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#### PRESIDENT REPORT - Bruce Tribute / President

We are moving into the summer season and many events are upcoming. With Canada Day right around the corner, we are looking forward to a big celebration. Starting at noon, 01 July, Aaron Furlotte will be on the patio entertaining us with his music, followed by JuJu Revival inside starting at 4:00 pm. The barbeque will be fired up outside so we are hoping for a good crowd to celebrate our National Holiday.



Memorial celebrations at the various War Memorials around town are planned, starting with the Run to the Northwall, 06 July in Ambassador Park. 27 July, The Korean War is commemorated in Dieppe Park, followed by the Dieppe Memorial ,19 August at Dieppe Park. Many more memorial services are planned and I shall post them as I learn of them. Please try to attend these services and honour our veterans.

Fire inspections have been on-going recently but are pretty much at an end now. We are looking at a new rear entrance door on the kitchen as the Fire department has advised us that deadbolts are no longer legal, but the door is long overdue for replacement.

The July General Membership meeting will not take place, as per usual, but will resume in August. The executive meeting will still take place.

We are very pleased with the response to Blind Darts. The media have been on-board and covering it with interviews and photo-ops. We have a lot to thank Peter Best and Sharron Jarvis for in getting this going. We are hoping that the momentum continues into the following year.

Planning is underway for the Brian Crockett Memorial Golf Tournament 23 August at Willow Creek Golf Course. All spots are nearly filled.

At the June Membership meeting, 7 Certificates of Appreciation were given. This programme fell by the wayside a few years ago but we felt its importance could not be ignored. These people make a valuable contribution to our Branch and community and need to be recognised. We intend to keep this going in the future. Our people are our strength and need recognition.

With this, I want to wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Thank you

Bruce Tribute / President Branch 255

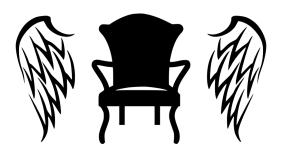
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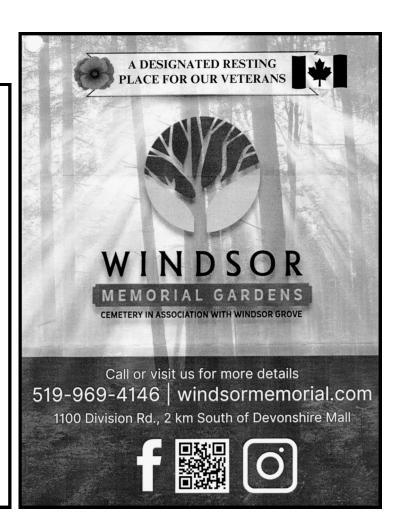
#### REMEMBERING

our members who have left us.

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 EVENTS 2025**

Supporting our Veterans, Supporting our Troops Everyone is welcome to attend - Open to the Public

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	HOST
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. 10	Afghanistan Memorial	Reaume Park	11am	NWRA
Aug. 19	Dieppe Memorial	Dieppe Park	1pm	E&K Scottish



#### **HAPPY CANADA DAY 2025**

This year celebrate the strength and unity of Canada with pride and joy. Consider sending warm wishes for peace, unity, and celebration to your loved ones. Reflect on the values that make Canada special and appreciate the diversity that our nation.



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

Bar sales remain slow but sales are not far off same period last year. We have had some busy days in June including this past weekend. Saturday night was busy with the Black Orchid Band and Sunday afternoon we had a fundraiser "Singing for Vets and Pets". I want to thank Comrade Don Bennett for organizing this event and hopefully we can introduce Karaoke on a regular basis. We need more events like this to attract people to our Branch.



Don't forget our Meat Draws every Saturday beginning at 2PM.

Line dancing every Friday, start time is 6:30

Canada Day is fast approaching. Patio will be open with music inside and outside. There will be a B.B.Q. outside and Marco will have specials also. Thank you to Sue Yablonsky and her team for decorating the Branch and running the BBQ. I guarantee no other Branch does Canada Day as well as we do. Bravo team.

We all play an important role in making our Branch welcoming to all. Please continue to encourage your family, friends and neighbors to come in for a visit.

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







Current Poppy Bank Balance is \$65,129.09

Since Jan. 1 we have made \$27,534.17 of donations from the Poppy Trust Fund. These donations include the 2 big ones to our Cadet Corps and Parkwood Hospital to renovate Veterans Rooms with new beds etc. We have given out 2 bursaries to date and purchased \$50 Food Gift Cards to up our emergency Veteran food cards to \$150.00. Our service officer administers these cards on an emergency/need basis and so far it is going well.

We received a \$1000.00 donation from Comrade Don Bennett. Don held a fundraiser on June 22<sup>nd</sup> entitled "Singing for Vets and Pets". The Windsor/Essex Humane Society also received a \$1000.00 donation. Thank you Don and his team.

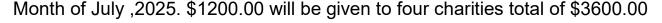
This year the Poppy Campaign runs from Oct. 31 through Nov.11. This is a shorter campaign period than last year. Please consider putting these dates in your calendar and consider volunteering a few hours of your time to help raise funds and awareness for our Veterans and their families.

#### **BRANCH 255 DONATIONS REPORT**

Sue Yablonsky / Chair

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

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



- Hiatus House
- Street Help
- Autism Ontario Windsor/Essex County

Donations for July were asked at the June meeting because we have no general meeting in July.

DONATIONS Year ending from the of month of June 1st, 2024 to May 31,2025. Branch 255 Legion supports our Community by using funds raised through clubhouse operations (events), meat draws, break open tickets, and bingos. Year ending June1,2024 to May 31,2025, \$85.600.00 was donated to our Community in Windsor and \$56,373.23 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, Kitchen, Members and Guests who walk in the doors of Branch 255 Legion and support us.



# WE THANK YOU GRAND TOTAL DONATIONS \$141.973.23



#### **BINGO REPORT** - Kathy Patterson / Chair

In May we had 4 bingo assignments. We received \$3,568.21 from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments. We donated a total of \$2,900 to charities in May.

We are now being assigned six bingos a month. We will not be able to cover these bingos without additional volunteers. If you know anyone who is willing to help please let me know and I can email the training link to them.



#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair**

We have 506 members with 3 new transfers and 1 person who joined this month.

Please welcome the following new members to our Branch:

Dianne Burton • Thomas Burton •

AssociateOrdinary

James Dupras

Ordinary

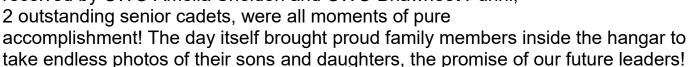
Gerald Dupras • Ordinary

If you know anyone who hasn't renewed their 2025 dues please remind them to come in and pay at the branch.



#### 2828 ARMY CADETS CORPS - Olga Schutz / Liaison

The Annual Inspection Day for our cadets was held on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Armouries. This was my first attendance and it was truly a time of celebration! The overall performance, the smartness of their uniform, and the parade was amazing! As well, the excitement of the accredited "Cadet Medal of Excellence" received by CWO Amelia Sheldon and CWO Bhawneet Punni, 2 outstanding senior cadets, were all moments of pure



There will not be any further training during the month of June.

On June 7, 2025, the cadets marched in the LaSalle Strawberry Fest parade and then walked up to the children and handed out lots of candy. The CO and officer cadets also handed out their business cards to encourage new recruits.

On Saturday, June 21, 2025, the cadets were off on a day-long excursion to the African Lion Safari to give way to their end-of-the-year send off! The 25 cadets were chauffeured by 5 qualified supervisors that includes the CO, Brad Krewench, and 2 of our Support Committee members, Stephanie Clarke and Ireland Clarke.

And so ends another year in the experiences and hopes for our cadets. Some will be either in summer camps or in senior training during the months of July and August. As Liaison, my work continues throughout the year to collaborate with the CO and the Support Committee to bring new incentives, ideas and ways to promote & encourage new recruits as well as our current cadets.

Our next Support Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025 at Branch 255.



#### HONOURS AND AWARDS - Olga Schutz / Chair

We as a committee see the hard work, dedication, camaraderie, and helpfulness of many of our Volunteers regardless of their status within our Branch. You can see the relevance of Canada Day belonging to this room today, and, it takes many hands to put up these decorations for each holiday and special times of the year! Their commitment towards volunteering deserves recognition. Today we are proud to present a **Certificate of Appreciation** to the following: **Sue Yablonsky**; **Pauline Bisson**; **Linda Boldt**; **and**, **Tracy Magone**.

**Certificate's of Appreciation** will also be presented by Ken Marshall to the following:

**Dianne Vendrasco** for all she does each day around the legion and much more; **Betty Goodison** for all she does in the legion plus Poppy volunteering everyday; **Don Bennett** for the work he does around the Branch plus making a huge success with Sunday's Karaoke at the Bar.

On Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at Hetherington Public School, Betty Goodison presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Provincial award of \$125.00 cheque, a medal, and a certificate, to one of their gifted students who drew up the Remembrance Day Black & White poster.

We will continue to give recognition to our valued volunteers who help promote and give generously of their time and efforts to make Branch 255 a home for all to enjoy and be proud of!

Please be reminded that in order for you to receive your "year of recognition pin" or "bar awards", you are required to fill out a form which is located in an envelope pocket at the front entrance door, and then handed in to the bartender.



Once validation of request is confirmed, a presentation will be made at the next General Membership meeting. Also if you "move" or have an "address change" please notify the Branch in the same manner.

(Left to right) Betty Goodison,
Pauline Bisson, Linda Boldt,
Sue Yablonsky, Diane Vendrasco,
and Don Bennett.
(Missing Tracy Magone).
Photo Credit - Erin Magone Boyle

#### MILITARY RECOGNITION BOOK - 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.







## PLACE AN AD IN OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN AND WEBSITE

In Black and White / 1 Full Year Business card size \$50.00 a year 1/4 page \$100.00 a year 1/2 page \$200.00 a year

YOUR AD CAN GO HERE

#### OPERATION SERVICE DOG PROGRAM L



The Legion's Ontario Command is again changing lives in helping to pair Veterans with service dogs through its Operation Service Dog program. Their \$500,000 donation this week to **Wounded Warriors Canada** on behalf of Legion branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries, will support another 25 dogs in training, adding to the 88 pairings already made to date thanks to over 2 million dollars in previous funding. This program makes a tangible difference in our Canadian Veterans' lives!



#### VETERAN BANNER REPORT

Marty Flanagan / Banner Project Manager

The I'm happy to announce that we are at our maximum allowance of 50 banners for the Veteran Banner Program. The Banner information has been sent to the manufacturer for mockups to be created. I hope to have them soon and then off to the sponsors for review. I'll be conducting a survey next week of the poles/brackets



in the area to see how many were damaged over the past year and to get a number of replacements needed for the upcoming program. I'll also be coordinating with the Olde Riverside BIA in getting the permit application into the City for approval.

The final dates for the program are as follows:

- Sunday September 7th Banners up
- Tuesday September 9th Banner ceremony at Branch #255 (10 am)
- Sunday November 23rd Banners Down

Saturday November 29th - Banners returned to Sponsors (Branch #255 1 till 3)

#### LADIES AUXILIARY BRANCH 255 - Marty Flanagan / L.A. Liaison

I attended the Ladies Auxiliary June meeting this past Monday as a guest. They are now on a break till September but will be hosting a Hawaiian Luau Pub Crawl on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>. It's \$30 per person and the bus leaves at 11 am. More info at the Branch and on Facebook.

Their events have also been added into the book for the remainder of 2025. I thank them for their hospitality in attending their meeting.

#### RCAF SOCIAL CLUB - Marty Flanagan / RCAF Liaison

Royal Canadian Air Force Social Club meets on the last Friday of every month at 3pm at Branch #255. Next gathering is Friday July 25<sup>TH</sup>. All current serving, former and retired RCAF members are welcome. The only rule is no politics please.



Any questions please contact Marty Flanagan: <a href="mailto:flansinxs@hotmail.com">flansinxs@hotmail.com</a>





#### **RCAF CLUB**

June meeting.
I appreciate these fine folks, their service.....and stories..some of them may be true...lol.
A great group...
none finer!

Per Ardua Ad Astra.

#### **LADIES AUXILIARY 255 - Kelly Campeau / Secretary - Treasurer**

The ladies are looking forward to our summer pub crawl on Saturday July 26! See Facebook for the details and our poster. After the bus trip, we will be having a fundraiser BBQ dinner - details to be confirmed. Stay tuned to the branch Facebook page for our announcement.

Pasta dinners and Tuesday bake sales are on pause for the summer months; we look forward to having your support again in September.

Any inquiries, regarding our events, volunteering, or becoming a member can we sent to: la.rcl.255@gmail.com



#### ARE YOU CELEBRATING CANADA DAY AT BRANCH 255 ..

Then we would love that you share your photos with us on our facebook page, and we'll post them on our website as well. Come and enjoy a FUN day with us while making new memories. We hope to see you! EH!





#### **SPORTS REPORT -** Dan Crockett / Chair

#### **BRANCH 255 YOUTH FISHING DERBY**

I cannot thank everyone enough who came out on May 31st despite the chilly weather, 86 young anglers came out to compete, and to see the smiles on there faces and to hear the laughter and memories being made, made the chilly weather worth it i think everyone will agree!

- First fish caught- Hudson Lemieux @ 9:01
- Heaviest fish caught- Abby Ashley 2.5lbs
- Smallest fish caught- Macey Tribute-Wellings 4 1/4 inches
- Longest fish caught- Landon Cazzola 21 3/4 inches
- Most fish caught- Landon Cazzola 2
- Strangest thing caught- Jovan Andjelkovski a Goose Egg

Every kid got a door prize and we have some left over to get a head start on next year's derby! I think everyone will agree that we will make this an annual event!

Once again a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered at the river, and a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Legion setting up the patio and BBQ and prizes and a huge thank you to everyone who donated a prize for the derby! Also to Windsor Police Service Auxiliary for coming out and helping us

I Also want to thank all Branch 255's Executive committee for giving me the chance to put this on when I proposed it in December, your support for this was monumental from the get go!



















Branch 255 would like to **THANK** the following, for donating prizes for the Youth Fishing Derby / Dan Crockett / Sports Chair

Adventure Bay

Zehrs @ Lauzon Pkwy

Metro @ Tecumseh & Central

Armandos Cabana **Bob Reaume Sports Brenners Packers** LSC Pro Tackle Robin and Stephane Gallagher Staples store #112 Windsor Wholesale Baits Stathis Grill Matthew Wealth Management Leigh Anne Canniff Windsor Spitfires Hockey Club Superbowl Lanes Dan Crockett **Unifor Local 200** 



Freshco @ Tecumseh & Rivard Food Basics @ Tecumseh Rosebowl Lanes Giant Tiger- Brian and Patti Banks Medel Brothers Quality Meats Zap Zone Monday Night Mixed Pool League Monday Night Women's Darts League Tuesday Night Men's Darts League Wednesday Night Mixed Darts League Patti Gangnon Bondy Bait Co Rogues Gallery Comics Agent AM800 Campeau & Co Joan Charette, Realtor at Royal LePage Binder Real Estate Windsor Police Service

Windsor Regional Hospital

Pomegranate Chinese Cuisine

Roseland Golf Course

Justin Robyn Fehr Moxon's Guide Service & Lodging Antonio's Original Pizza **DMT Commercial Property Management** 

Giant Tiger @ Tecumseh and Ellrose,

Michelle Finnigan

Aerosports

The Keq

Local 444 Unifor

#### SPORTS REPORT - Dan Crockett / Chair

Youth Darts started on June 28th, Saturday mornings from 9 till noon, ages 6 to 18. It will run from June 28th till August 30. The talented Keegan Ramsten will be running the league, let's give him a warm welcome!



Have you joined our Legion mailing list yet? If you haven't, now's the best time to sign up! Subscribe to receive updates on the Legion's national news and advocacy efforts.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to the new Executive for the Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee.(WVMSC)

- Chair Paul Lauzon
- 1st Vice Mike Lapine
- 2nd Vice Olga Schutz
- Secretary Bonnie Burian
- Treasurer Gabrielle McMillan
  - Sergeant at Arms Bruce Tribute



### SINGING FOR OUR VETERANS & THE WINDSORESSEX COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY FUDRAISER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support.

















#### STAYING UP TO DATE WITH UP-COMING EVENTS AND NEWS ELECTRONICALLY

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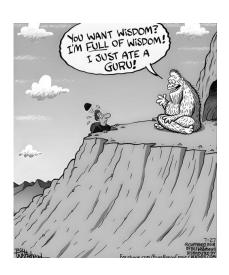


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#### GOOD READ ★ GOOD TO KNOW ★

If you are ever stranded somewhere with a broken down car, etc and you notice your mobile phone is either low on battery or has no signal, here is a tip that very well may save your life. Change the voicemail on your phone to a message that gives your approximate location, the time, the date, your situation (lost, out of gas, car broken down, injured, etc) The best part of this is that even if your mobile phone dies or stops working, voicemail still works, so anyone calling you will hear the message and know where to find you or where to send help.

## LINE DANCING Come out and enjoy the FUN!!

LINE DANCING is back at Branch 255 Legion with Dance Instructor RICK DEL COL. **EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30PM** and will continue during the summer months.



#### Aloha! - HAWAIIAN LUAU PUB CRAWL

Saturday, July 26th, 2025 / \$30 per person - Lei included Leaving from Branch 255 at 11:00am Stopping at all Zone A1 Legion Branches B.B.Q. Dinner at Branch 255 to follow. Details incomplete. For more information email la.rcl255@gmail.com



**UP-COMING DISTRICT A SEMINARS -** All branch members and Ladies Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. Please go through your Branch President to let Zone Commander know that you are attending.

- July 20, 2025 Poppy at Branch 243 in Ridgetown
- August 24, 2025 Membership at 243 Ridgetown

#### 4TH ANNUAL BRIAN CROCKETT MEMORIAL GOLF FUN DAY

DATE: Saturday, August 23, 2025 (Rain Date is September 13)

Tee Times: 9am to 11am Format: 4 Person Scramble

Where: Willow Creek Golf Course Cost: \$60 per player (\$240 per team)

There will be a maximum of 72 golfers (18 foursomes).

Please have one person from each foursome provide the \$240 to Kathy Patterson. If you like you can send an etransfer to kathyrpatterson96@gmail.com (please note-there is an r between kathy and patterson).

Since we must pay the golf course in advance we must have all the money by August 16th. If the money is not received by that date players will not be included in the tournament. There will be additional information provided at a later date regarding closest to the pins etc. On the sigh-up sheet please PRINT the first and last name of each golfer and provide one phone number. The score cards will be done up in advance and will be available at the table in the pro shop. Please use these score cards.

If anyone can provide a door prize or knows a business that may donate one it would be greatly appreciated. They will be acknowledged.



#### Legion 255 JULY 2\*25 TUES

**CALENDAR** 

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.branch255.com FIND US ON Facebook		1 HAPPY CANADA DAY	2 PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE	1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	FISH FRY 3-8:30PM LINE DANCING 6:30PM	5 YOUTH DARTS 9AM-12 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM POWER AND THE GLORY BAND 8PM
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