jarvis / Chair

Eligibility for all Applications: Each application has its own criteria for eligibility so be sure to read carefully the eligibility for each application.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 Poppy Bursary.

Awarded to University or College students enrolled in a full time program (any year). Applications for the Fall semester must be in by Oct 1 and the bursary will be presented at the General Meeting in Oct.. Any applications handed in between Oct 1, and Feb 1, will be considered for the Winter semester and will be presented at the Feb General Meeting. In order to receive the bursary proof of a valid student card is necessary. This is a one time bursary. Awarded to University or College students enrolled in a full time program (any year).

Mary Turner Bursary - Awarded to 2nd year students and up, attending the University of Windsor. Applications open Aug 1 to Oct 31. For further information contact the awards office.

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

Rev Godden – 2nd year students and up attending the University of Windsor. Applications open Aug 1 to Oct 31. For further information contact the awards office.

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

COLOUR PARTY REPORT **Chantale Davis / Sergeant at Arms**

I would like to start by thanking Elaine Dunn for the great promotion of the colour party.

In the month of June we participated on June 2nd the WVMSC Main Monument at City hall Square, June 22nd the Admr. Hose at Heavenly Rest, June 22nd the District A Track and Field, and on June 30th the Vietnam Monument at Assumption Park. Next will be at the Korean Monument on July 27th at Dieppe Park 11am.

We are looking for new members to join us. No experience is needed. What we do is attend Memorial Services around the City to honor our Veterans. We also attend other special events upon request. If you to join us please reach out to me.



Mayor Drew Dilkens attended our June Membership meeting to recognize and congratulate our Branch for 90 years of service. He thanked us for our dedication to our Veterans and our commitment to our community. He presented a beautiful plaque and letter from the City.

The plaque is located on the front entrance wall. Please have a look.

Thank you
Mayor Dilkens and the City of Windsor.

(Left to right) 1st Vice Ron Marshall, Mayor Drew Dilkens and 2nd Vice ken Marshall.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

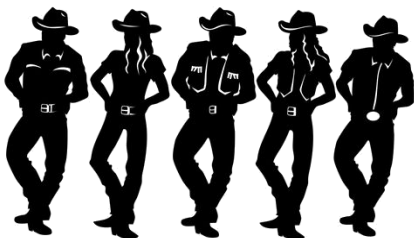
The current paid membership for Branch 255 is 489.

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

New members are as follows:

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|----------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Randy Louwagie | • Associate | Dave Westlake | • Associate |
| Todd Bagnell | • Associate | Craig Mackenzie Haines | • Ordinary |
| Garrett Hawco | • Associate | Nick Jirgens | • Affiliate |
| Doug Hemstreet | • Affiliate | Jeffrey Reid | • Ordinary |
| Thomas Senay | • Ordinary | Monica Benson | • Associate |

There will be **NO** general meeting in July.



LINE DANCING

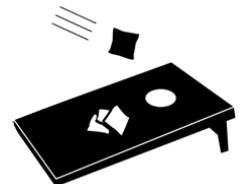
Every **Friday** evenings for the summer
at **7pm** with dance instructor Rick Del Col.

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CORN HOLE FUN NIGHT - THURS. JULY 11TH

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





- 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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Weekly Specials
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MONTH OF JULY 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, July 2nd - Music by Trax

\$13.00 - Pork Schnitzel topped with Gravy, served with Mashed Potato & Vegetable
OR

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

Tuesday, July 9th - Music by Sixties Live

\$13.00 - Chicken Cordon Blue, served with Roasted Potato & Vegetable
OR

\$11.00 - Spaghetti & Meatball topped with Meat Sauce, served with Bread & Butter

Tuesday, July 16th- Music by Crowbar 3.0

\$13.00 - Meatloaf, served with Mashed Potatoes & Brown Gravy
OR

\$11.00 - 1 Piece Fish, served with Fries & Coleslaw

Tuesday, July 23rd- Music by Power and the Glory

\$13.00 - 3 Piece Perch, served with Fries & Coleslaw
OR

\$11.00 - 8 Piece Chicken Wings & Fries

Tuesday, July 30th - Music by Sixties Live

\$13.00 - Cabbage Rolls 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.

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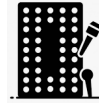








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| <p>1</p>  <p>HAPPY CANADA DAY CELEBRATION</p> | <p>2</p> <p>SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC TRAX</p>  | <p>3</p> <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p>  | <p>4</p> <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p>  | <p>5</p> <p>MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> <p>LINE DANCING 7PM</p>  | <p>6</p> <p>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p>  <p>BLACK ORCHID 8PM</p>  | |
| <p>7</p> <p>OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE</p> <p>▼</p> | <p>8</p> <p>CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p>  | <p>9</p> <p>SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE</p>  | <p>10</p> <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p>  | <p>11</p> <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p>  <p>CORNHOLE 7PM</p> | <p>12</p> <p>MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> <p>LINE DANCING 7PM</p>  | <p>13</p> <p>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p>  <p>CATSASS BAND 8PM</p>  |
| <p>14</p> <p>OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE</p> <p>▼</p> | <p>15</p> <p>CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p>  | <p>16</p> <p>SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC CROWBAR 3.0</p>  | <p>17</p> <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p>  | <p>18</p> <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>EXECUTIVE MEETING 7PM</p>  | <p>19</p> <p>MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> <p>LINE DANCING 7PM</p>  | <p>20</p> <p>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p>  <p>POWER & THE GLORY 8PM</p>  |
| <p>21</p> <p>OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE</p> <p>▼</p> | <p>22</p> <p>CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p>  | <p>23</p> <p>SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC POWER N GLORY</p>  | <p>24</p> <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p>  | <p>25</p> <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p>  <p>NO GENERAL MEETING</p> | <p>26</p> <p>MARCO'S FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> <p>LINE DANCING 7PM</p>  | <p>27</p> <p>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p>  <p>POWER & THE GLORY 8PM</p>  |
| <p>28</p> <p>OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE</p> <p>▼</p> | <p>29</p> <p>CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p>  | <p>30</p> <p>SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE</p>  | <p>31</p> <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p>  |   | | |