

Royal Canadian Legion



Riverside Branch 255 - November 2025 Bulletin

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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

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PRESIDENT REPORT



November is here and soon, Remembrance Day will be upon us. This is a special time of year when Veterans past and present are honoured and remembered for their service and sacrifice. Our veterans must be thanked for ensuring that our freedoms are maintained and we can live in a country where we are free to vote as we wish, worship as we wish, and live the lifestyle we have been accustomed to.

A major part of Remembrance Day activities is the Annual Poppy Campaign. Funds raised go a long way towards ensuring that Veterans are cared for and their needs are addressed, both for their health and welfare. All Branch members are encouraged to sign up for a couple of shifts distributing Poppies at local locations.

Your participation in the campaign is not only appreciated, but it is part of the oath you swear to on becoming a Legion member. Please do your part in supporting Veterans' causes.

Another point I would like to touch upon is "getting along". In the past few months we have had instances where members, both of card leagues and dart leagues have experienced altercations. Whether verbal or physical, there is no place in the Legion for behavior of this sort and will not be tolerated. The Legion is to be a place for all to come and enjoy friendship and camaraderie free of fighting in any capacity.

I hope to see as many of you as possible signing up for Poppy distribution which starts Friday, 31 October and goes until Monday, 10 November. As well, there are numerous Remembrance Services scheduled in the coming weeks. Your presence would be appreciated at some of these. Saturday, 08 November 1:00 pm, at Miracle Park on Wyandotte St., Tuesday 11 November at the Downtown Windsor Cenotaph 11:00 am, or at Legion Branch 255 at 11:00 am, followed by a lunch at the Branch. Come out and enjoy the festivities and friendship.

Yours in Comradeship:
Bruce Tribute, President Branch 255

On behalf of the Riverside Branch 255 of the Royal Canadian Legion, I'd like to extend a great big THANK YOU to Linda Bernath for taking over the Bulletin editor duties as of January 2026. Dedicated volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization, and we deeply appreciate your willingness to step up and ensure our Branch communications continue seamlessly. This vital role helps keep our members informed about Branch events, initiatives, and our shared mission to support Veterans and their families. Sincerely *Elaine Dunn* ♥

LAST POST

REMEMBERING

our members who have left us.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of
DOREEN MAGONE.

Our condolences to her family & friends.
R.I.P.

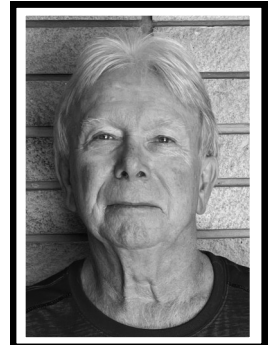


MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

We had 3 new members join this month. They are:

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| • Richard Gagnon | • Associate |
| • Paula Avadesian | • Associate |
| • Kevin Masterson | • Ordinary |

**WELCOME
COMRADES**



The winner of the September Early Bird draw was Martin Nenonville. Renew your membership early for a chance to win back your dues in October and November.

Poppy Campaign is fast approaching. Sign up boards are on display in the Legion. It is a shorter Campaign this year and begins October 31st. Please volunteer for as many 2 hours shifts as you can to make this another successful campaign.

When you became a member of the branch working in the Poppy Campaign was something in your initiation you agreed on and every member should volunteer to lighten the load. Don't leave it up to a few to do the work of many.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Branch 255 Membership Dues are:

\$50 a year for seniors 65 years old and up / \$60 for everyone 64 and under

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 \$35,960.20

This year's Poppy Campaign starts on Friday, October 31 st and ends on November 11 th . Volunteer Boards are now up so please consider volunteering some of your time to the Poppy Campaign. This year's campaign runs for 11 days, so it would be nice to fill all of our 2 hour Volunteer slots. Thank you to all of you who have already signed up.



Raising funds to assist our Veterans and their families is the most important thing we do as a Legion. This month alone the Poppy Trust fund has donated over \$36,000.00 and year to date over \$52,000.00 to organizations that assist veterans in many ways including workshops for PTSD and programs for Homeless Veterans. Recent data estimates that there are between 2500 and 10,000 homeless veterans in this Country. Take comfort in knowing that your Legion acknowledges the problem and is working to assist homeless veterans in getting them off the streets and treated with the respect they deserve.

OCTOBER BAR REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

Our sales are off a little from last year but are increasing as our leagues and fall events are in full swing. Check your bulletin for upcoming events. Our Halloween party is this Saturday so grab a costume and come enjoy the music of Crow Bar Hotel. You won't be disappointed and may even win a prize.

Monthly bar inventory was done the last Sunday of September and everything was in order. Our new POS system really helps with inventory and alarms us if anything is out of order.

Please continue to support the bar, non-alcohol drinks are available as well as many selections of alcohol drinks. Our prices are lower than most of our competition and we'll continue to keep our prices low as long as we are profitable.

R.E.D. FRIDAY - REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

Wearing RED every Friday is a symbolic gesture to show our troops, military families, and fellow Canadians that we recognize and respect the sacrifices of everyone deployed.. for those serving.. and for those who have served.. Lest we forget

VETERAN BANNER OCTOBER REPORT

Marty Flanagan 2025

Branch 255 Veteran Banner Project Coordinator



The Banners will be up until Sunday November 23 rd .
The banners will be returned to the sponsors on Saturday
November 29 th . They will be available for pick up from 1 till 3 in
the Dart Room. If you can't make this date to pick up your banner,
please contact me to make other arrangements.

REMEMBRANCE AND VETERANS WEEK

The Veteran's Dinner will be held on Sunday Nov. 2 nd with cocktails at 5:00 and
dinner at 6. Please note the cocktail time change from earlier. Guest Speaker is
LCol Ron Holden OMM CD RCAF (Ret'd). Tickets are free for Branch Veterans and
a caregiver or spouse. We also have set aside 40 tickets for Non-Branch Veterans;
their spouse and caregiver and they are also free. Other tickets are \$30 and all
tickets are available at the bar. Tickets are available until Thursday Oct. 30 th .
No tickets will be distributed after that date.

The Branch Cenotaph Ceremony will be held on Saturday Nov. 8 th at 1pm at the
Miracle Park Cenotaph. Please come out and Remember then join us back at the
Branch for comradeship. We will have the Branch tradition of hot dogs after the
ceremony. We are looking for volunteers to help with the distribution of hotdogs. If
interested, please let me know.

The Branch will be hosting a Nov. 11 th Remembrance Service for those not able to
attend the ceremony downtown. There will be a light lunch provided afterwards for
those who attend. Please note the earlier start time of 10:45 so we can observe a
moment of silence at 11:00am. We are also looking for 2 volunteers to help with the
Colour Party that day as the main part of the Colour Party will be downtown.

BIA OCTOBER REPORT

The BIA will be sponsoring decorating the front doors of the Branch for the
Christmas Season. This will be done on Nov. 12 th . Please support the businesses
of the BIA as they are a strong supporter of Branch #255.

LADIES AUXILLIARY OCTOBER REPORT

The Ladies are no longer doing the monthly pasta dinners but may do one from
time to time. They are looking for new members. They are an important element of
the Legion and if interested please contact the Branch.

BURSARIES REPORT - Sharron Jarvis / Chair

Alice Ryan is a first year student at the University of Windsor studying Human Kinetics Movement Science. She is receiving this bursary because her grandfather Tim Ryan served in the army from 1966 to 1990. Her grandmother Chris Ryan is an Associate member of branch 255. Good luck to you in your studies.



Keigan Salt is attending University of Windsor he is in his first year of the Bachelor of Forensic Science Honours. He is receiving this bursary because his grandfather Tim Ryan served in the army 27 years. His grandmother Chris Ryan is an Associate member of branch 255. Good luck to you in your studies.

Gracie Clayton is attending Lakehead University Orillia Campus. She is in her first year of a two year Diploma Program in Education plus an Ontario College of Teachers Certificate. Her father Sean Ryan served in the Navy for six years. Chris Ryan is an Associate member of branch 255. Good luck you in your studies.

Gavin Gray is attending St. Clair College. He is in his first year of a three year program in Electro Mechanical Engineering Technician Robotics. His great grandfather served in the Air Force for 18 months during the second World War. His grandfather Russel Gray who is a member of branch 255 is accepting the bursary for Gavin. Congratulations to Gavin and good luck.

Lauren den Ouden is in her first year of a two year Social Service Worker Diploma Program at St. Clair College. Her grandfather David Jarvis served in the Army from 1969 to 1998. Both of her great grandfathers served during the second world war. Both her grandfather and grandmother are members of branch 255. Congratulations to Lauren.

The following post secondary students were presented with bursaries at the General Membership meeting. Russ Gray accepted on behalf of his grandson, Gavin Gray. Chris Ryan accepted on behalf of her granddaughter, Gracie Ryan, Alice Ryan, Keigam Salt. Sharron Jarvis accepted on behalf of her granddaughter, Lauren de Ouden. Best wishes for success in your academic pursuits.



COMMEMORATIVE VETERANS SIDEWALK

Friday, October 31st was the unveiling of the new Commemorative Veterans Sidewalk outside Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 a tribute honouring those who served. Thank you to the City of Windsor for all your help with this project. Thank you to Marty Flanagan and Ron Marshall and to anyone else who was involved with this project.

Pictures taken by Jenie Davidson



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NATIONAL NOTABLE DATES for the November 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.

- Renewals
- 1 Announcement of National Silver Cross Mother
- 5-11 Veterans Week
- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 10 Passchendaele ends (1917)
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 11 First World War ends - Armistice Day (1918)
- 14 King Charles III birthday (1948)
- 18 Battle of the Somme (1916)
- 30 John McCrae's birthday (1872) (In Flanders Fields)

FALL CONVENTION - On October 17,18,19th Zone A2 Essex Branch 201 hosted the Royal Canadian District A Convention. Over \$151,820.00 was donated by the Branches in Southwest Ontario. Monies will be disbursed to the Legion Hospital Foundation, Charitable Foundation (medical equipment), Legion Track & Field, Parkwood Institute, Poppy Fund, Provincial Service Bureau, Homeless Veterans Program, Service Dogs, RCEL, Provincial Bursary Program, Youth Education and Ruck 2 Remember!

2828 ARMY CADETS CORPS REPORT - Olga Schutz / Liaison

Current Fundraiser's:

The "World's Finest Chocolate" Chocolate Covered Almonds fundraiser for the cadets is now over. The Support Committee has a few boxes yet to be sold. We still have some at the bar for the asking.

- a) October 20th - Nov 3rd (Halenda's) Pepperoni Stix fundraiser
- b) November 3rd – Nov. 17th , What's Poppin Popcorn fundraiser
- c) Early Spring 2026 – We will be looking into having a Pasta Fundraiser.



Poppy Campaign: October 31st – November 11th

Some of the Cadets have already signed up and will be out campaigning in uniform at various locations, more so on the weekends. Any cadets who can help out during the week will also be placed as needed.

Our next Support Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025 at the Armouries.

HONOURS AND AWARDS REPORT - Olga Schutz / Chair

Our Committee would like to recognize Associate member, Susan J. Lalonde, who was recently presented with her 20-year Pin by Ken Marshall since our last meeting.

Our Committee would also like to recognize the following volunteer who continues to put his time, skills, and, constructive help into the on-going fruitful efforts of our Branch. Today we are proud to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Nick DeGroot. Nick has worked hard for this legion over the years. He has done various plumbing jobs, worked countless meat-draws, and helped with event's set-up and take-down. Nick is available when furniture needs to be taken away and replaced. Nick picks up meat when needed as well. Also, Nick volunteers readily during Poppy campaign.

We will continue to give recognition to our valued volunteers who help promote and give generously of their time and efforts to make Br255 a home and place 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.

FIRST POPPY 2025 - Via Kathy Patterson facebook post

Congratulations to Marty Flanagan. Marty was presented with the first Poppy at the general membership meeting by poppy Chair Ron Marshall. Marty is a member of the executive committee, was the lead for the banner project and has done a great deal of work with the city to get our Veterans' sidewalk completed in front of the legion. Marty is also an Air Force veteran. Thank you Marty.



SPORTS REPORT - Dan Crockett / Chair

Last month we had two zone tournaments, Euchre and 8 ball. We had one team from each event qualify for Districts in the new year, congratulations to them!

In November Branch 255 will be hosting two Zone Darts events, November 15th Youth Darts Zones and November 22nd Senior Darts Zones. Let's wish the competitors good luck!



POOL TOURNAMENT - Cheryl Donaldson

Saturday, November 22nd at noon. Entree fee \$10.00
Scotch Doubles and Teams picked randomly.
(A 2 Game Elimination)
Sign up sheet is in the dart room. All levels welcome!



THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

(for those hard to buy for on your list)

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Our next General meeting is
Thursday, November 27th
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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SIGN

As we pause to honour the brave men and women who have served Canada, let's make our gratitude visible; not just in our hearts, but with our homes.

Whether it's to honour a loved one, to thank those who serve, or teach the next generation about sacrifice and freedom, each lawn sign serves as a powerful reminder of the courage and dedication of our Veterans.

Can be purchased at the bar / \$20 each



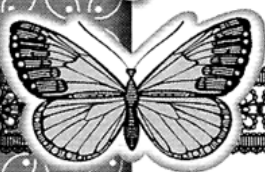
Legion POPPY STORE

Visit the poppy store **FREE SHIPPING** on all products until Remembrance Day November 11, 2025 - Visit www.poppystore.ca

- Wearing the Poppy.**
1. The Poppy can be worn as of the last Friday of October.
 2. It is removed at the end of the day on November 11th.
 3. It is worn on the left, close to the heart.

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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.

Volume 12 is in. Now taking application for Volume 13.



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 November 28th.

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

The only rule is no politics please.

STARBUCKS in Lasalle is interested in having a "Coffee with a Veteran" event.

You just sit at a certain table, drink free coffee and chat with people that approach you.

You can come alone or in twos. Starbucks in Lasalle is located on Wyoming Street.

You can pick any time that works for you from November 3rd until November 11th.

If anyone is interested in participating in this event.

Please let Dave Woodman know. dfwoodman@gmail.com

VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY SAIL

Friday, November 7th, 2025 1-3pm

A special event celebrating and honouring our veterans! Free event for Veterans will feature food, entertainment and community fun.. aboard Windsor Premier Cruises in Windsor, Ont. Sponsor a Veteran for \$30.00

Those wishing to register can call 519-995-9453

BEACH GROVE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB VETERANS DAY

Beach Grove Golf and Country Club will once again be hosting a Veterans' Day Luncheon on Wednesday, November 12th at 11:30 a.m.

If you wish to attend Kathy can send you the link to register or she has forms which you can complete and give to her to enter. THIS IS BRANCH 255 VETERANS.

Please see Kathy Patterson for more details. Must register before November 7th.

NOVEMBER 2025 RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 LEGION CALENDAR

SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SAT



OUR POPPY CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN

PLEASE STOP BY THE BRANCH AND SIGN UP TO DISTIBUTE POPPIES.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A LEGION MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER.

IT IS A GREAT WAY FOR STUDENTS TO ACCUMULATE
VOLUNTEER HOURS. ALL MONIES RAISED GO TO ASSIST
VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES..

Thank you. Your Poppy Committee Ron Marshall
Kathy Patterson , Dianne Vendrasco and Ken Marshall

1
YOUTH DARTS
9AM
MEAT DRAW
2-5PM
BB AND THE JS
BAND 8PM

2
VETERANS
BANQUET
COCKTAILS
5:30PM
DINNER 6PM
GUEST
SPEAKER
LCOL
RONALD
HOLDEN

3
1PM OPEN
CRIBBAGE
CUT THROAT
PEPPER 6PM
MIXED POOL 6PM
WOMENS DARTS
7PM

4
SENIORS
DINNER & MUSIC
BB AND THE JS
BAND 3:30-6:30
MEN'S DARTS
LEAGUE 7:30PM

5
1PM MIXED
CRIBBAGE
6PM EUCHRE
MIXED DART
LEAGUE 7PM

6
1PM MIXED
CRIBBAGE

7
FISH FRY
3-8:30PM
LOW VISION
DARTS 4PM
MENS ANGLO
DART LEAGUE
7:30PM

8
YOUTH DARTS
9AM
**REMEMBRANCE
PARADE 1PM**
BB AND THE JS
BAND 8PM

9
OPEN
SPACE
BOOK
YOUR
SPECIAL
OCCASION

10
1PM OPEN
CRIBBAGE
CUT THROAT
PEPPER 6PM
MIXED POOL 6PM
WOMENS DARTS
7PM

11
**REMEMBRANCE
DAY SERVICE
11.11.11**
"WE WILL
REMEMBER THEM"

12
1PM MIXED
CRIBBAGE
6PM EUCHRE
MIXED DART
LEAGUE 7PM

13
1PM MIXED
CRIBBAGE

14
FISH FRY
3-8:30PM
LOW VISION
DARTS 4PM
MENS ANGLO
DART LEAGUE
7:30PM

15
YOUTH DARTS
9AM
MEAT DRAW
2-5PM
ELECTRIC BLUE
BAND 8PM

16
OPEN
SPACE
BOOK
YOUR
SPECIAL
OCCASION

17
1PM OPEN
CRIBBAGE
CUT THROAT
PEPPER 6PM
MIXED POOL 6PM
WOMENS DARTS
7PM

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SENIORS
DINNER & MUSIC
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MEN'S DARTS
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LEAGUE 7PM

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DART LEAGUE
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BAND 8PM

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OPEN SPACE
BOOK YOUR
SPECIAL
OCCASION

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PEPPER 6PM
MIXED POOL 6PM
WOMENS DARTS
7PM

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MEN'S DARTS
LEAGUE 7:30PM

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CRIBBAGE
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MIXED DART
LEAGUE 7PM

27
1PM MIXED
CRIBBAGE
GENERAL
MEETING 7PM

28
FISH FRY
3-8:30PM
RCAF MEET 3PM
LOW VISION
DARTS 4PM
MENS ANGLO
DART LEAGUE
7:30PM

29
YOUTH DARTS
9AM
MEAT DRAW
2-5PM
JUJU REVIVAL
BAND 8PM

30
OPEN SPACE
BOOK YOUR
SPECIAL
OCCASION

**LADIES AUX.
MEETING 6:30**