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VIMY RIDGE DAY
APRIL 9TH



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BRUCE TRIBUTE

March has been a good month for our branch. St. Paddy's day had this place "rocking" all day long with Irish Dancers from the Emerald Isle Dance Academy, Chris Bolister playing Irish tunes, and McBB and the McJ's entertaining . Bar sales were extremely good as were kitchen sales. Lots of green circulating throughout the building!

Recently, we picked up another Euchre group who are playing Thursday nights. They came to us as a result of the closure of the Moose Lodge. They have let me know how happy they are to be playing here. We also have been blessed with the "Nil a Nova Big Band" who also came to us from The Moose. They are using our dart room for practice on Thursday mornings.

We purchased a new double-door refrigerator for Marco's use, which will go a long way towards freeing up space in our walk-in beer cooler.

All of our fire inspections are finally up-to-date, thanks to our purchase of a new stove in the kitchen that we were forced to buy as the old one was too long and extended outside of the exhaust hood, rendering it out of spec with fire code rules. The old one was over 30 years old, so it didn't owe the branch anything.

Easter is coming up and, again we are expecting a large Good Friday turnout for the fish-fry, so come on out and enjoy yourselves. The Branch, however is closed Easter Sunday. I am still hearing compliments on the friendly and welcoming nature of our Branch. We must strive to keep that feeling alive. We have a great reputation and we must keep it going.

Branch executive nominations are coming up and will be posted after the March General Meeting, with elections to be held Sunday April 26th, 2026. As Legion members, it is your duty to come out and vote for your executive. Nominations will be held again that day. If you are planning on nominating someone for a position on the Branch executive, check with them first to ascertain whether or not they would like to accept the position.

See you at the Branch, Comrades...

BANNER REPORT

MARTY FLANAGAN

The RCL #255 Veteran Banner Program will start up in April. Applications will be available at the Branch (Table by the front door) on Saturday April 4th . Cost of a 2026 Banner is \$190.00.

On Saturday April 18th from 1-3pm at Branch #255. We will be accepting banners from those who had a new banner in 2025. The cost for 2026 will be \$40.00 (cash only please). You only need to bring your banner; we already have your paperwork. Only those who had their banners up in the first year of 2025 are eligible. If you had a banner up in 2025 for the second year, you will need to order a new banner for 2026. This is due to the banner manufacturer warranty and that after 2 years, we want banner sponsors to have a banner that is not battered by the weather elements.

On Saturday April 25th from 1-3pm at Branch #255 we will be accepting new applications for the banner program. You need to bring in the application form, fee (cash only please) and a picture of the veteran. If you have a scanned picture that is great, but we can also scan any picture (8.5 X11 and smaller) on the day of bringing in the application. It will be first come, first served, and we cannot guarantee that your application will be accepted. We have 48 slots and part of those will be filled but the first-year banners from 2025.

Any questions please email Marty Flanagan: flansinx@hotmail.com

SPORTS REPORT

DAN CROCKETT - CHAIR

Our Pool and Dart Leagues are winding down for the season, with the majority of them ending in May. Every league has had a great year so far. Keep your eyes open on the Sports board for sign up sheets for the Fall when the leagues return.

The 2nd Annual Branch 255 Youth Fishing Derby will be taking place mid to late Summer this year, more details to come soon!

HONOURS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

OLGA SCHUTZ - CHAIR

Our Committee would like to recognize the following dedicated persons with Certificate's of Appreciation who continue to put their time, skills, and efforts in volunteering their help towards the on-going fruitful growth of our Branch:

Sharron Jarvis - Over this past year, Sharron introduced Blind Darts to our Branch, reaching out to the Low Vision/Blind community in Windsor and it has become a HUGE success thanks to the encouragement given by Sharron to all the players that come out for darts! For many years Sharron also served on the Executive Board maintaining the Bursaries, ensuring as many post-secondary, College and University students were given the opportunity to receive some financial aid towards their education. Sharron was also a member of the Ladies Auxilliary and in years past helped with meat - draws. Sharron also spent considerable effort and time into the By-Laws and Constitution of our Branch and the connectivity with Zone and Command to ensure that our Branch had transparency and accountability. Sharron works closely with David aiding him with his Service Officer work and other endeavours as they continue to work for the betterment of the Legion!

David Jarvis – David served in the regular force for 29 years and did several NATO deployments to other countries. Remembering the difficulties he and the troops had in obtaining bare essentials, he recently promoted our troops in Latvia and co-ordinated a drive to collect a number of dry food items & essentials to be packed carefully in shoe-box's and then shippedoverseas. David has been a driving force with Veterans Affairs to get every veteran who requires assistance and/or medical help for injuries sustained during their time in service to be compensated accordingly. Thus said, Rebecca Hyndman, Provincial Service Officer in London, will be at Br 594 to speak to those veterans. David served as Liaison to our Cadet Corps for a number of years. In earlier years, he helped with the meat-draws. David has held various positions on the Executive Board in the past. Currently, David holds Executive positions for Veterans Services and for Bursaries!

Thank You

HONOURS & AWARDS COMMITTEE continued...

OLGA SCHUTZ - CHAIR

Our Committee would like to recognize the following Br255 members for their Year-Pins.

40-Year Pin 45-Year Pin

Sharon Drouillard – Associate member

Patricia Knapp – Associate member

Paul Chadwick – Associate member

50 Year Pin & Medal

Dan Carroll – Associate member (absent from February membership meeting).

We will continue to give presentations and 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, support, and be proud of!



BAR REPORT

RON MARSHALL - CHAIR

The bar continues to do well. February sales were up 25% over the same period last year. March has been very busy and I suspect we will top last year's sales.

We had a very successful St. Paddy's Day. We had 2 bands, as well as the Irish dance troupe. All hands were on deck with two bartenders at all times. Thank you, ladies.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped out and special thanks to Sue Yablonsky and her team for the decorations and planning.

There are many events planned for April, so please check the bulletin for more information.

LIASON FOR UNIT 2828 CADET CORPS

OLGA SCHUTZ

Cadets:

Field Training Exercise (FTX) - There will be a joint (2828 Cadet Corps & 202 Cadet Corps) weekend Field Training Exercise at a location and date yet to be determined.

Monthly Training Schedule - Cadets, ranging in age from 12 – 18 yrs of age, train and have classroom studies every Monday of the week from September to end-June. All new recruits begin in the Green Star training program and then proceed to Red, Silver, Gold, and finally Master Cadet. Each program requires different levels of skills, proficiency, and self-discipline to be mastered over their tenure with the Cadet Corps.

Senior Cadets – a one-day training exercise for the upcoming Senior cadets will be held to help them get some practice instructing. Date to be announced soon.

Saturday & Sunday April 25/26th – there will be a joint exercise with HMCS Hunter for a mass casualty exercise on the Detroit River.

Saturday May 23rd – Windsor Regiment “Change of Command” ceremonies.

Summer Camps – Cadets interested in applying for 2026 Summer Training are asked to go to the DND summer training website for courses that they are eligible to apply for. Cadets must be a Red Star cadet or higher to apply.

Recruiting – The unit currently has 82 cadets on strength with approximately 40% in weekly attendance. We continue to ask the parents to become involved in their children's activities while supporting the unit on the Support Committee.

Meetings are held every last Monday of the month.

Southern Ontario Military Muster (SOMM) Activities

April 9th - WW1 Monument on Ypres at 11.00am

LADIES AUXILIARY

MAUREEN FRACAS

The Ladies Auxiliary has had a busy month of March!

We held our annual Spring Craft Bazaar. We also conducted a Pasta Fundraiser, and committed the proceeds to The Cadet Corps 28-28. Thank you to all who participated. The Ladies appreciate your continued support.

We continue to invite all individuals interested in spending the afternoon doing any portable hand crafting. The group gets together to spend the afternoon kibitzing, and keeping our hands busy. You are welcome to join the group alternating Mondays starting April 13th at 1:00pm. This is an informal group requiring no commitment, and no knowledge. We are open to teaching knitting or crochet to anyone interested. Come out and enjoy the fun.

We will be hosting a 'Made by Me' Craft Market to showcase our young talents. If you know a young person 18 years or younger who exhibits entrepreneurship with a talent or skill for any craft, baking, art etc., please forward an invitation to participate. The Craft Market will be held Sunday August 9th, 2026 from 10am-3pm. We ask that the work be completed by the young person. Parents may guide or direct only. Tables will be provided free of charge, but must be reserved. Please contact the Ladies Auxiliary by leaving a note at the bar for (Maureen).

The April Legion Pub Crawl will be attending our local Legion Branches 644, 594 and 261, leaving from and returning to branch 255. The bus will arrive at Branch 255 for 11:00am, and return approximately 6pm. This bus will allow persons to hop on the bus at branch 644, and 594 with a promise to return them to the appropriate branch after the 6pm drop off at 255. The poster is posted throughout the branch and in the news letter. The poster includes a QR code to facilitate payment.

Our zone fundraiser to cover convention costs will be concluded on April 7. Good luck to all who participated. Previous LA zone fundraisers were both rewarded to branch 255 members!

VETERANS

Starting January 1st, 2026, veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces can ride for free on UP Express when travelling with their Veteran's Service Card or a Canadian Military Service ID. This includes regular and reserve force members.

How to take advantage of the new fare type Starting January 1, you just need to make sure you have your Veteran's Service Card or a Canadian Military Service ID whenever you are travelling on UP Express to qualify for free travel.

If you are carrying your valid ID after January 1, there is no need to tap your PRESTO card. If you do, you will be charged a standard fare. Accepted National Defense Identification (NDI) cards include:

- Valid permanent Canadian Forces Identification Card - NDI 20
- Canadian Armed Forces Veteran Service Card - NDI 75
- Temporary National Defense Identification Card - NDI 10

Veterans who do not have a Veteran's Service Card can apply for one through VETRANS AFFAIRS.

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.

NATIONAL NOTABLE DATES FOR APRIL 2026

- Month of the Military Child
- 1st Royal Canadian Air Force founded (1924)
- 4th NATO Accord signed (1949)
- 9th Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917) - Legion flags lowered to half mast
- 10th The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada is formed (1917)
- 19-25th National Volunteer Week
- 25th Anzac Day
- 25th Battle of Kapyong (1951)

BINGO REPORT

KATHY PATTERSON

In February, we had 3 bingo assignments. We received \$2,181.77 from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments. We donated \$8,400 to charities in February. Thank you to all the volunteers who help with the bingos.

If anyone is interested in taking over from me as bingo coordinator, please let me know.

ENTERTAINMENT

SUE YABLONSKY

Our St. Patrick's Day celebration was a big success! Our branch did very well and a good time was had by all. Our 50/50 draw raised \$500 for our charitable fund. Thank you to all who attended and a big thank you to our decorating committee for all their hard work and to our bartenders, they did a fantastic job on such a busy busy day.

April 3rd is Good Friday, and this is always a very busy day for the branch and the kitchen. Sunday April 5th, is Easter Sunday and the branch will be closed. **Happy Easter to all!**

On April 11th, we will be hosting the very popular Celtic Rock Band, the Mudmen! This is a ticketed event, there are some tickets still available at the bar.

On Sunday May 24th, (the Sunday after the long weekend), we are excited to host Hypnotist, Adam Graeme. This should be a fun and entertaining way to spend a Sunday afternoon. There will be no ticket sales for this event but we will welcome any **donations for our roof fund**. Hope to see you there.



WEEKLY MEAT DRAW

Meat up for our Raffle" Enjoy some comradeship!!
MEAT DRAW & 50/50 DRAW Every Saturday 2-5pm
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DONATIONS

SUE YABLONSKY

For the month of March we donated \$1200 to each of the following charities:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters - Windsor/Essex County

Canadian Mental Health Association

Family Services - Windsor/Essex County

Feeding Windsor

An additional \$4000 was donated amongst senior programs, Peters Bus, Cystic Fibrosis/Essex County and to Special Olympics.

This is \$8800 in total, congratulations Branch 255!

Thank You

During our 100th Anniversary, all new members can join The Royal Canadian Legion for free for 2026!

Your membership will help strengthen the Legion and our support for Veterans and our communities across the country. Plus, there are lots of great ways to get involved and have fun through your location Legion Branch! <https://portal.legion.ca/join>

100 Years of Service to Canada

Since 1926, the Legion has stood with Veterans, honoured the Fallen, and strengthened communities across the country.

Celebrate the Legion's Centenary 2026 is a historic year for the Legion — 100 years of service, community impact, and Remembrance.

Throughout the year, we're launching special initiatives, sharing stories from our past, and hosting events that bring Canadians together. From local Branch activities to national programs, there are many ways to take part, honour our legacy, and help shape the Legion's future.

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Riverside Branch 255 Windsor, Ontario N8S 1M4



By joining the Legion you are supporting **VETERANS** their families RCMP and your Community.

You DON'T have to be a Veteran or have a family member who is or was a Veteran to join the Legion.

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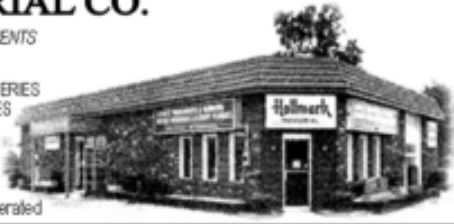
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Birthday** 



For everyone celebrating a Birthday in **APRIL!!!**..
Wishing you a beautiful day and many blessings
for the year ahead!



MARCH EVENTS!



MARCH EVENTS CONTINUED!!!!

Thank you Dave and Sharron Jarvis for all the work you have done over the years and all the work you continue to do. It is greatly appreciated. Most recently, thank you for organizing the shoebox donations for our troops deployed in Latvia.



**1st Place Team Mixed Pool
CONGRATULATIONS!!**



**Grand Day with RCAF crew. Proud to give
a member her Dad's WWII medals.**



Rick Monaghan, Ron Drekić, Nicky Johnstone,
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COMING UP IN APRIL!!

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“A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the highway. Looking at the car, he was astounded to see that the elderly woman behind the wheel was knitting.

The trooper cranked down his window and yelled to the driver, “Pull over!”

“No!” the woman yelled back, “Cardigan!” - Reader’s Digest

SAVE THE DATE!!



YOUNG CRAFTERS
“MADE BY ME”
Craft Market

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 • 10-3PM























* A venue for youth up to and including 18 years of age only.
Their parents can guide or direct, but the goods cannot be made by them.

Location: ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255
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Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

April 2026

RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 LEGION CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1  1pm MIXED CRIBBAGE 6pm EUCHRE 7pm MIXED DART LEAGUE	2	3 GOOD FRIDAY-OPEN FISH FRY! Marco's 12-8:30pm	4  9am YOUTH DARTS 2-5pm MEAT DRAW 7-11pm ELECTRIC BLUE
5 HAPPY EASTER! CLOSED	6  1pm OPEN CRIBBAGE 6pm CUTTHROAT PEPPER	7  3:30-6:30pm SENIOR DINNER & DANCE ELECTRIC BLUE 7:30pm MENS DART LEAGUE	8  1pm MIXED CRIBBAGE 6pm EUCHRE 7pm MIXED DART LEAGUE	9	10  3-8:30pm FISHFRY 4pm LOW VISION DARTS 7:30pm ANGLO DART LEAGUE	11  9am YOUTH DARTS 2-5pm MEAT DRAW 7-11pm MUDMEN **TICKETED EVENT**
12	13  1pm OPEN CRIBBAGE 1PM KNITTING GROUP 6pm CUTTHROAT PEPPER 7pm WOMENS DARTS	14  3:30-6:30pm SENIOR DINNER & DANCE SIXTIES LIVE 7:30pm MENS DART LEAGUE	15  1pm MIXED CRIBBAGE 6pm EUCHRE 7pm MIXED DART LEAGUE	16 7pm EXECUTIVE MEETING	17  3-8:30pm FISHFRY 4pm LOWVISION DARTS 7:30pm ANGLO DART LEAGUE	18  9am YOUTH DARTS 2-5pm MEAT DRAW 7-11pm B B & THE J'S
19	20  1pm OPEN CRIBBAGE 6pm CUTTHROAT PEPPER 7pm WOMENS DARTS	21  3:30-6:30pm SENIOR DINNER & DANCE B B & THE J'S 7:30pm MENS DART LEAGUE	22  1pm MIXED CRIBBAGE 6pm EUCHRE 7pm MIXED DART LEAGUE	23 7pm GENERAL MEETING	24  3-8:30pm FISHFRY 3pm RCAF MEETING 4pm LOW VISION DARTS 7:30pm ANGLO DART LEAGUE	25  9am YOUTH DARTS 12pm SCOTCH DOUBLES POOL TOURNEY 2-5pm MEAT DRAW 7-11pm B B & THE J'S
26 1pm EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS!	27  1pm OPEN CRIBBAGE 1PM KNITTING GROUP 6pm CUTTHROAT PEPPER 7pm WOMEN'S DARTS 7pm LADIES AUX. MEETING	28  3:30-6:30pm SENIOR DINNER & DANCE CATZAZZ 7:30pm MENS DART LEAGUE	29  1pm MIXED CRIBBAGE 6pm EUCHRE 7pm MIXED DART LEAGUE	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p align="center">SATURDAY APRIL 25th LEGION BUS CRAWL! 11am (ish)-6pm (ish) VISTING BR.'S 644, 594, 261</p>  </div>	