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PRESIDENT REPORT - Bruce Tribute / President

I hope everyone is having a good summer. There have been many activities on-going at the Branch. Cards are still happening on a regular schedule. Youth darts have started on Saturday mornings with a good response. The kids are really enjoying being a part of the Legion activities. Our thanks to Dan Crockett and his crew for promoting it.



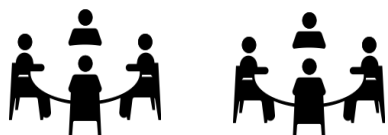
Upcoming 23 August is the Brian Crockett Memorial Golf Tournament. This was renamed in honour of the founder of the tournament, Brian Crockett. It is always a fun day and a good fundraiser for the Branch.

10 August is the memorial service at the monument at Reaume Park commemorating Peacekeepers and those soldiers who died in Afghanistan. There will be a breakfast at Branch 261, followed by a motorcycle ride to the Monument for the service at 11:00 am. All are invited to attend.

19 August will be the memorial service at the Dieppe monument at Dieppe Park at 1:00 pm. At precisely that time, the sun will shine through the Maple Leaf on the monument onto the ground. This is in honour of all the brave men who lost their lives in this historic battle of WWII. All are urged to attend.

As there was no General Membership meeting in July, we shall resume meetings the 4th Thursday (28 August) of the month. Your attendance at General meetings is heartily encouraged so you can have a voice in the running of YOUR Legion. Got a gripe? Come out and voice it.

It's been a hot summer but a beautiful one. Try to stay cool and don't stay out in the hot sun too long. See you at the Branch.....



Next General meeting is
Thursday, August 28th 7pm.
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.

LAST POST

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"

thank you

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

POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall



Current Poppy Bank Balance is \$66,559.09

The Poppy Committee will be attending an all day Seminar on Sunday June 20 th at Branch 243 in Ridgetown. These seminars are a nice refresher before the start of the Poppy Campaign and gives opportunities to share thoughts and ideas with other Branches.

Inventory has been completed and depleted stock will be ordered within the next month.

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.

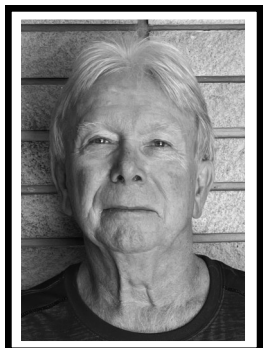
BAR REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

Bar sales are slowly picking up and the Branch is still doing well. Gather your family and friends and stop in and support your Legion.

Monthly inventory went well as our new system offers us better input and output reports and the inventory team is getting better each month.

Don't forget our Meat Draws every Saturday beginning at 2PM.
Line dancing every Friday, start time is 6:30

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair



We have 514 members according to the register at command.
We had 2 transfers and 5 people join in July.
Please welcome the following new members:

Louise Pardy	•	Associate	Dwayne Holliday	•	Affiliate
Rich Robinson	•	Associate	Louis Haggith	•	Affiliate
Gary Haines	•	Ordinary	John Steinhoff	•	Ordinary
Randal Glenn	•	Associate			



A BIT OF MUSIC HUMOR!



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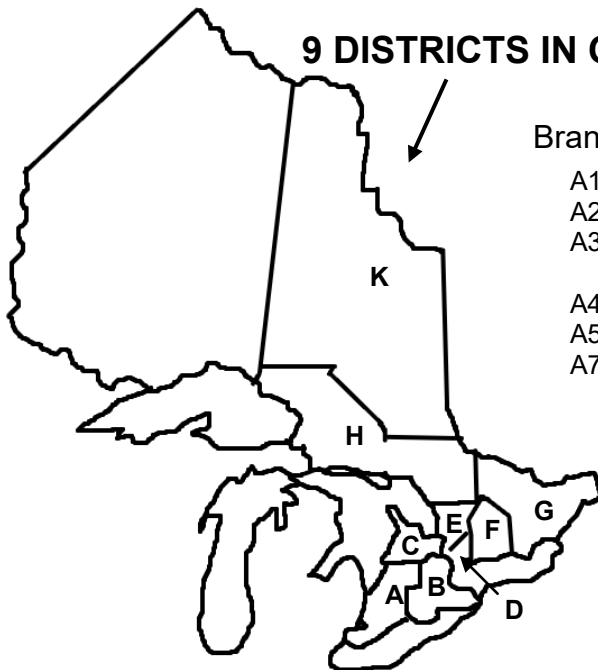
by Mark Parisi

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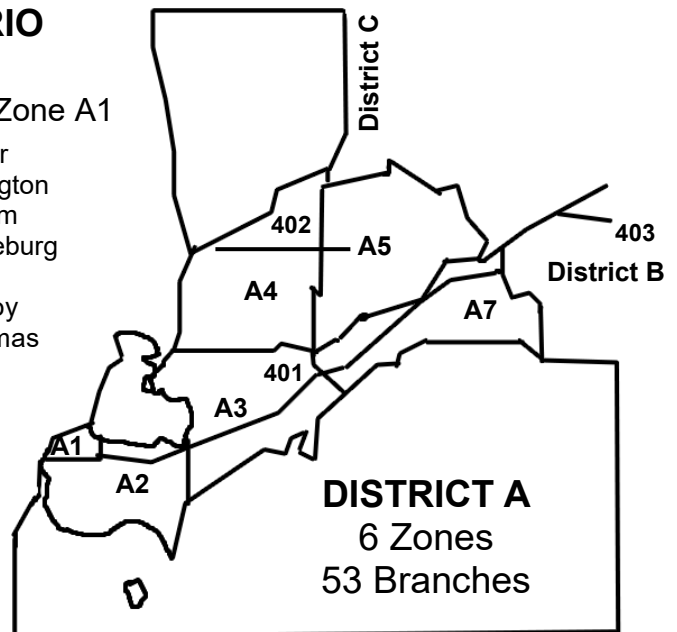
The Ontario Command of The Royal Canadian Legion is comprised of almost four hundred (400) branches throughout Ontario. With a total membership of almost 100,000 the Ontario Command of the Legion is the largest service oriented organization in Ontario.

9 DISTRICTS IN ONTARIO



Branch 255 Zone A1

- A1 Windsor
- A2 Leamington
- A3 Chatham
Wallaceburg
- A4 Sarnia
- A5 Strathroy
- A7 St. Thomas



DISTRICT A
6 Zones
53 Branches

There is strength in numbers. With 270,000 members in 1,350 branches, The Royal Canadian Legion reaches across our vast country and abroad and connects us to our past, our present and our future. The Legion is Canada's largest Veteran and community service organization

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CLUB- Marty Flanagan

My favourite time of month...RCAF Club...I'm privileged to sit with these folks. And I'm proud to have a pic with Bettly...heart of gold.. she volunteers for anything Veteran.

Thanks to Jim Dunn for his efforts today. Much Appreciated.

All serving, former and retired Air Force Members are welcome.
Last Friday of the month 3pm at Branch 255 Legion.



Friday, July 25, 2025



VE DAY and VJ DAY 80th ANNIVERSARIES - Front Cover

2025 marks the 80th anniversaries of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) on 8 May and VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day) on 15 August.

After the war in Europe was over on 8 May 1945, the Allies began to concentrate their military power in Asia and the Pacific. More than 10,000 Canadians contributed on land, in the air, and at sea in the various theatres of the region. After a grueling six years of war, 15 August 1945, now known as V-J Day, marked the end of the war in the Pacific and the official end of the Second World War.

- Sun. August 10 at 11am Afghanistan / Peacekeeper Service Reaume Park (Pilette & Riverside Drive)
- Tues, August 19 at 1pm Dieppe / Dieppe Gardens (Ouellette & Riverside Dr.)

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On July 23, 2025 Zone A1 Easter Seals chair Jim Dunn and co-chair Dennis Holmes along with Branch 255 president Bruce Tribute presented a cheque in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Susan Smith who is the Easter Seals Senior Manager for Provincial Development.

Thank you to the branches, WVMSC, and everyone who donated to Easter Seals.

NATIONAL NOTABLE DATES for the August 2025 Calendar .

- 1st - NORAD formed (1957)
- 8th -10th - Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships – Calgary AB
- 9th - Canadian Peacekeepers Day
- 15th - Victory over Japan (1945) 80th Anniversary
- 19 Dieppe Raid (1942)

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.



PROVINCIAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Jim Dunn / Chair

Held in Toronto on July 11, 12th, 2025. Results are as follow:
12 Gold, 10 Silver, 9 Bronze, 8 - 4th place finishes.

As District “A” finished in second place behind District “B”, the previous 2 years they finished 4th. We had 9 first timers, 6 medaled... Team Noah "Mitoraj & Vanneck" 6 events, 5 gold & 1 silver... The Power Girls, some only started this season, had 7 medals.



It was an honor to be a part of this incredible event.

Congratulations to all the athletes who took home a medal! **Good luck** to each and everyone of you in the 2025 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championship that will be held in Calgary.

Here are a few pictures I took, more can be seen on our website at www.branch255.com and our facebook page.



Nearly 1,000 young Canadian athletes will compete for medals in Canada's only track and field championships for the under-16 and under-18 categories.

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VETERAN BANNER REPORT

Marty Flanagan - Veteran Banner Project manager

The Banners are being proofed by the sponsors and the creation of the banners will be taking place in August. We also purchased 6 sets of Brackets/Poles that were damaged by trucks over the past year. We are looking at an alternative to not have to replace Brackets/Poles every year.

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 - Marty Flanagan / Liaison to Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies are now taking some well-deserved time off for the summer, but they will be hosting a BBQ on August 23 rd , (the same day as the Brian Crockett Memorial Golf Tournament). Please come out and support the Ladies and the BBQ.

SPORTS REPORT - Dan Crockett / Chair

Youth darts is being well attended and the kids are having fun. In September the Pool and Dart leagues will be back up and running, hope everyone had a great Summer!

BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT AT BRANCH 255 LEGION

Thinking of throwing a special event and looking for a place to host it. Branch 255 has Sundays open to rent our Dart Room (holds approx.70 guest) or our Empire room (stage side - which will hold approx 180 guest)

\$100 deposit is required when booked. Legion members get it refunded if the room is clean when they leave. Non members don't get the \$100 back. See the bartender for booking and any other info or call 519-945-2012.

We have our in house kitchen, Marco's Original Italian Diner, available to cater all of your parties, fundraisers , anniversaries, shin digs, showers, office parties, seminars, work shops, and all events. Also available for wakes and funerals.

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AUGUST 2025 RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 LEGION CALENDAR

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MON





TUES

WED

THURS

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<div><div>Legion</div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">SUN. AUG. 10TH @11AM @ REAUME PARK - PEACEKEEPERS AND AFGHANISTAN MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE MONUMENT.TUES. AUG. 19TH @ 1PM @ DIEPPE PARK - WWII MONUMENTSAT. AUG. 23RD - BRIAN CROCKETT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT</div>						<div>1</div> <div></div> <div>FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</div> <div>LINE DANCING 6:30PM</div>	<div>2</div> <div>YOUTH DARTS 9AM</div> <div>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</div> <div>BLACK ORCHID BAND 8PM</div>
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