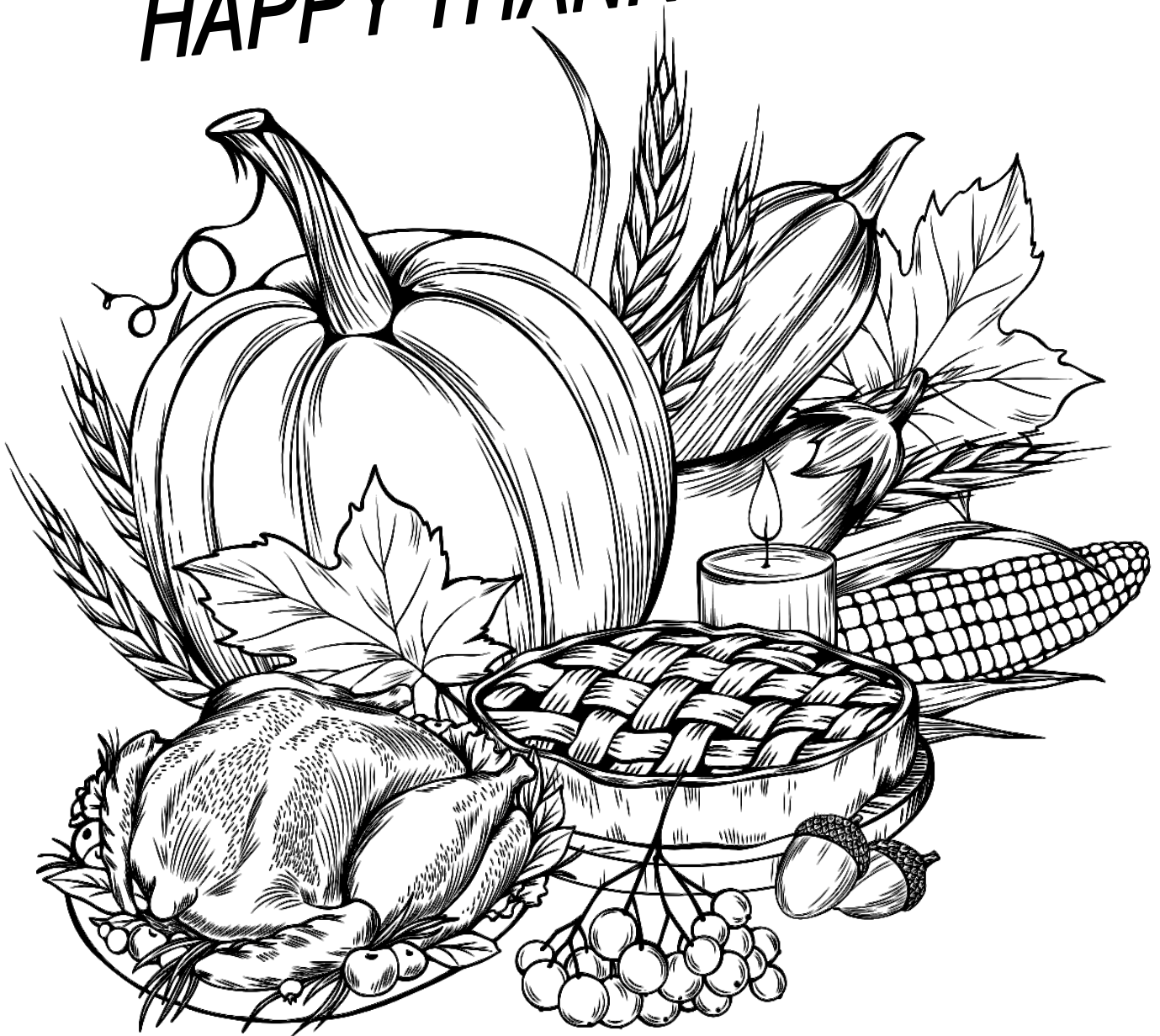


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PRESIDENT REPORT

The Branch has done well over the summer. Labour Day brought in a good crowd on the patio and Aaron Furlotte entertained us well, as always. As an executive, we have decided to close on Canadian Thanksgiving in order to give our bartenders a day with their families, since it is generally a slow-sales day, anyway.



Line dancing has finished for the year and dart and pool leagues have started up once again. Blind and Low-Vision Darts have also started on Friday afternoons.

The Branch will be hosting pool and dart tournaments in the coming months. Our dart boards have been replaced, which should make our branch more inviting to the players.

Coming up Sunday, 21 September, is the Battle of Britain Commemoration at Jackson Park, starting at 2:00 pm. The Colour Party will be attending, representing our Branch. This is the last memorial service until Remembrance Day Celebrations begin. Please try to attend these services if you can. You will not be disappointed as a lot of work and preparation goes into them, to celebrate those who served and gave their all for our freedom.

This is a reminder for our members to attend Membership Meetings as it is a way to voice your opinions, and/or complaints and continue to make your Legion Branch a better, more successful place.

See you at the General Membership Meeting.... Bruce Tribute, President

SPORTS REPORT - Dan Crockett / Chair

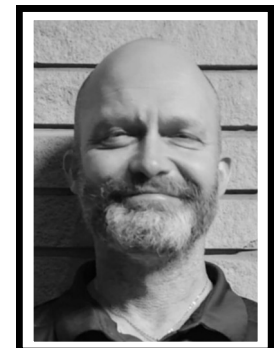
All the dart leagues and pool leagues have started and well attended, everyone is having fun.

Zone Sports are starting:

EUCHRE @ Branch 594 / October 4th @ 9:30am.

Deadline to sign up and pay is Oct. 1st. \$40 per team

8 BALL SINGLES AND DOUBLES @ Branch 594 / October 18th, play @ 9:30am. \$10.00 per person. Deadline to sign up and pay is October 11th.



LAST POST

REMEMBERING

our members who have left us.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of
BETTY and CECILE.

Our condolences to their family & friends.



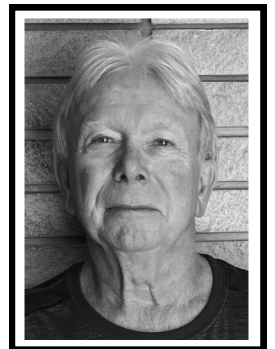
"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

We have 526 members with 3 new members this month.
The first early bird draw will be at the end of September.
Pay your dues early for a chance to win them back in September,
October and November. The new members are:

Peter Brgan.	• Associate
Anita Gulliver	• Associate
Dora Lee Bugeja	• Associate

**WELCOME
COMRADES**



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 \$68,496.86

The Poppy: The Poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance throughout the World for over 100 years. In Canada, the red poppy is a powerful symbol of remembrance for all who served and sacrificed in the nation's military, particularly those who died in war. Inspired by John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields" the poppy came to symbolize the flowers that grew on battle-scarred fields during World War 1. *(Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae was a Canadian poet, physician and soldier during World War 1.)*



Today, the Royal Canadian Legion distributes poppies for the annual Poppy Campaign to raise funds to assist veterans and their families as well as providing funds for medical research and organizations that provide programs that help veterans with PTSD and other issues.

This year's Poppy Campaign commences on Friday, October 31st and ends on November 11th. Volunteer Boards will go up on Friday October 17th and will be located on the North Wall, near the front entrance.

This year's campaign runs for only 11 days, so it would be nice to fill all of our 2 hour Volunteer slots. Raising funds to assist our Veterans and their families is the most important thing we do as a Legion. Please consider Volunteering your time this year.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL



Happy Thanksgiving to all members and guest of Branch 255 Riverside Legion. Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, and to all the Veterans and their families for their sacrifices and service, we extend a profound thank you. Your dedication, courage, and tireless work have helped secure the freedoms and values we hold dear in Canada. May you have a wonderful weekend with your loved ones, full of joy, reflection, and togetherness.



"The best things in life are free, like hugs, smiles, and love."

"Sometimes, a silent hug speaks a thousand words."



BAR REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

I can't believe it but Fall is officially here. Where did our summer go? Fall means that our in house dart and pool leagues have started up and that Legion Week and our Remembrance Period are fast approaching.

Bar inventories continue to go well and no issues to report. We are currently looking at gross margins on all of our products and will make adjustments as needed. Saying that, we felt the need to raise our wine prices. Effective Sunday Sept. 20th, a glass of wine is now \$4.75 and a Carafe is \$13.00.

Trust me, I am not a proponent for raising prices and believe improving our Volume numbers vs. raising prices is the best approach, so gather up your friends and family and come enjoy your Branch on a more regular basis.

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

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Thursday, October 22rd
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.

Thank You

As many may already know that I am
resigning from my volunteer position
as Branch 255 Legion bulletin editor and
as facebook administrator. December
2025 will be my last Bulletin. Thank you for the wonderful
opportunity and I am grateful for the experience. I wish the Legion
a continued success and hope the new editor will reach out to me
if any help is needed. Best regards... **Editor - Elaine Dunn**



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FREE WEBINAR: Learn about medication-based PTSD treatments for Veterans

Join the Atlas Institute for a free online webinar about medication-based treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The webinar takes place on **9 October 2025 from 3 to 4:30 p.m., EDT.**

You'll learn about:

- different types of medication used for PTSD,
- the purpose of certain medications, and possible side effects.
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This webinar will give you practical information to help you:

- make informed decisions,
 - talk with your healthcare provider, and
- take an active role in your PTSD treatment plan.

Veterans and their families are welcome to attend.

Learn more and register here: <https://atlasveterans.ca/community/events/webinar-the-psychiatric-management-of-ptsd/>

SHARE YOUR STORY! Join the Memory Project Speakers Bureau

The Memory Project is looking for Veterans and Canadian Armed Forces members to volunteer as speakers and share their stories.

Share your experience of military service with students and others in your community! Help inspire the next generation through your story. Learn more and sign up to become a speaker <https://www.thememoryproject.com/become-a-speaker/>

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. Volume 12 will be in some time in October.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - Olga Schutz / Chair

The Honours & Awards Committee is proud to recognize and congratulate the following members for their respective year pins; Robert Garant, Associate member, 10-year Pin, presented earlier to him by Ken Marshall David Jarvis, Ordinary member, 40-year Pin, presented to him at our Executive meeting last Thursday.



Dave Jarvis receiving his 40 yr pin.

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.

2828 ARMY CADETS CORPS REPORT - Olga Schutz / Liaison

During the summer months, there were seven (7) cadets that attended Camp Valarier, PQ, to complete basic to marksmanship training.

Training at the Armouries resumed on Monday, September 8, 2025. Seven (7) new recruits were in attendance. The CO will be doing school visits in the coming weeks as a recruit drive. We have two (2) new officers coming on board – just awaiting for their paperwork to be completed. Currently we have 68 cadets on paper and we trust that they will see the given opportunities in their weekly attendance.

We are diligently working on the following Fundraisers to support the needs of our 2828 Cadet Corps. We have had to move some dates though.

a) September 13th , We had a successful Bottle Drive at Br 255 from 9 am – 1:00 pm with (4) Volunteer Cadets + 2 officers - Posters were up within the Legion on September 8th.

b) September 22nd – Oct 20th , (World's Finest Chocolate) Chocolate Covered Almonds at \$5.00 per box. Posters are up within the Legion as of Sept. 19th.

c) September 27th , Food/can-drive by the cadets to support “The Caring Cup-boards” initiative at the Armouries to help aid our serving members of the Military. This will be carried out at Br 255 during Legion Week Sept. 21st - 27th . (4 Cadets to volunteer for delivery to Armouries from 1-4 pm on Sept. 27th) Thank you so much to Elaine Dunn for her time & creativity in designing the poster, and also to Sue Yablonsky, Stephanie Clarke, and Ireland Clarke for their driving force towards this undertaking! Posters are up within the Legion as of Sept. 19th.

October 20th - Nov 3rd , (Halendas) Pepperoni Stix fundraiser

e) October 20th , - Tentative, Monday Pasta Dinner at Legion Br 255.

f) November 3rd – Nov. 17th , What's Poppin Popcorn fundraiser

g) October 31st – November 11th - Poppies – We're asking the CO for 20 volunteer Cadets.

Our next Support Committee meeting will be held on Monday, Sept 29, 2025 at the Armouries.

BINGO REPORT - Kathy Patterson / Chair

In August we had 4 bingo assignments. We received \$3,051.02 from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments. We donated a total of \$1,200 to 2 charities in August.

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BRANCH 255 LEGION 2025 VETERAN BANNER PROJECT

Marty Flanagan 2025 Branch 255 Veteran Banner Project Coordinator

The Banners went up on September 7th and the Ceremony was held at #255 on Tuesday September 9th. Thanks to the major players on the project, The City of Windsor, The Olde Riverside BIA, ENWIN and Branch #255. Many thanks to the volunteer ENWIN Crews, Barb Perry, Bill Sherman, Frank Cleminson, Candyce Mollard, Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac, Bruce Tribute, Ron Marshall, Ken Marshall, Elaine Dunn, Betty Goodison, Dennis Holmes, Christina White, Marco and his Staff. I'd like to single out and Salute Dianne Vendrasco for her help in all of this. Her help was invaluable.

This was a true Team effort, and this project cannot be successful with the efforts of those above. I cannot say how much I appreciate you all!!

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 October 31st. All current serving, former and retired RCAF members are welcome. The only rule is no politics please.



JUST FOR LAUGHS BY HERMAN COMICS



"I don't care how much he likes
The Little Mermaid, I wanna
watch baseball."



"I'll never forget the time you strapped
me for talking in class."



"I just figured out we can buy 7,800
paper plates for the price of
a dishwasher."

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 be on Saturday November 8th . The Branch will also be hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th.



DINNER

The dinner will be on Sunday Nov. 2nd . Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6pm. Dress attire is Blues/Greys if you have them. No Jeans please. Guest Speaker is LCol. Ronald Holden, OMM CD RCAF (Ret'd). Tickets are free to Branch#255 Veterans and their Spouse/Caregiver. We have allotted 40 tickets for Non-255 Veterans and their Spouse/Caregiver and it first come, first served. Once those tickets are gone, the price will be \$30.00 a ticket. Tickets will be sold until Oct. 30th. There will be no tickets given out after that date. No exceptions. We need to know what numbers we will have for the kitchen and room setup. Please get your tickets early to avoid any disappointment.

PARADE

The Parade will be on its traditional day, Saturday Nov. 8th at 1pm at the cenotaph at Miracle Park. Comradeship at the Branch following the Parade. All are welcome. 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-October. It is a busy time for the Branch with these activities and the Poppy Campaign...we need all hands-on deck.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Branch will be hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Branch for those who cannot make it downtown. Please note the earlier start time of 10:45 so we can observe a moment of silence at 11am.

Branch 255 Legion



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