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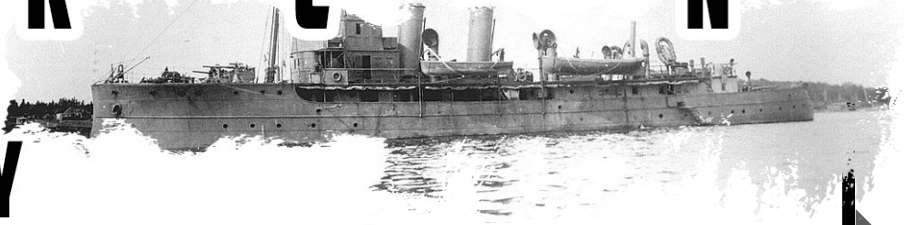
BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC



MAY 1 - 1945
80th Anniversary

MAY 4 - Founded 1910
115th Anniversary

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY



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MAY 8 - 1945
80th Anniversary

MAY 19 - Founded 1855
170th Anniversary

CANADIAN ARMY



YPRES



MAY 25 - 1915
110th Anniversary

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PRESIDENT REPORT - Bruce Tribute / President

Comrade Ken Marshal (2 nd VP) and I attended the District A Convention at RCL Branch 644. It was a two day event. Reports were read by various Chairs of District Command and some discussion of pertinent issues. Elections were held and Comrade Ed McDowell became the new District "A" Commander with Comrade Dan Gray the Deputy District Commander. Comrade Brenda Deacon-Harris is the District "A" Chair.

It was noted that Legion membership has risen in the past 3 years after a 30 year decline. Some discussion was held regarding the 100th anniversary of the Legion next year, 2026 and suggestions were asked for ideas of how to celebrate it.

The bus that the legions fundraised for has been delivered to Parkwood Institute and is being used regularly to transport Veterans to various places and events, and appointments.

The number of homeless Veterans District Legions have helped keeps improving, as well as the Legion Service Bureau providing appeals for veterans free of charge , where some law firms have been charging for this service. If you are aware of this happening in your area, let us know so Provincial Command can be made aware.

On a sad note, Dominion Command has removed "Quilts of Valour " from the list Of Poppy-eligible programs. Quilts of Valour are a wonderful way to honour our Veterans and the service they gave. Command is suggesting using lottery funds instead.

We, the Branch 255 executive, will be travelling to London 10-13 May for the Provincial Convention. This is a biennial event and should provide some valuable information on the running of your Legion. It is also a voting convention to name your new Provincial executive.

Our own Branch elections were held Sunday, 27 April. Please come out and Support the candidates running for positions. Most positions remained the same... President, Comrade Bruce Tribute, 1 st VP, Comrade Ron Marshall, Sgt at Arms, Comrade Chantale Davis, Executive Committee, Mike O'Hara, Susan Yablonsky, Dan Crockett, Olga Schutz, Glenn Magone, Terry Lauzon, Marty Flanagan, and Chris Maisoneuve. We wish the incumbent officers well and welcome new members.

Saturday, 26 April, 2025, Veteran Ken McKay of the Port Dover Legion (Br 158) left from our Branch 255 parking lot on a 800 km Trek for Homeless Veterans. He headed off with a couple of pipers who accompanied him on his way. Day 1, he walked to Belle River, ON. His charity is " Homes for Heroes". Thanks to Comrade Claude Beaulieu for picking Ken up at the train station and offering him accommodation for the night. We wish him well and will keep up with him on his way.

LAST POST

REMEMBERING

our members who have left us.

It is with great sadness we
announce the passing of
CHARLES, MARGARET and KATHERINE.
Our condolences to their family & friends.



CHARLES DAVIS
April 10, 2025



MARGARET FISH
April 7, 2025

*IN LOVING
Memory*



KATHERINE CROCKETT
April 8, 2025

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"

thank you

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

VETERAN BANNER REPORT - Marty Flanagan

The banner project will open to the public on Saturday April 26th from 1 till 3 at the Branch. Please bring your filled out form, photograph of the veteran and your \$190 fee. All fees are cash only, please.

We have 18 spots left for the 2025 Program.

We are capped at 50 banners due to insurance, so it's first come, first served.

Branch #255 Veterans Ray Silvius (Korea Veteran) and David Jarvis (NATO-Cold War Veteran) be honoured for the 2025 Program.

Any questions, please contact me at (226) 787-8299 or email: flansinxs@hotmail.com

BIA REPORT - Marty Flanagan / BIA Liaison



Spring Planters have been installed within the district.

On Friday May 2nd from 2:30 to 3:30 the BIA will host a Jane's Walk in Olde Riverside. This is a guided walk through the heart of Olde Riverside highlighting local businesses and the community. I'll be meeting with the group when they come to the branch to highlight our history and what the Legion is all about.

The BIA is also looking into what they can do to promote our Veterans and Remembrance Day. I'll be working with them to help facilitate that and I'll pass along more news as things develop.



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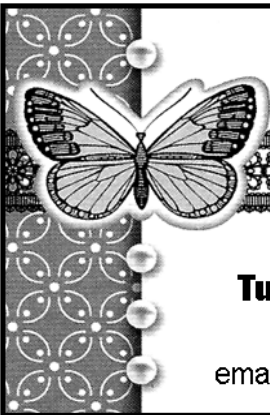
Happy Mother's Day

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 ♥♥♥♥

BRANCH 255 DONATIONS REPORT - Sue Yablonsky / Chair

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

- The Salvation Army
- The Windsor Youth Centre
- The Hospice of Windsor / Essex County
- The Windsor Resident for Young Men



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BINGO REPORT - Kathy Patterson / Chair

In March we had 3 bingo assignments. We received \$2,454.98 from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments. We donated a total of \$2,400 to 2 charities in March

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.

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.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2025 / 2026 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 - Erin Magone - appointed
SGT. AT ARMS - Chantale Davis

EXECUTIVES
Marty Flanagan
Mike O'Hara
Sue Yablonsky
Dan Crockett
Olga Shutz
Glenn Magone
Terry Lauzon
Chris Maisonneuve

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.

The new branch executives will be sworn in at the next General meeting in May.



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Branch 255
Veteran Comrade
Gary Best was
recently presented
with a QUILT OF
VALOUR by
Pauline Gaudette.



*Thank
You*

Gary
for
your
Service.

2828 ARMY CADETS CORPS REPORT - Olga Schutz / Liaison

The cadets raised a total of \$966.00 from our Popcorn and Basketball fundraisers in March. Plans are in the making for a Pepperoni Fundraiser to be scheduled in May. Tag Day is planned for Saturday, April 26th. To date we have 68 Cadets registered.

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

Our next Support Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025 at the Armouries.

✓ SAVE THE DATE

The golf tournament will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at Willow Creek. When the details are finalized I will post the information and I will also put up a sign-up sheet in the dart room. - Thank you. Kathy Patterson



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TREK 4 VETS



Homes for Heroes Foundation

Former soldier Ken MacKay, 65, will spend the weeks ahead walking from Windsor to Ottawa, with the goal of raising \$250,000 to support homeless veterans. MacKay took the first steps of his trek on Saturday, April 26 at 8am at Branch 255, then make his way to Belle River. You can support Ken's effort by donating today <https://h4hfevents.crowdchange.ca/92701>



NATIONAL NOTABLE DATES for the May 2025 Calendar .

National days of relevance to the Royal Canadian Legion that raise awareness of an issue, commemorate a group or event, or celebrate something.



- 1st Sunday Battle of the Atlantic (1945) – 80th anniversary
- 13-19 CMHA Mental Health Week
- 3 John McCrae wrote 'In Flanders Fields' poem
- 4 Royal Canadian Navy founded (1910) – 115th anniversary
- 5 Liberation of Netherlands (1945) – 80th anniversary
- 8 VE Day (1945) – 80th anniversary
- 11 Mother's Day
- 15 International Day of Families
- 18 International Museum Day
- 19 Victoria Day
- 19 Canadian Army founded (1855) – 170th anniversary
- 21 National War Memorial unveiled (1939)
- 22 – 1 June Memorial Cup – Rimouski QC
- 23 RCMP (1873)
- 25 Ypres (1915) – 110th anniversary
- 28 Tomb of Unknown Soldier (2000) – 25th anniversary
- 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers (1948)
- 31 End of South African (Boer) War (1902)
- 26 US Memorial Day

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Betty Goodison / Chair



Congratulations to
◀ Rick Monaghan on receiving his 50 year ribbon and medal and Percy Hatfield on ▶ receiving his 35 year pin
Presented by
(left) Betty Goodison Honours & Awards Chair and (right) Olga Schutz Sgt. At Arms

Pictures by
Sue Yablonsky



"Spring's greatest joy beyond a doubt is when it brings the children out."



SPORTS REPORT - Dan Crockett / Chair

Prizes for the Youth Fishing Derby are starting to come in, we have 75 kids signed up so far as of this report. I am happy to report that so many people have come up to me who are really excited about the Derby, let's have a fun day!

At the end of April the Monday Night Women's Darts League ended there first year, the league champions are the team of Melissa Campeau, Jacklynn Major and Jan Charbonneau, congrats!

In May the rest of the Dart leagues will be coming to a close.

District 9 Ball Tournament winners. Held at Branch 594 April 26,2025.
Congratulations to the winning teams.

- 1st place Jack Parker and Jerry Ediger,
- 2nd place Gary Best and Gary Anderson
- 3rd place Larry Williams and Jim Collard
- 4th place Bill Clinansmith and Rob Arquette



Branch 255 came in 2nd and 4th place.
Great job to Gary Anderson, Gary Best ,
Rob Arquette, and Bill Clinansmith
▲(Picture taken by Debbie Clinansmith)▲

THANK YOU ALL WHO COME OUT TO SUPPORT OUR MEAT DRAWS

If you never been to one of our Meat Draws they are held every Saturday 2 till 5pm.Come out and enjoy some comradeship, a chance to win some great meats but also knowing that your helping Charities in our Community!!
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TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

In May of this year, it is the **25th anniversary** of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Situated before the National War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario, the tomb is dedicated to Canadian service members and holds the remains of an unidentified Canadian soldier who died in France during the First World War.

The soldier remains unknown and represents the more than 120,000 Canadians who sacrificed and gave their lives in the name of freedom and peace. Take the time to remember and honour all those who served and died for Canada in uniform.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier lapel pin from the Poppy Store:

<https://www.poppystore.ca/lapel-pin-tomb-of-the-unknown...>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

We have 496 members who have currently renewed their membership we had 8 new members who joined the past month.

Please welcome the following new members:

Dennis Vendrasco	•	Associate
James Glavish	•	Associate
Gary Anderson	•	Associate
William Clinansmith	•	Associate

Debra Clinansmith	•	Associate
Gerald Parent	•	Associate
Christina White	•	Affiliate
James Stein	•	Affiliate

If you think you are entitled to a years of service pin please fill out the proper form near the front door and return to me Ken Marshall and I will look into it.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - DISTRICT "A" 2025 SPRING CONVENTION

A total of \$167,720.00 donations were made to Veterans and Youth Programs from 27 Legions in District A . Thank you to all branches for their generous donations from their Poppy Campaign Funds, from their Lottery Funds and from other community fundraising endeavors.



May 31st **YOUTH FISHING DERBY** 9am till 12 noon.
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BAR REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

The Bar is still doing well but we expect a slow down as our dart and pool leagues are winding down. You can help by coming in more often for a cold beverage and a bite to eat.

We will continue to boycott American products until they smarten up over there. We have a great team of bartenders (Tracey, Michelle, Susan, Christina and Hollie) who work hard to make us the "Friendliest Branch" in Ontario. Together we all make our Branch the best it can be.

VETERANS EVENTS 2025

Supporting our Veterans, Supporting our Troops

Please be there and seated a half hour before the event starts.

May 4 to September 7 ..Everyone is welcome to attend - Open to the Public

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	HOST
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



Next General meeting is Thursday, May 22nd 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.



POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall



Current Poppy Bank Balance is \$71,637.30

A \$3000.00 donation was made to Camp Maple leaf to be used for their "Kids of Hero's Camp".

This year the Poppy Campaign runs from Oct. 31 through Nov.11. This is a shorter campaign period than last year. Please consider put these dates in your calendar and consider volunteering a few hours of your time to help raise funds and awareness for our Veterans.

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  <p>STAY CONNECTED</p> <p>VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.branch255.com</p> <p>FIND US ON Facebook</p>				1	2	3
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	 CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30	 SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC ELECTRIC BLUE 3:30-6:30	 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE	 1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	 FISH FRY 3-8:30PM	 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM ELECTRIC BLUE BAND 8PM FISHING DERBY GOOD LUCK!