

Editor - Elaine Dunn - February 2025



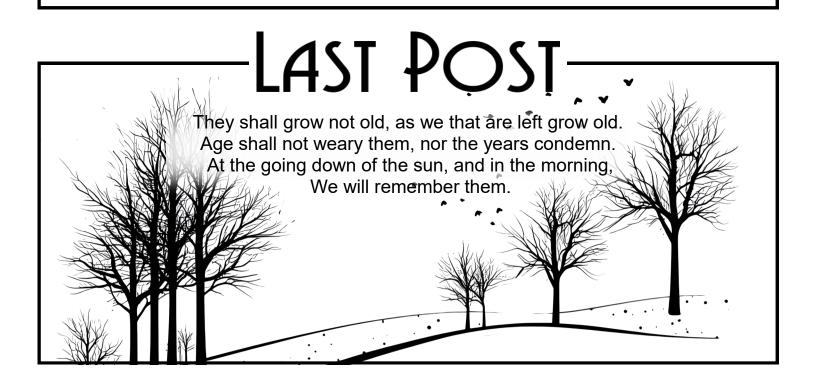
## PRESIDENT REPORT

Welcome to a new year at Branch 255. 2024 was a good year and the hope is for an even better 2025. We have many plans in the works for upgrades to the Branch. There are grants available to us to assist us in realizing our dreams. We have applied for funding to upgrade our washrooms...a long time needed, kitchen renovations, replacement of exterior doors, among other items on the wishlist. It is a long process, but we are optimistic it will happen in a timely manner.

Our membership continues to increase and with that come opportunities for more volunteers to join the Colour Party, help with decorating the branch for occasions, and generally be involved in the day-to-day operation of Branch 255. For anyone wishing to volunteer, reach out to any member of our executive and they will steer you in the right direction.

Your Legion is a place where you can come in for a drink or a meal, find camaraderie, sports activities, assistance for veterans and their families, and, in general, a fine community resource. Thank you to all who strive to continue the work of our Legion.

*Thank you* Bruce Tribute / President Branch 255





## \*\*\* NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT \*\*\*

Brittany Campbell - Provincial Officer - London Service Bureau Will be visiting Branch 594 at 5030 Howard Ave. Tecumseh, ON (Across from Heavenly Rest Cemetery) FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025 at approx 9:00am

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

Are requested to contact the Branch 594 Service Officer Dave Woodman at 519-566-8745, to arrange an interview.

# **VETERANS ART GALLERY**

#### Healing Through the Arts - Now Open

Located in Port Stanley Ontario, the Veterans Art Gallery was born from a vision to bridge the arts and service communities.



By highlighting the resilience and artistry of those who serve, we aim to inspire and connect art enthusiasts and supporters nationwide. 211 Main St / Port Stanley, Ontario N5L 1H6 (519) 200-1616 / artist.agesen@gmail.com

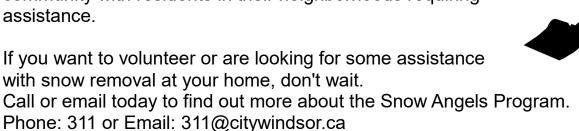
## **ARMY VS NAVY HOCKEY GAME**

The annual Army vs Navy Hockey Game on **Sunday, February 16th, 2025**, from **3 PM to 6 PM** at the **Essex Centre Sports Complex**! Watch members of the Army and Navy face off in an exciting game full of rivalry and camaraderie.

Admission is free, but we encourage you to bring a non-perishable food item to support local food banks. After the game, enjoy a 1 hour free family skate where you can hit the ice with soldiers and sailors!

# SNOW ANGELS VOLUNTEER SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Snow on sidewalks is a potential hazard to those with limited mobility. That's why the City of Windsor offers the Snow Angels Program, a voluntary snow removal service for senior citizens and persons with physical disabilities. The program attempts to match volunteers from the community with residents in their neighborhoods requiring assistance.





## **VETERANS EVENTS 2025**

Supporting our Veterans, Supporting our Troops Please be there and seated a half hour before the event starts. April 9 to September 7 ..Everyone is welcome to attend - Open to the Public

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	HOST
Apr. 9	WWI	Hall & Ypres	11am	SOMM
May 4	Battle of the Atlantic	Dieppe Park Naval Plaza	2pm	RCNA**
May 10	Boer War Memorial	Jackson Park	10am	SOMM NWRA
Jun. 1	WVMSC Annual Service	Windsor City Hall Square Cenotaph	11am	WVMSC
Jun. 22	Admiral Hose Memorial	Gravesite Heavenly Rest Cemetery	2pm	RCNA
Jul. 6	Vietnam Memorial	Assumption Park	noon	CVVMA / NWRA 30th Anniversary
Jul 27	Korean Memorial	Dieppe Park	2pm	WVMSC
Aug. 10	UN NATO Peacekeepers	Reaume Park	11am	UN NATO Peacekeepers
Aug. 19	Dieppe Memorial	Dieppe Park	1pm	E&K Scottish
Sep. 7	Afghanistan Memorial	Reaume Park	11am NWRA	

## VISION / BLIND DART LEAGUE





Cheers to the low vision/blind dart league at Branch 255. The league is currently in the organizational stage. We will keep informed. If you are interested in becoming a member of the is league please email Sharron Jarvis -Sharron.jarvis@gmail.com. You must be visually impaired/blind to join the league.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

Riverside Branch 255 is very excited to welcome our newest members since December as follows:

Jane Deneweth Roch Deneweth Clifford Lindquist Katherine Bilusak Connie Anderson

Ordinary

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- Ordinary •
  - Associate
- Associate
- Janice Collins Lorelei Norman
- Shirley Charette
- Lucy Turner
- Jacqueline Delmonte •
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Paid members as of January 23, 2025 is 393 with 164 past members needing to pay their 2025 dues which would give us 557 members. If you do not pay your 2025 dues by January 31, 2025 your number will be removed from our draws.

# BRANCH 255 DONATIONS REPORT - Sue Yablonsky / Chair

Month of December, 2024. \$1200.00 each was given to four charities total of \$4800.00

- The Welcome Centre Shelter for Women
- The Windsor Goodfellows

- Windsor Homes Coalition Inc.
- Adopt A Vet



Next General meeting is Thursday, February 27th at 7:00pm. The general meeting gives you a chance to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to make it better for you the members. Must show your membership card.





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# **COLOUR PARTY REPORT**

Chantale Davis / Sergeant at Arms

I would like to start with wishing you a very happy new year may you be blessed with good fortune and health.

This month we took part in. We attended the opening ceremony for the hockey tournament. Always a great event to be invited to. We are still in our quiet time. This would be a good time to join. No experience is needed. What we do is attend memorial service around the city to honor our veterans. We also attend other special event upon request. If you want to join us please reach out to me.

## KITCHEN REPORT - Mike O'Harra / Chair

New contract is still at Command should hear soon. Marco is still in the Hospital, his mother Dina is running the kitchen for now. Their contract is up on January 31, 2025.



# 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANADIAN FLAG

National Flag of Canada Day — **February 15**. At the stroke of noon on February 15, 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time on Parliament Hill. On the same day in 1996, National Flag of Canada Day was declared. Our national flag is a symbol that unites Canadians and reflects the common values we take pride in - democracy, inclusion and equity.

## LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - Kelly Campeau / Secretary

The ladies are continuing monthly pasta dinner fundraisers on the 3rd Monday of each month (with a few exceptions – dates to be posted). Reminder – the funds for this event are earmarked for our Community Initiative Project. Also, for this project, we are still looking for snack and lunch items for our students; donations can be dropped off in the gray barrel found in the dart room.

Upcoming pasta dinner will be held on Monday February 17. Dinner includes choice of 2 sauces, salad and garlic bun for \$15. Take out is also available. Look for our BAKE SALE this month on Tuesday February 25 at the seniors dance. We will have a variety of baked goods to choose from!

## **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

The Legion is turning 100 in 2026 and we're inviting visionary partners to come be part of this milestone! Become a national sponsor for the Legion and together let's make this a truly unforgettable experience. Contact the Legion today at marketing@legion.ca to learn more about our exciting sponsorship opportunities.

#### **BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT AT BRANCH 255 LEGION**

Thinking of throwing a party ? Need food? We have our fabulous in house kitchen, Marco's Original Italian Diner, available to cater all of your parties, fundraisers, anniversaries, shin digs, showers, grad parties, office parties, seminars, work shops, and all events. We are also available for wakes and funerals. Call Marco's 519-944-0101 today!

# 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



# 🖑 🧐 😃 A BIT OF SUPER BOWL HUMOR! 🛛 🎱 🗳 🆑

Marty received a free ticket to the Super Bowl from his company. Unfortunately, when he arrives at the stadium he realizes the seat is in the last row in the corner of the stadium. He is closer to the Goodyear Blimp than the field! About halfway through the first quarter he notices an empty seat 10 rows off the field right on the 50 yard line. He decides to take a chance and makes his way through the stadium around the security guards to the empty seat. As he sits down, he asks the gentleman sitting next to him, Excuse me, is anyone sitting here?" The man replies, "No."Now, very excited to be in such a great seat for the game, he says to the man, "This is incredible! Who in his right mind would have a seat like this at the Super Bowl and not use it?" The man replies, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Super Bowl we haven't been together since we got married in 1967." "Oh my," exclaimed Marty. "That's terribly sad. But still, couldn't you find someone to take the seat? A relative or a close friend?""No." The man replied. "They're all at the funeral. "

## MILITARY RECOGNITION BOOK REPORT - Jim Dunn

As the "Keepers of Remembrance", Ontario Provincial Command is proud to publish an annual Military Service Recognition Book to identify and recognize many of our Veterans who have or are living in the Province of Ontario. Veterans who have either served or are still serving in our Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or Allied Forces qualify for a submission publication.

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

View all 11 books at : https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book/msr-flipbooks

# ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DISTRICT "A" 3RD ANNUAL SENIORS 55+ LITERARY COMPETITION

Write a Poem, Essay, Memoir, or Short Story ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ONLY - NO HARD COPIES ACCEPTED

Competition Deadline Saturday, March 22, 2025.

- 1. Open to all seniors aged 55+
- 2. Must complete and attach official registration form
- 3. Must be original, written by the contestant and unpublished
- 4. Must be submitted in English or French
- 5. Must not exceed the line or word limits specified
- 6. Must be ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION Name on application and title page only
- 7. Contestants may submit only one entry in any / each category
- 8. Submission must include a cover page stating the title, author's name, and entry word count if a family member or volunteer types the entry, please indicate in body of email
- 9. Biographies that are submitted must include written consent of the subject, if living.

Entry forms are available upon request. EMAIL mr70@live.ca and submit entry form to the above marked clearly.

# **MONDAY NIGHT POOL LEAGUE**



It's a New Year, make friends, make memories.

Monday night Pool League is in the process of putting together a **POOL TOURNAMENT On Saturday MARCH 8, starting at noon.** 

Scotch doubles and teams picked randomly. A 2 game elimination.

\$10.00 entry fee. Sign up sheet will up in the dart room sports board on Monday night February 3rd.



## PUBLIC RELATIONS / EVENTS REPORT - Sue Yablonsky / Chair

It was a very busy December with the Breakfast with Santa being hosted at our Legion. We had a sold out crowd for our New Year's Eve party. The band was very good and a good time was had by all.

Please note that there will be no Trivia night in February. Please watch our facebook page and our website for the next date.

On Sunday February 9th we will have the big screen down for our Super Bowl Party. There will be food specials and of course we will have lots of prize giveaways. Not long after Super Bowl we will be getting ready for our St. Patty's Day Party.

I would like to put a BIG Thank You out to all our members and guests who donated to our Angel Tree. We received a lot of food, hats, scarf's, socks and personal items. We were overwhelmed with the donations of cash and gifts cards. Our local shelter are in desperate need of all these items. I would also like to thank Walkerville Brewery for their generous donation of \$470 cash that they collected to give to us to use for the shelters.

## SPORTS REPORT - Dan Crockett / Chair

January was a busy month for district sports we had 2 teams compete for darts both regular and senior divisions as well as a team for pool.

All played well and had fun but unfortunately none advanced to the next round, there is always next year!

In February we have a team going to district for mixed darts let's wish them good luck!

Plans are underway for a Youth Fishing Derby, I have been talking to the city about what permits we would need and the cost for such and will bring it up to the executive committee, everything looks very good so far, we will keep everyone updated when things get finalized.

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## A FEW SHORTS VALENTINE QUOTES

- "The best thing to hold onto in life is each other." - Audrey Hepburn

- "You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." – Dr Seuss
- "When you love someone, you love the whole person as he or she is, and not as you would like them to be." Leo Tolstoy

## SENIORS REPORT - Sue Yablonsky / Chair

January started off a little slow but that is to be expected this time of the year. For the month of January \$1050 for entertainment for seniors.

## BINGO REPORT - Kathy Patterson / Chair

In December we had 4 Bingo assignments. We received \$3,291.94 from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments.

If anyone else would like to volunteer for bingo assignments the work consist of clearing the tables of discarded bingo cards and food tray. As well, there are times there are no bingos going on so we must sit at the bar in the slot machine room for two hours. It may be boring but this is required by the OLGA in order to be given our money each month.

If you of anyone who would like to take over as the coordinator for the bingos please let me know.



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.



MEET 3 OF BRANCH 255 VETERANS Picture taken at the LEVEE 2025

(Left to right) NAVY - Tim Copland - Past President

**ARMY** - Dave Jarvis Veterans Service Officer

**AIRFORCE** - Marty Flanagan Banners, Veterans Dinner, Remembrance

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

VETERANS thank you

### BAR REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

The Bar did well over the holidays but January has been extremely slow. This is normal as people recover from the holidays. Also, the Alcohol free January trend is growing larger year after year. We do have alcohol free beverages for those that still want to support our Legion.

Our inventories have been good but we have noticed some irregularities with the way some beers are entered. With our new POS system we are able to track individual product sales thus allowing us to have better control of inventories and assist with our weekly beer orders. We will work on improving this.

We should start to see thing picking up in February, as our leagues are still playing and we have Super Bowl on February 9th. Our events committee is in the planning stages so keep this date open and plan on a great day at 255.

As I've stated before, please be patient with our bartenders. Direct your issues to me and allow them to do their jobs. Taking your anger out on them will not help matters and will not be tolerated. Thank you in advance.

## **POPPY REPORT** - Ron Marshall / Chair

Current poppy Bank Balance is \$96,447.56. 2024 Campaign Final Total = \$81,798.22. We have ordered a supply of Legion / Poppy hats which are for sale at the bar. All proceeds will go towards next years Poppy Campaign.

### PLACE AN AD IN OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN AND WEBSITE.

In Black and White / 1 Full Year

Business card size\$50.00 a year1/4 page\$100.00 a year1/2 page\$200.00 a year

Email elainedunnis@gmail.com or leave your business card information with one of our bar stewards.

## BY-LAWS REPORT - Mike O'Harra / Chair

Sharron and Kathy and her husband Ken and myself are working on the Policy and Procedure components. We met last week more meeting's will be scheduled for February.

# A FORCE FOR WOMEN: HER STORY

Virtual writing workshops for Canadian women who have served in the military. Workshops are co-facilitated by trained WCC facilitator with military experience, offering a brave space to write, listen, and share.

Wednesdays. 5-:6:30 PM ET / February 5, 12, 19, 26. REGISTER FREE: rb.gy/4wfjes

WRITERS COLLECTIVE OF CANADA

## **TOGETHER WE WRITE!**

Join a 7-week writing workshop series for public safety personnel. Active, retired, or resigned - all welcome. Write in community with peers, no experience is required.

Tuesday, 5 - 6PM ET / February 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 11, 18, 25 REGISTER FREE: rb.gy/zs1m2x

# 2828 ARMY CADETS CORPS REPORT - Olga Schutz / Liaison

The youth volunteers from our Cadets were a huge success in helping to serve tables and then clear some during the Branch's 2024 New Year's Eve celebration. They are always eager to help where needed.

NOTE: When any of our Cadets are needed to help with a function / event, please contact me in good time, the number needed and hours required, and I will facilitate same with their Unit's Commanding Officer.

Our Pasta Fundraiser on November 30,2024 at the Riverside Sportsmen's Club Was well attended and brought in a profit of approximately \$1300 due largely to our raffles.

Our next Fundraiser will be a Pub Crawl which is planned for Saturday, February 22nd and will begin at the Loose Goose, 624 Chilver Rd in Walkerville. The plan is to visit 4 other establishments in the vicinity and then go back to Loose Goose. We are looking forward to a great attendance and you are all invited to come along. Posters will go up at the Branch by end of January.

Our next Support Committee meeting is set for Monday, January 27, 2025 at the Armouries.

# "GET READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL" SUNDAY., FEBRUARY 9TH - KICK OFF AT 6:30PM



# Enjoy the **BIG GAME** on our **10'x10' HD BIG SCREEN.**

Food Specials and Giveaways.

There's Nothing better than good friends , ice cold beer, delicious food and football





UP-COMING LADIES AUXILIARY FUNDRAISERS



# ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA

Mon. February 17th / 5 to 7pm Includes 2 sauce options, salad and garlic bun for \$15. Take out also available

# **BAKE SALE**

Tuesday. February 25th / 3 to 6pm During Seniors Dinner & Dance. We have a variety of baked goods to choose from.

# **UP-COMING LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

A great night to come out and celebrate any special event.

Seniors Dinner & Music / 3:30-6:30pm Tues. February 04 .... Sixties Live Tues. February 11 ..... Cats... Tues. February 18 ..... BB & the J'S Tues. February 25 ..... Sixties Live

Tues. March 04 .... Trax Tues. March 11 ..... Sixties Live Tues. March 18 ..... Electric Blue Tuesday March 25 ... Sixties Live Saturday Night Bands / 8pm till Midnight Sat. February 01 .... Trax Sat. February 08 .... Sixties Live Sat. February 15 ..... B B & the J'S Sat. February 22 ..... B B & the J'S

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Legion (*) 255 FEBRUARY 2025 CALENDAR								
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT		
RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION "WE STRIVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF VETERANS AND TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY". FOR OVER 90 YEARS.						1 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM TRAX BAND 8PM		
2 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	3 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM MIXED POOL LEAGUE 6PM 7PM WOMENS DART LEAGUE	4 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE 3:30-6:30 MEN'S DARTS LEAGUE 7:30PM	5 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE MIXED DART LEAGUE 7PM	6 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	7 FISH FRY 3-8:30PM MENS ANGLO DART LEAGUE 7:30PM	8 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM SIXTIES LIVE BAND 8PM		
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