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PRESIDENT REPORT - Bruce Tribute / President



I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer. It has been warm, but bearable. The branch has been doing well, and bar sales have been good. We have hosted many events over the summer. Canada Day saw a lot of people enjoying the two bands, and the patio was a success.

August saw events happening all month , as well as monument services attended by the Colour Party. 27 July the Korean War memorial took place at Dieppe Park. 10 August we represented the Branch at the Afghanistan and Peacekeepers service at Reaume Park, and 19 August saw us alongside the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment for the Battle of Dieppe memorial at Dieppe Park. Coming up, 21 September, is the Battle of Britain Commemoration at Jackson Park at 1400 hrs. As with all these memorial services, Branch attendance is historically low. I would love to see more participation from our members, honouring those who fought for our freedom.

A lot of fun and camaraderie was had 23 August at the 4th annual Brian Crockett Memorial Golf Classic, held at Willow Creek Golf Course. 80 golfers took part and a good time was had by all. The weather co-operated, making the day one to remember. Many thanks go out to everyone who participated and, especially to the volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success.

Legion Week starts Sunday, 21 September and goes to Saturday, 27 September. The Branch 255 Cemetery service is held on Friday, 26 September, 1100 hrs at Windsor Memorial Gardens. Please do your best to attend.

During Legion Week, Branch 255 along with the other 3 branches in Zone A-1 will be hosting a "Hop-on, Hop-off" bus pub crawl. It is an opportunity to network and socialize with members of the other branches. I hope to see a good turn-out for this fun event

In July, a new exterior door was installed on the kitchen at a cost of \$4100 . I have been in discussion with roofing contractors to replace the flat roof that is leaking. Hopefully that can be replaced before the weather turns bad. I am currently working with a contractor with regards to extending the kitchen hood as is required by the Fire Dept.

I would like to extend a hearty thank you to our cleaner, Denise Court for the wonderful job she is doing to keep the Branch clean and sparkly.

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Kudos go out to our kitchen operator, Marco, for his heroic efforts in saving and attempting to save the lives of 4 young girls involved in a horrific Seadooing accident on Lake St. Clair as he and his family were vacationing. Unfortunately, two of the young ladies did not survive. Thank you Marco.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the General Membership meetings. This is the best way you have of getting your voice heard.

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"

Dora was a long life Legion member and life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 255. Dora was very dedicated and spent many years volunteering her time at the Branch. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends. May she Rest In Peace.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

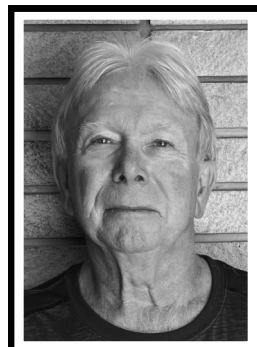
We have 523 members.

We will be doing EARLY BIRD draws again this year beginning in September. Pay your dues early to be entered in the draws in September, October and November to receive your dues back.

The following are new members to our branch. Let's welcome them.

Ian Benjamin	•	Affiliate
David Clarke	•	Associate
Nick Marucio	•	Associate
Tom Beny	•	Associate
Scott Wilton	•	Associate

Kristen Wilton	•	Associate
Stephen Ropac	•	Associate
Robert Gawne	•	Associate
Karen McDonald	•	Associate
Corinne Storey	•	Associate



**WELCOME
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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 \$65,618.30

Inventory has been completed and depleted stock is being ordered.

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.

The Poppy Fund is off to a good start as the recent Brian Crockett Memorial Fun Golf Tournament raised \$3,000.00 from fund raising initiatives. This money was donated to the Poppy Fund. Thank you to all the golfers and everyone who contributed to the fundraising. Most importantly I want to thank the many Volunteers who made this day a huge success.

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.

We've had a few good days including the recent Brian Crockett Memorial Golf Tournament. We opened the Patio for this event and over 80 people returned for a fun celebration. Our Ladies Auxiliary barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs which were well received. Thank you Maureen and Kelly.

We had 2 bartenders on in the afternoon and they did a great job serving our members. Thank you Hollie and Michelle. All monies raised are going to support the Poppy Campaign.

Thank you to all golfers and supporters and most importantly a huge thank you to all our Volunteers.

Darts will be starting up in September as well as pool. Sales should start picking up. Check the sign-up sheets in dart room or contact Dan Crockett for darts or Cheryl Donaldson for pool.

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

VETERANS WEEK - Marty Flanagan

Legion Week 2025 runs from Sunday September 21st to Saturday, September 27th . The Branch will have its ceremony on Friday September 26th at 11 am at Windsor Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

A light lunch will be provided at the Branch after the Ceremony.



REMEMBRANCE AND VETERANS WEEK

Veterans' week 2025 will run from November 5th to Nov 11th . Again, this year we will be splitting the weekends for the Remembrance Dinner and Branch Parade. The Dinner will be held on Sunday November 2nd , while the Parade will remain on its customary Saturday November 8th . The Branch will also be hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony for those who cannot make it downtown on November 11th. More details to follow.

We need volunteers to help make these dates successful. A volunteer sign-up sheet is up on the bulletin board and an organization meeting will be held mid-September. It is a busy time for the Branch with these activities and the Poppy Campaign...we need all hands on deck.

BRANCH 255 LEGION 2025 VETERAN BANNER PROJECT

Marty Flanagan 2025 Branch 255 Veteran Banner Project Coordinator

Upcoming Banner Dates:

- Sunday Morning September 7th - Veteran Banners going up. Please do not come down to see the banners until after 12 noon. The ENWIN Crews need space to work, and it is a safety issue as well.
- Tuesday September 9th (10am) - 2025 Banner Ceremony (at Branch 255). Representatives from Branch 255, Olde Riverside BIA, ENWIN & City Hall have been invited. This is open to the public. Parking will be limited at the Branch. Please do not park in the surrounding businesses parking lots. Your vehicle will be towed.
- Sunday November 23rd - Banners Down
- Saturday November 29th - Banners returned to Sponsors (Branch 255 1 till 3)

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 September 26th.

All current serving, former and retired RCAF members are welcome.

The only rule is no politics please.



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NATIONAL NOTABLE DATES for the September 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.

- Legion Early Bird Membership Renewals
- 2nd Sunday Firefighters' National Memorial Day
- 2 Second World War ends (1945) 80th anniversary
- 3 Merchant Navy Veterans Day
- 8 Battle of Medak Pocket (1993)
- 10 World Suicide Prevention Day
- 11 Attacks on September 11 (2001)
- 17 Operation Medusa (2006)
- 21 Canada Army Run
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day
- 3rd Sunday National Legion Week (Sunday thru Saturday)
- 3rd Sunday Battle of Britain (1940) 85th anniversary
- 3rd Friday Military Family Appreciation Day
- Last Sunday Police and Peace Officers Memorial

"Accept yourself, love yourself, and keep moving forward.
 If you want to fly, you have to give up what weighs you down." *By Roy T. Bennett*

4TH ANNUAL BRIAN CROCKETT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Memorial Tournament is complete. It was a great day. / By Kathy Patterson

- 1st Place: Mark Gagnier, Denny McKewon, Rob Ouellette and Billy Enright
- 2nd Place: Bill McGuire, Brendan Mc Guire, Dave McGuire and Seamus McCallion
- 3rd Place: Christina White, Justin White, Ryan Drefco, Laurie Dumaine
- 4th Place: Dave Clarke, John Maurina, J.C. Levasseur and Dave Fuchs
- 5th Place: Sue Yablonsky, Dan Crockett, Stephane Gallagher and Keith Bremner

The closest to the pin winners were:

- Ian Fry, Randy Masse, Kathy Patterson and Dave McGuire

Thank you to everyone who helped in one way or another. Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes. A huge thank you to Maureen Fracas and Kelly Campeau for barbequing and baking.



LABOUR DAY EMPTYES?!

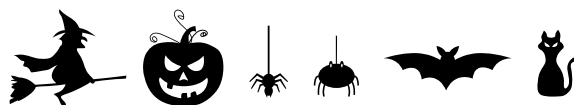
Save them for Saturday September 13th!
The Windsor Regiment Royal Canadian
Army Cadets are hosting a
BOTTLE DRIVE!

Alcoholic bottles and cans!
Drop off at Branch 255 Legion between
9am - 1pm. All proceeds go back to
2828 RCAC



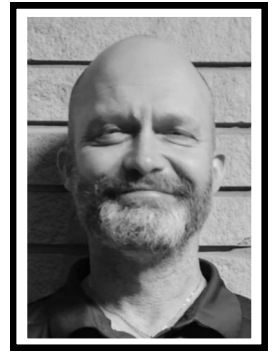
HALLOWEEN PARTY

Costume Party on Sat. October 25th.
Witching hour begins at 8:00PM
Cash prizes for best costumes.
Come out and have some fun and
enjoy the band, Crowbar Hotel.
Guaranteed to be a Howling of a time!



SPORTS REPORT - Dan Crockett / Chair

Attention to all Branch 255 members that play Cribbage in good standing! Zone Cribbage sign up sheets are up on the Zone Sports Board on the left hand side of the Sports board! (Picture to show were to sign up) September 20th at Branch 644, registration at 9:30 am play at 10 am. \$10 per player.



Deadline to sign up and pay is September 13th before 6pm.

If you are a member and want to play sign up and leave your name and money behind the bar with Attention: Sports Officer in an envelope with one of our friendly bartenders. *Please note this date may change but being so close to the deadline posting this now.

September is here, and with that it brings back the Dart League's!

- Monday Night Mixed Pool league starts on September 22nd at 6pm
- Monday Night Women's Dart league starts on September 15th at 7pm
- Tuesday Night Men's Darts starts September 9th at 7:30pm
- Wednesday Night Mixed Darts starts September 10th at 7pm (league is full)
- Friday Night Low Vision Darts start September 12th at 4pm
- Friday Night Anglo Darts start September 12th at 7:30pm
- Saturday Youth Darts start September 20th at 9am

We still have spots available for sign ups for Monday Women's Darts and Tuesday's Men's Darts on the sports board in the Dart room, Wednesday and Friday are full! Hope everyone one had a great summer and looking forward to seeing new and old faces back in September!



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Next General meeting is
**Thursday, September
25th at 7pm sharp.**

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 when
you sign in.

10TH ANNUAL SCALE MODEL SHOW

The Canadian Aviation Museum Scale Model Club announces that the 10th annual Scale Model Show will take on Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 10:00am until 3:00pm. For more details on the event and how to participate, contact our Scale Model Club at cam.scalemodelclub@gmail.com or by phone (519) 984-1631.



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BRANCH 255 LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY LIAISON

Marty Flanagan / Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

I would like to thank Kelly Campeau and Maureen Fracas for their hard work Manning the BBQ during the Brian Crockett Golf Tournament. Much appreciated Ladies. The Ladies will also begin their Pasta Mondays after a summer break starting on September 15th starting at 5. Come out and support the Ladies!!!



13TH ANNUAL RUCK 2 REMEMBER 2025

Raising funds for Operation: Leave the Streets Behind. Helping get and keep Veterans off the streets. This year they are taking the event to Windsor, ON area for 4 days of pavement pounding, starting at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644 at 1570 Marentette Ave. on **Thursday, September 11th at 9am.**

MILITARY RECOGNITION BOOK - Jim Dunn / Chair

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 getting harder to find Veterans to put in the book after 12 years. Carolyn McCall is asking all the chairs to check the applications for mistakes, and signatures. It is very important that permission is given by the Veteran or a family member. Applications will be behind the bar.

YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD MEET - Jim Dunn / Chair

District - I would like to start off my report with a big thank you to our Zone A-1 Commander Morris Brause for all his help organizing the volunteers for all the events. Also would like to thank branch 594's colour party, their cadets, and their kitchen for all the great food. The district A meet was well attended, with some records being broken and some personal bests also achieved. The organizers were happy with the U of W Track facilities that they will use again next year.

Provincial - The Provincial Track and Field meet was held at York University in Toronto. Again the event was well attended. District A finished second overall. Again records were broken and personal bests were achieved. Team A finished with 12 Gold, 10 Silver and 9 Bronze medals. We also had 8 4th place finishes. There were 9 first timers and 6 won medals.

Dominion - The Dominion Track and Field meet was held in Calgary Alberta. Team Ontario won 16 Gold, 19 Silver and 8 Bronze.

EASTER SEALS - Jim Dunn / Chair

I would like to thank the branches and members who donated to Easter Seals 2025. I would also like to thank the Windsor Veterans memorial Services Committee who always support us every year. I was able to raise \$4000.00 to help send kids to camp. There will be more fundraising in October with a dinner and hockey game and in November Dancing with the Easter Seals Stars. More information will be available at a later date.

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RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 LEGION CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1  LABOUR DAY BBQ & MUSIC 12-4PM 1PM OPEN CRIBBAGE CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM	2  SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC CATZAZZ 3:30-6:30	3  1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE	4  1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	5  FRY 3-8:30PM	6  MEAT DRAW 2-5PM JUJU REVIVAL BAND 8PM
7 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION	8  1PM OPEN CRIBBAGE CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM	9  SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC JUJU REVIVAL 3:30-6:30 MEN'S DARTS LEAGUE 7:30PM	10  1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE MIXED DART LEAGUE 7PM	11  1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE	12  FISH FRY 3-8:30PM LOW VISION DARTS 4PM MENS ANGLO DART LEAGUE 7:30PM	13  MEAT DRAW 2-5PM JUJU REVIVAL HOTEL BAND
14 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION	15  1PM OPEN CRIBBAGE CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM WOMENS DARTS 7PM	16  SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE 3:30-6:30 MEN'S DARTS LEAGUE 7:30PM	17  1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE MIXED DART LEAGUE 7PM	18  1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE EXECUTIVE MEETING 7PM	19  FISH FRY 3-8:30PM LOW VISION DARTS 4PM MENS ANGLO DART LEAGUE 7:30PM	20  YOUTH DARTS 9AM MEAT DRAW 2-5PM TRAX BAND 8PM
21 LEGION WEEK BEGINS OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION	22  1PM OPEN CRIBBAGE CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM MIXED POOL 6PM WOMENS DARTS 7PM	23  SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC STEVE COX BAND 3:30-6:30 MEN'S DARTS LEAGUE 7:30PM	24  1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE 6PM EUCHRE MIXED DART LEAGUE 7PM	25  1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE GENERAL MEETING 7PM	26  FISH FRY 3-8:30PM RCAF MEET 3PM LOW VISION DARTS 4PM MENS ANGLO DART LEAGUE 7:30PM	27  YOUTH DARTS 9AM MEAT DRAW 2-5PM CATZAZZ BAND 8PM
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