



Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644



January 2025



A new year is upon us. The Executive Committee wishes everyone a Happy and prosperous New Year. The Branch still has many challenges but, with a new year springs hope. Let's all work together to make this year our best ever.

Band Schedule for January

January 4, Lookin' Back
January 11, Electric Blue
January 18, Josh Johnson
January 25, Delvitos

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1st Vice President- Pam Winik
2nd Vice Pres- Marion Bastien

Exec- Ken Winik, Cheryl Moore,
Stacey Masse, Debbie Caza, Tim
Kenney, Nick Marucio, Laura
Gaskin, and Wayne Gosse.

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Branch Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, –
noon till 11pm,
Thursday, Friday – noon till 12
am, and Saturday noon till 1am.
Sunday – noon till 6 pm.

Last Post



WVMSC

**From June 1, 2024 we have
lost 34 Veterans, 21
Comrades, and did 14
Services.**

**WE WILL
REMEMBER THEM**



Ambassador and Walkerville



Branch 644 January 2025

Chairs for Branch 644: If anyone is interested in any of the open positions please contact Gary Seguin

The President: Gary Seguin

Chaplain: Padre Stan Fraser

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Marion Bastien

Poppy: Ken Winik

Veteran`s Service Officer: Wayne Gosse

Legion Seniors: Ruby Small

Public Relations Officer: Wayne Gosse

Sports Officer: Dave Howell

Track and Field: Cheryl Moore

Training, Organization and Development

Youth Education: Stacey Masse

Bursary: Debbie Caza

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

House: Tim Kenney

Canteen and Bar: Pam Winik

Ways and Means/Kitchen/ Entertainment: Gary Seguin

Bingo: Pam Winik

Donations Pam Winik

Honors and Awards: Pam Winik

WVMS: Scott Davidson

Legion Supplies: Lynne Pinciuc

Zone Pam Winik

Resolutions, By-Laws, and Regulations: Lynne Pinciuc

Newsletter: Wayne Gosse

Liaison to Ladies Auxiliary: Marion Bastien

Liaison to RCNA: Ron Sitarz

Liaison to Cadets Ken Winik

SGT at Arms: Nick Marucio

Liaison to Veterans Council: Scott Davidson

Kitchen Convenor: Gary Seguin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: GARY SEGUIN

Hello Comrades,

Let me start off by saying Happy New Year and I hope all is well. I'm hoping the start of a new year will bring good things to you and our Branch. I would like to recognize our 1st Vice President, Pam Winik, who is now our new bar chair. Thanks Pam. I see great things in the future going forward with her. It is my hope that with this new year we have a great year. Many positive things are on the horizon.

CANTEEN/BAR REPORT: PAM WINIK

Some beer had to be sent back. Anything that is not moving will be put on sale.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE

We need more publicity. A marketing committee is being looked at.

Like & Follow us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550759716612>.

Leave a positive review on Google here:

<https://g.page/r/CQmGGLuLoRp9EB0/review>

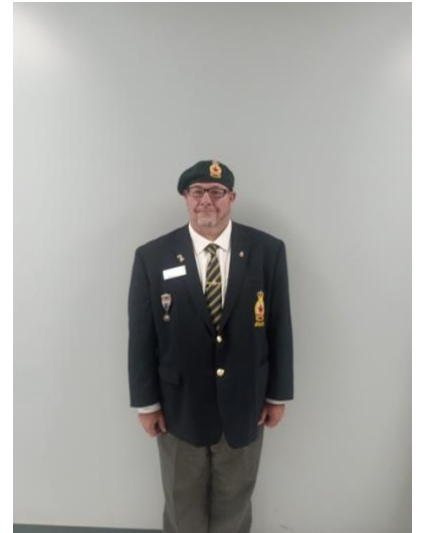
From July to December 2024 on our Google business site we have had 454 calls, 845 directions, and 1,262 website clicks for a total of 2,561 business profile interactions. With a 4.4 rating.

Check out our website here: <https://www.branch644.com/>

In 2023, Ontario Command branches dispersed 3.5M dollars from donations to the Poppy Fund to Veterans programs. It's thanks to your ongoing generous donations that Poppy funds can continue to support Veterans and their families. Programs like:

- Annual Vet Dinner - \$177,717.27
- Military Family Resource Ctr - \$76,500.00
- Camp Maple Leaf – \$112,750.00
- Quilts of Valour - \$51,000.00

And so many more!



VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE

We assisted one Veteran in need last month.

If anyone knows of a Veteran in need please let us know. All information and questions brought to the Branch Veteran's Services Officer(s) are held in the strictest confidence.

Other Ways to Get Help

[Veterans Affairs Canada](#) 1-866-522-2122

[Operational Stress Injury Social Support](#) 1-800-883-6094

[Canadian Forces Members Assistance Program](#) 1-800-268-7708 (For Serving Members)

[Tema Conter Memorial Trust](#) 1-888-288-8036 (For First Responders)

[Wounded Warriors Canada](#) 1-888-706-4808

[Soldier On](#) 1-800-883-6094

Ontario Command has sponsored a series of Mood Disorder Society of Canada's Peer and Trauma Support Services (PATSS) peer support workshops that are now available for Ontario Veterans and Family Members to register, at no cost.

To enroll in one of the workshops or take advantage of the additional free offerings, please complete the registration form: <https://mdsc.ca/supporting-veterans-and-family-members/>.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE

Deadline for Newsletter submissions is the 27th of each month. I updated the email distribution list by deleting the bounce backs and adding about 80 new ones. If you no longer wish to receive emails please let me know. If you would like to be added, also please let me know.

You can access our Newsletter on the homepage of our website here, as well:

<https://www.branch644.com/>

Interested in placing an ad in our monthly Newsletter? We currently have over 400 members. I email the Newsletter to over 300 members. Hard copies of the Newsletter are distributed throughout the Branch and community to members and non-members alike as we are open to the public. Ads will start in the next month's newsletter following payment via cash or cheque. Ads will run for 12 consecutive months. Your ad will also be posted on our display board at the entrance to the Legion on a 7" X 7" placard. Business Card Size Ad = \$50.00. Full-Page Ad = \$100.00.

TREASURER REPORT: BETTY VIGNEUX

The balance in the General Fund as of November 30, 2024 is \$44,015.07

Cheques for donations were hand delivered due to the mail strike. As well, bills that can be paid by e-transfer were done.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

I am working on updating all records. I am caught up on putting cards and stickers in the boxes at the bar. All payments are recorded and up to date.



LIAISON TO LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

The Ladies Christmas potluck was on December 17 at 6:30 pm. We are putting together a Valentine's Day Gift Card raffle. There is an LA Zone Pasta dinner on February 1 from 5 to 7, here, at Branch 644. Tickets are \$15 each and are available from the bar, or from one of the Ladies Auxiliary members.

TRACK AND FIELD REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

The Indoor U18 Track and Field meet is in Toronto January 11-12, 2025. The National Youth Meet is in Calgary August 8-10, 2025.

HOUSE REPORT: TIM KENNEY

I would like to purchase a 2-speed swing machine. I will get quotes. This would be paid for from the building fund. I would also like a new weed-wacker, but can wait until summer to look into this.

LEGION SUPPLIES REPORT: LYNNE PINCIUC:

Some legion supplies have been ordered. When the supplies do come in it is important that the people who ordered them are notified, and the packages don't sit around.

SPORTS REPORT: DAVE HOWELL

There is a requirement for 8 new dart boards. I will purchase 8 boards from Rogers (\$858.80). Old dart boards will be sold off at \$20 each.

WAYS & MEANS/ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: GARY SEGUIN

The Telus cellular tower is being installed on the east side of the parking lot.

YOUTH & EDUCATION REPORT: STACEY MASSE

I received 110 entries in the Literary and Poster contest for Remembrance Day. Thanks to those diligent souls who helped to judge the entries at the Branch level. The winners were judged at Branch 594 on December 16, to see which entries move on to the District Level. I gave Com Betty a list of the winners so they can be suitably rewarded with gift cards from Poppy account.

BURSARY REORT: DEBBIE CAZA

The Provincial Bursary application is online. The last day to apply is March 28, 2025. One stipulation for applying is the applicant must also apply for OSAP, which they can turn down. These bursaries are for any Legion member and children.

BINGO REPORT: PAM WINIK

The schedule for January and February are out and all dates have been filled.

Volunteers are desperately needed to do Bingo cleanup at Paradise Bingo on Dougall Ave.. Currently, there are only about 18 people who can or will do Bingo. Keep in mind we need 2 at a time. It is currently the same members every month who participate. This generates a lot of income for the Branch. Please see me to volunteer for a 2-hour session. Your service is appreciated.

1. 2 volunteers are required
2. Dress code and attendance are mandatory (you get to wear a Branch golf shirt)
3. Please send new volunteers along with an experienced volunteer to shadow, for their first assignment
4. 5 business days-notice is required to give up an assignment, failure to do so will result in a compliance violation.

POPPY REPORT: KEN WINIK

Receipts for Remembrance Day donations are behind the bar. All reports are to be in to Com Jim Dunn in January.

DONATIONS REPORT: PAM WINIK

Taking a break for now.

WVMSC REPORT: SCOTT DAVIDSON

The committee presented an appreciation award to the City of Windsor and Mayor Drew Dilkens, for their consistency in helping the Veteran community.

LIAISON TO RCNA REPORT: RON SITARZ

The Annual toast will be held at the Admiral Hose grave site at Heavenly Rest Cemetery on New Year`s Day at 1 pm.

LIAISON TO VETERAN`S COUNCIL REPORT: SCOTT DAVIDSON

This council may not be getting back together.

ZONE REPORT: PAM WINIK

The next meeting is February 10, 2025 at Branch 261.


Wreaths made from Branch Poppies at Chartwell Oak Park Terrace





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2861 RCEME - Army Cadets 

École L'Envolée - 1799 Ottawa St., Windsor, ON N8Y 1R4
THURSDAY Evenings Parade: 6:15 - 9:15 pm

Are you 12 yrs old, looking for fun, adventure, new challenges and new friends? Then Army Cadets might be for you!
Activities include: citizenship, leadership, drill, effective speaking, outdoor survival, marksmanship, fitness and much more!

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JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Open	30 Open Cribbage 12:30pm	31 New Year's Eve Party 7pm	1 New Year's Day Levy 11am-4pm	2 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	3 Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	4 Meat Draw 2:00
Staff/Volunteer Luncheon 12-4pm	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Darts 7 pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Ladies Darts 7pm	Lookin' Back 7pm-11am
		Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6 pm	Pool 7 pm	Men's Darts 7pm	Afternoon Darts 1pm
		Burger Tuesday	Karaoke 8 pm		Karaoke 9:30 pm	
		Member's Lounge open 12-9pm	Shuffle board 1:30pm			
5 Open – Call Branch	6 Open Cribbage 12:30pm	7 Burger Tuesday	8 Shuffle board 1:30pm	9 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	10 Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	11 Meat Draw 2:00pm
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	Mixed Euchre 7:00 pm	Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7 pm	Men's Darts 7pm	Afternoon Darts 1pm
	Senior's Pool	Executive Meeting 7pm	Karaoke 8 pm		Karaoke 9:30 pm	
12 Open – Call Branch	13 Open Cribbage 12:30pm	14 Burger Tuesday	15 Shuffle board 1:30pm	16 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	17 Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	18 Meat Draw 2:00pm
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	Mixed Euchre 7:00 pm	Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7pm	Men's Darts 7pm	Afternoon Darts 1pm
			Karaoke 8 pm		Karaoke 9:30 pm	
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	Mixed Euchre 7:00 pm	Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7pm	Men's Darts 7pm	Afternoon Darts 1pm
		General Meeting 7pm			Karaoke 9:30 pm	Youth Darts 9:30am

CSG Darts & Supplies



Call: Chris Gervais

226 757 0061

csgdartsupplies@gmail.com

Hello, Comrades my name is Chris Gervais. I am an Associate member at our Legion, Branch 644. I volunteer for the Legion when I can & play darts twice a week. I also started a new venture called C.S.G. Darts & Supplies. I mainly sell out of the Legion every Wednesday & Thursday. I try and visit most Tournaments in the area. A percentage of the sales will go towards the Branch 644 Legion sports fund.

If you or anyone you know needs any darts or supplies send me a message or stop by the Legion.

See some of what I have to offer below:

All Darts of major brands & players

Flights & Stems of all styles, types & designs
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Dart cases, chalk & chalk holders, sharpeners, and all other dart accessories.

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Branch 644 Shuffleboard



Every Wednesday at 1:30pm

**Come out for the Fun of it and
enjoy the afternoon with friends.**

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644

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Thursday's

Senior's Dinner & Dance

Music and Dancing start at 2pm

Music by 60's Live

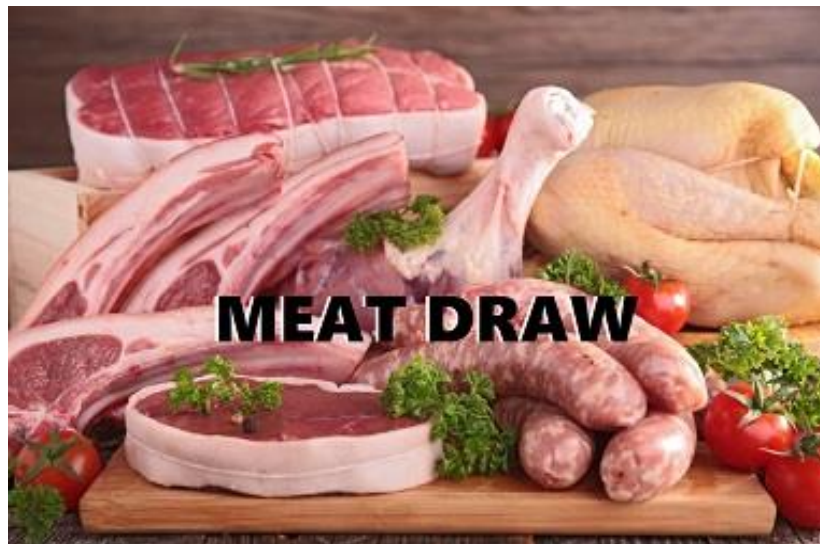
Kitchen Open

Branch 644



Every Saturday @ 2:00 PM

Come Out Saturday Afternoon for a Chance to Win Some Great Fresh Meat Prizes!



Bands Coming in January

January 4
Lookin' Back



7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

January 11
Electric Blue



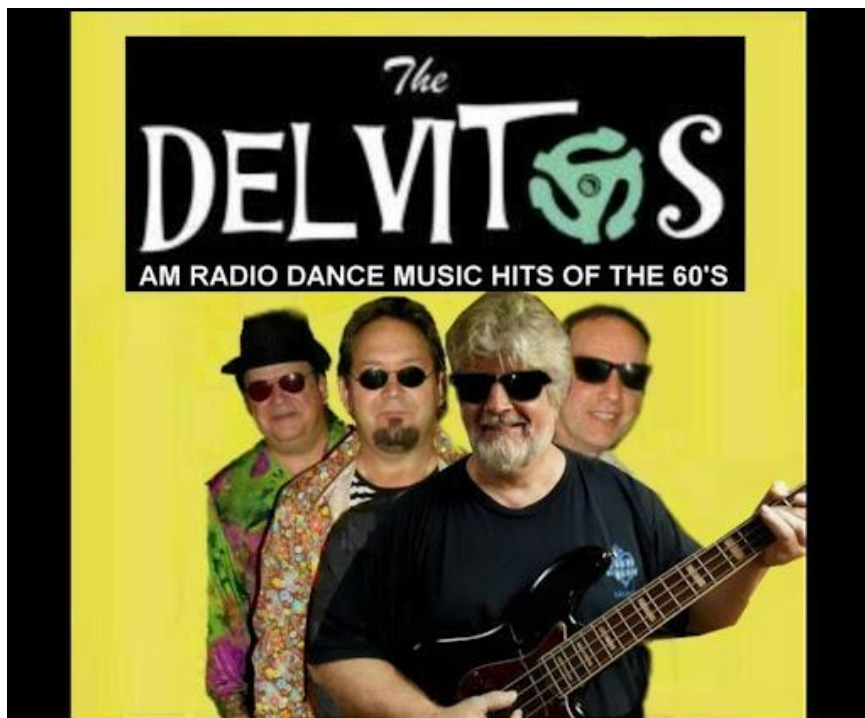
7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

January 18
Josh Johnson



7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

January 25
Delvitos



7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Veterans, mental health, and the service dog connection

Operation Service Dog has provided over \$2-million to help train and pair over 61 veterans with service dogs, with 27 more on the way.



Standard poodle Caliber, left, is a service dog paired with retired CAF veteran Kenda Doody, centre. German shepherd service dog Cora, right, is paired with retired RCMP veteran Ed Brake. *Photos courtesy of Fire Team K9 Service Dogs.*

In the words of RCMP veteran Brake: “My life has been changed since I received Cora.” And from CAF veteran Doody about Callie: “I have to take care of her because she takes care of me ... she’s like my child, but with fur.” Enough said. The Royal Canadian Legion asks for tangible action—not in two years, five years, 10 years, or after countless new reports. With willingness and a concerted collective effort, including by the Legion, this could happen pretty quickly. Let’s just get it done.



Zone A1 Ladies Auxiliary Is Hosting A Pasta Fundraiser!!



**On Sunday February 2, 2025
5pm to 7pm Cost \$15.00
Complete with salad, roll & butter**

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**RCL Branch 644, 1570 Marentette
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**Be sure to check out our Bake Sale,
either before or after dinner
&**

**Don't forget to get in on the Basket Raffle(s)
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Thinking of throwing a party? Have it at the Ambassador & Walkerville Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644. Want food? We have our in-house kitchen available to cater all of your parties, fundraisers, anniversaries, showers, grad parties, office parties, seminars, workshops, and all events. We are also available for wakes and funerals.



Call 519-254-1024 today!

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and to honour my father, grandfather,
husband and everyone who served
and sacrificed for our country."

– JOAN COOK,
VETERAN AND LEGION MEMBER



The Legion Veteran Welcome Program

Support Canadian Veterans with a **FREE** one-year Legion membership

Currently serving or retired **CAF and RCMP members** who have not yet joined are eligible to receive their free first year of membership with the Legion.

The free first year of membership is also open to **spouses, children 18+ and parents or guardians** of Canadian Veterans (serving, retired or passed CAF or RCMP member) who have not yet joined the Legion.

Get to know your Legion. Help us support the Canadian military community and ensure Canada never forgets the sacrifices of those who served.

Learn more and join today
Legion.ca/welcome

Working together to serve Canada's Veterans