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PRESIDENT REPORT

We are enjoying a wonderful period at the Branch. Sales at the bar have been good and there are lots of events going on. We have had a couple of months of Blind Darts and the enthusiasm is growing. We at Branch 255 have the distinction of being pioneers in this event.

The Branch is also working on grants that will be instrumental in upgrading our washrooms, roof, and some other improvements to the branch. These grants are important for improvements as they can be very costly. We have finally been able to locate the necessary part for the stove in the kitchen. This should make the kitchen more efficient.

We are looking forward to upcoming events, such as St. Patrick's Day. This is always a vibrant event with lots of people in attendance. It is a great way to showcase our Legion and show the city of Windsor what we are all about. We are all about Veterans and the Riverside community!

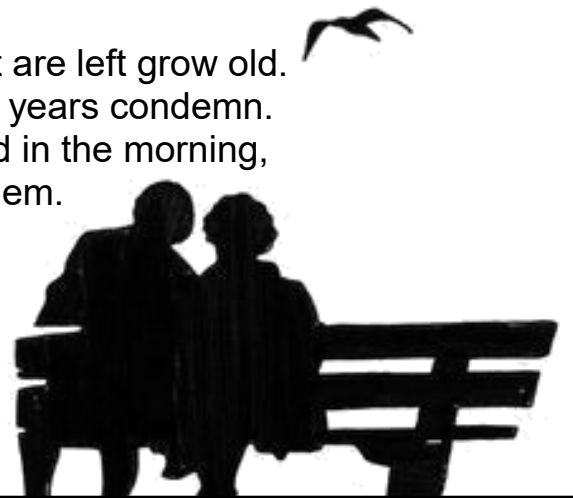
Our members are our strength. We work together and make things happen to continue to make our Branch the place people like to be. We are a friendly Legion and have a reputation of being welcoming. If you see someone come through our doors that you don't recognize, go and welcome them. Make them want to come back again. I am proud to be the President of such a welcoming organization and am happy to have such a fine executive committee to work with.

Thank you

Bruce Tribute / President Branch 255

LAST POST

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.



• VETERANS •

NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT

Brittany Campbell - Provincial Officer - London Service Bureau
Will be visiting Branch 594 at 5030 Howard Ave. Tecumseh, ON
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 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 David Jarvis Branch 255 Service Officer at 519 981 7414.

APPLY FOR YOUR FREE LIFETIME TRANSIT PASS

The Transit Windsor Board of Directors approved a War Veteran Transit Pass Program as a gesture of respect and acknowledgement of your personal sacrifice and commitment to our community and to Canada through your service in the armed forces. War veterans are now eligible to receive a lifetime Transit Windsor transit pass for unlimited use on the conventional city service (Tunnel Bus services excluded) in the city of Windsor.

The following veterans are eligible:

Canadian or Allied veterans who actively served in a deployed combat or peace-keeping role (i.e. Korean War, Afghanistan, Cyprus, etc.), and must provide proof of service (spouses are not eligible); and,

Must be a permanent resident of the city of Windsor.

Alternately, you may mail, fax or drop off a completed application form to:

War Veteran Transit Pass Program
c/o Windsor International Transit Terminal
300 Chatham Street West
Windsor, Ontario, N9A 0A8
Canada
Fax: 519-256-6279



Application form is available at Br. 255 Legion, Air Force and Naval Associations. Allow up to 30 days for processing. Eligible veterans will be emailed or called personally to pick up their pass.

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

thank you

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

COLOUR PARTY REPORT

Chantale Davis / Sergeant at Arms

This month we took part in. We attended the opening ceremony for the army/ navy hockey game. 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.



Next General meeting is Thursday, March 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.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

As of February we currently have 439 paid members with 124 members who have not renewed their 2025 membership. Please renew as soon as possible. Your number for our daily and weekly draws have been removed and will be replaced when you pay your 2025 dues.

I would like to welcome the following new members to our branch. follows:

Randy Martin	•	Ordinary	Donna Levesque	•	Affiliate
Nicole Hemstreet	•	Associate	Hollie Hines	•	Affiliate

BRANCH 255 DONATIONS REPORT - Sue Yablonsky / Chair

Month of January ,2025. \$1200.00 each was given to four charities total of \$4800.00

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Big Brothers/Big Sisters | • Family Services Windsor/Essex |
| • Canadian Mental Health Association | • Feeding Windsor |

SENIORS REPORT - Sue Yablonsky / Chair

As of January 31st the bank balance was \$1079.90.
The entertainment for February will be a cost of \$1200.00.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / EVENTS REPORT - Sue Yablonsky / Chair

Our next event will be our St. Patty's Day Celebration. First of all I would like to thank Collin Skully, Linda Boldt, Pauline Bisson, Tracy Magone and Marc Renaud for helping with the décor.

This year we will be having Aaron Furlotte entertaining us from 11:30 until 3:30. After that starting at 4:30 we will have Electric Blue for our listening and dancing pleasure. We will also be having a 50/50 draw that day.

Also Saturday March 8th we will be having Black Orchid in. If you haven't seen them they are quite good and they always draw a big crowd.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - Kelly Campeau / Secretary

The sun is starting to come out and that means spring is around the corner. The Ladies Auxiliary are hosting our Spring Bazaar on Sunday April 6th. For tables inquiries, email la.rcl255@gmail.com

March 24 is our monthly pasta dinner. Look for us for a pop-up bake sale on a Tuesday during Seniors Dinner. We are also considering a spring pub crawl. Anyone with suggestions for stops, or ideas can email: la.rcl255@gmail.com

As always, we are still collecting lunch and snack items for our community initiative project; blue drum can be found in the dart room for donations.



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YOUTH AND EDUCATION - Betty Goodison / Chair

Branch 255 schools in the Riverside area poster, poem and essay and winners
We wish to congratulate all who entered and especially acknowledge the support
given from the families, parents and teachers.

Way to go!!



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.

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KITCHEN REPORT

Mike O'Harra / Chair

Marco is out of the Hospital.
 New valve has been bought for the stove and it is in the branch and I hope it's installed Monday.

BY-LAWS REPORT

Mike O'Harra / Chair

By laws will be meeting with Sharron, Kathy and Ron next Tuesday for P&P (Profiles of ALC executive and paid staff.

May your blessings outnumber
 The Shamrocks that grow.
 And may trouble avoid you
 Wherever you go.



SPORTS REPORT - Dan Crockett / Chair

On February 22nd we had one team play Mixed Darts in Newbury for district. A valiant effort was made but unfortunately they did not advance, fun was had by all.

The Youth Fishing Derby is a go!, we have sign up sheets for Volunteers up now, and will have the sign up sheets for the kids up in a week or two. If you would like to donate a door prize for the kids please let us know. So far Windsor Police Service has offered 6-8 brand new fishing rods and tackle boxes and Roseland Golf is offering a few free rounds of golf that's an amazing start for the kids!

We have a sign up sheet for Youth Darts up now to see if we have enough interest to start in the summer.

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



BINGO REPORT - Kathy Patterson / Chair

In January we had 2 bingo assignments. We received \$1,836.01 from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments.

If anyone else would like to volunteer to do bingos it would be greatly appreciated.



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.

BURSARIES REPORT - Sharron Jarvis / Chair

Two students were approved to receive the RCL Br 255 Poppy Fund Bursaries: Sarah Pettitt and Liam Salt.

Sarah Pettitt attended the General Meeting to accept her bursary. She is a first year student at the University of Windsor studying Child Psychology. Her great grandfather John Laporte served in the Army during World War 11. Sarah is the niece of Jane Gray who is a life member of RCL 255 and Barb Stark who was a past president of Br 255. Congratulations Sarah and good luck in your studies.

Unfortunately Liam Salt was not able to attend the meeting and accept the bursary in person because he is in Teachers College at the University of Ottawa. His grandfather Tim Ryan served for 27 years in the reserves at the Windsor Regiment. Liam's grandmother is a member of Branch 255. Congratulations Liam and good luck in your studies.



(Left to right) Olga Shultz, Sarah Pettitt and Sharron Jarvis

Thank You

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER AT BRANCH 255

Our branch would not be where it is today, if it weren't for you. "Your dedication as a volunteer is an inspiration to others"



A BIT OF ST. PADDY'S DAY HUMOR!



Walking into the pub, Patick said to the bartender, "Pour me astiff one, Sean.
I just had another tiff with the little woman."

"Oh yeah," said Sean. "And how did this one end?"

"Well I'll tell ya now when it was over," Patick replied, "herself came
to me on her hands and knees, she did."

"You don't say? Now that's a switch! What did she say?"

She said, "Comeout from under that bed, you gutless weasel!"

PLACE AN AD IN OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN AND WEBSITE

In Black and White / 1 Full Year
1/4 page \$100.00 a year

Business card size \$50.00 a year
1/2 page \$200.00 a year

BAR REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

The Bar did well and we are seeing a slow pick in sales from the Holiday aftermath.

We introduced Corona 0% beer last week and it seems to be doing well. We will continue to look into 0% alcohol drinks for those who do not drink but still want to enjoy their Legion. You can drop suggestions at the bar.

As you may have noticed have started adding an extra bartender on some of our busy days and nights. This will continue as needed.

St. Patrick's day is just around the corner, the branch will be celebrating on Monday, March 17th. We are opening at 11am and the kitchen will open early as well. Come on out and enjoy the festivities.

Note: There will no pool or darts this day.

POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

Current Poppy bank balance \$96,586.04.

We have received donation request from our Cadet Corps 2828 and St. Joseph's Health Care. The Cadet Corps is an annually donation we make them and St. Joseph's Health Care is asking for donations to help upgrade beds in the Veterans Care Unit at Parkwood. Both have been approved by your Executive and awaiting approval from Ontario Command.

2828 ARMY CADETS CORPS REPORT - Olga Schutz / Liaison

The Pub Crawl that was scheduled for Saturday, February 8th, has been re-scheduled for April 5th due to some conflicts. The Pub Crawl is for parents and friends to help raise funds and to socialize.

Our "What's popping Popcorn" fundraiser will be a 2-week turn-around with sign-up-sheets being distributed to our cadets on Monday evening, February 24th to be handed back by Monday, March 17th. We will make \$5.00 on each \$12.00 bag of popcorn sold.

Our Windsor Express Basketball fundraiser will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025, at the WFCU Centre at 7pm, with the Windsor Express Basketball team playing the Glass City Wranglers. Posters have been put up on our Branch's bulletin boards. The cadets get back \$10.00 for every ticket sold. You can purchase your 3rd row VIP courtside seats for \$30.00 using the following link: wfcu-centre.com/password enter promo code - CADET. Please see myself or Bruce Tribute for tickets. The game is being held and is open to all cadets in the Windsor area.

Scheduled events and training exercises to date are:

- March 7-9th - Cadet ADA (Area Directed Activity) weekend exercise at Camp Cedarwin, a Scout Camp in Kingsville, to make up for the cancelled October, 2024 exercise.
- March 22nd - C7 familiarization shoot with the E&K Scottish at Cedar Springs range. Cadets will get the opportunity to shoot the CAF Service rifle, and see some of the equipment that the Reserves units use.
- April 5th - The rescheduled date for Mardi Gras Pub Crawl with friends and family.
- April 26th - Cadets will be participating in a Saturday Tag Day.
- June, 2025 - Year end trip being planned to Kingston and Ottawa with potential housing at CFB Trenton.

The Support Committee and the CO are working diligently to give the cadets more opportunities, exercises, and the best experience they can get from the cadet program as well as having a safe place of socializing and making friendships

Our next Support Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025 at the Armouries.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Betty Goodison / Chair

At our February General meeting Comrade Ron Marshall received his 40 year service pin and Comrade Lynn Girard received her 35 year service pin.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating Branch 255's Annual St. Patrick's Day. **MONDAY, MARCH 17TH**

All day long.....Doors open at 11am.

May this day be filled with silly shenanigans, comradeship, fun and lots o' luck.

50/50 Draw / Entertainment:

AARON FURLOTTE / 11:30-3:30pm

ELECTRIC BLUE BAND / 4:30-7:30pm

Kitchen will be open. Corn Beef and Cabbage

UP-COMING LADIES AUXILIARY FUNDRAISERS

ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA

Mon. March 24th / 5 to 7pm

Includes 2 sauce options, salad and garlic bun for \$15. Take out also available

SPRING BAZAAR

Sun. April 6th

For tables inquiries,
email la.rcl255@gmail.com

YOUTH FISHING DERBY

Saturday May 31st (Rain Date) attentively June 7th

Being held at 3445 Alexander Park Riverside Dr. East

Children 6 to 16 years of age.

Sign up sheets should be up mid March with more information to follow.

DISTRICT "A" 2025 SPRING CONVENTION

ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

DATE: April 12th and 13th, 2025

Royal Canadian Legion Ambassador & Walkerville

Branch 644 1570 Marentette Avenue Windsor, ON



BRANCH 255 EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS FOR 2025-2026

Thursday's General Meeting on March 27th, 2025 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.

Legion 255 **MARCH 2025** CALENDAR

SUN

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TUES

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 MARCH 17TH - DOORS OPEN 11AM
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

 MARCH 24TH - 5 TO 7PM
ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA

 MARCH 24 AT 6:30PM
 LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

1


 MEAT DRAW
 2-5PM

 CATZAZZ
 BAND 8PM

2

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3


 CUT THROAT
 PEPPER 6PM

 MIXED POOL
 LEAGUE 6PM

 7PM WOMENS
 DART LEAGUE

4


 SENIORS
 DINNER & MUSIC
 TRAX
 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

 BLACK ORCHID
 BAND 8PM

9

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10


 CUT THROAT
 PEPPER 6PM

 MIXED POOL
 LEAGUE 6PM

 7PM WOMENS
 DART LEAGUE

11


 SENIORS
 DINNER & MUSIC
 SIXTIES LIVE
 3:30-6:30

 MEN'S DARTS
 LEAGUE 7:30PM

12


 1PM MIXED
 CRIBBAGE

6PM EUCHRE

 MIXED DART
 LEAGUE 7PM

13


 1PM MIXED
 CRIBBAGE

14


 FISH FRY
 3-8:30PM

 MENS ANGLO
 DART LEAGUE
 7:30PM

15


 MEAT DRAW
 2-5PM

 ELECTRIC BLUE
 BAND 8PM

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**ST PATRICKS
 ALL DAY
 CELEBRATION**


18


 SENIORS
 DINNER & MUSIC
 ELECTRIC BLUE
 3:30-6:30

 MEN'S DARTS
 LEAGUE 7:30PM

19


 1PM MIXED
 CRIBBAGE

6PM EUCHRE

 MIXED DART
 LEAGUE 7PM

20


 1PM MIXED
 CRIBBAGE

 EXECUTIVE
 MEETING 7PM

21


 FISH FRY
 3-8:30PM

 MENS ANGLO
 DART LEAGUE
 7:30PM

22


 MEAT DRAW
 2-5PM

 ELECTRIC BLUE
 BAND 8PM

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24

 CUT THROAT
 PEPPER 6PM

 MIXED POOL
 LEAGUE 6PM

 7PM WOMENS
 DART LEAGUE

25


 SENIORS
 DINNER & MUSIC
 SIXTIES LIVE
 3:30-6:30

**BAKE GOOD
 SALE 3-6PM**

 MEN'S DARTS
 LEAGUE 7:30PM

26


 1PM MIXED
 CRIBBAGE

6PM EUCHRE

 MIXED DART
 LEAGUE 7PM

27


 1PM MIXED
 CRIBBAGE

 GENERAL
 MEETING 7PM

28


 FISH FRY
 3-8:30PM

 MENS ANGLO
 DART LEAGUE
 7:30PM

29


 MEAT DRAW
 2-5PM

 CROWBAR
 HOTEL BAND
 8PM

30 ▲▲

31 ▲▲