



## Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644



### March 2025



Spring is in the air me laddies. That's right, Spring officially begins on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. Come out for St. Patrick's Day entertainment. The Emerald Irish Dancers will be returning. Also, there will be corned beef sandwiches and Irish stew served. Don't forget to wear green that day.

There have been several changes to the Executive Committee. Please, welcome Pam Winik as your new President.

### Band Schedule for February

March 1, The Red Leafs  
March 8, Delvitos  
March 15, Josh Johnson  
March 22, Crowbar Hotel  
March 29, Electric Blue

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President- Pam Winik  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Marion Bastien  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres- Laura Gaskin

Exec- Ken Winik, Cheryl Moore,  
Stacey Masse, Tim Kenney, Nick  
Marucio, 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

**Merv Surtees**  
**Roger Deguire**  
**James Watters**  
**Bette-Lou Patrick**



**WVMSC**

**From June 1, 2024 we have  
lost 37 Veterans, 26  
Comrades, and did 16  
Services.**

**WE WILL  
REMEMBER THEM**



## Ambassador and Walkerville



### Branch 644 March 2025

**Chairs for Branch 644:** If anyone is interested in any of the open positions please contact Pam Winik

The President: Pam Winik  
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:

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

House: Tim Kenney  
Canteen and Bar: Pam Winik  
Ways and Means: Wayne Gosse  
Entertainment: Stacey Masse  
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: Wayne Gosse

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PAM WINIK**

Hello Comrades,

As your newly installed President I look forward to working together with you and doing what's in the best interest of the Branch.

## **BAR REPORT: PAM WINIK**

Counts are still being done behind the bar. Don Chambers is going to help put an inventory system on the POS system.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE**

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>

For the month of February, 2025 we had 478 calls, 832 directions, and 1,261 website clicks for a total of 2,571 business profile interactions on our Google business site. With a 4.4 rating.

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

National notable dates:

- 3 World Hearing Day
- 8 International Women's Day
- 2nd Monday - Commonwealth Day (RCEL support)
- 12 Canada's military mission in Afghanistan Afghanistan ends (2014)
- Lapsed member reminders

## **VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE**

We assisted two Veteran's 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

Acting Provincial Service Officer, Brittany Campbell, will be visiting Branch 594 during the week of March 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. If anyone at our Branch would like a visit from her please let me know. Registration form attached to this Newsletter.

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 27<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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.

### **WAYS & MEANS REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE**

I'm happy to be your new Ways & Means Chair. I'll be looking at fundraising ideas in the coming months and looking for volunteers to assist with that. If you have ideas, and are willing to assist, please let me know. Come out to the Branch for St. Patrick's Day events on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **KITCHEN CONVENOR REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE**

I'm your new Kitchen Convenor. We have a new cook in the kitchen offering up great food at very affordable prices. Complaints, suggestions, ideas, can be brought to my attention. New kitchen hours as follows:

Wednesday – Friday: 4 - 8 PM

Thursday: 2 - 6:30 PM

Saturday: Noon – 8 PM

Sunday – Tuesday: Closed

## **TREASURER REPORT: BETTY VIGNEUX**

As of February 25, 2025 the accounts have the following balances:

General \$29,296.96

Bingo \$16,533.00

Building \$88,773.52

Lottery \$4,807.46

Poppy \$107,965.65

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT: MARION BASTIEN**

We have a membership of 410.

16 Life

101 Ordinary

213 Associate

79 Affiliate Voting

1 Affiliate Non-Voting



## **LIAISON TO LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT: MARION BASTIEN**

The LA is assisting with the registration for the upcoming District Convention, April 11-13 at Branch 644. April 5 is the District Team Darts tournament being held at Branch 644.

## **TRACK AND FIELD REPORT: CHERYL MOORE**

The National Youth Meet is in Calgary August 8-10, 2025.

## **HOUSE REPORT: TIM KENNEY**

A new floor polisher has been purchased.

## **SPORTS REPORT: DAVE HOWELL**

There are 14 Youth Darts competitors going to Provincials for WODA, and also to Legion Provincials April 6 in Brockville. Districts are February 15. There is a pasta dinner fundraiser on March 5, \$20 a ticket.

The Mixed Darts Team of Rob Vigneux, Betty Vigneux, Theresa Butts and Ken Winik placed 2nd at the District tournament in Newbury. They have qualified to go provincials in London on June 7.

## **ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: STACEY MASSE**

The Emerald Isle dancers will be here on March 17 at a cost of \$175. There will be corned-beef sandwiches and Irish stew available for purchase that day.

## **YOUTH & EDUCATION REPORT: STACEY MASSE**

The Youth Public Speaking competition will be held at Branch 644 on March 1 from 8 am to 4 pm. Lots of help will be needed to make this run smoothly.

## **BINGO REPORT: PAM WINIK**

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**

\$300.00 is to be paid for a box for the defibrillator.

\$5,000.00 is to be given to the 48 RC Sea Cadet Corps Agamemnon, to use for their upcoming trip to Kingston.

### **LIAISON TO RCNA REPORT: RON SITARZ**


There were about 500 fans at the annual Army-Navy hockey game which was held at Essex arena this year. It was won by Army in overtime. There was a lot collected for the mission, who were the real winners.

### **ZONE REPORT: PAM WINIK**

The next Zone meeting is March 10 at 7 pm at Branch 594. Elections will be conducted.



**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!  
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# MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>23</b> Open - Call Branch	<b>24</b> Open Cribbage 12:30pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Shuffle board 1:30pm	<b>27</b> Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b> Meat Draw 2:00
Premiere Singles Darts 12 to 2pm	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Darts 7 pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:30pm	<b>The Red Leafs</b> 7pm-11pm
		Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6 pm	Pool 7 pm	Karaoke 9:30 pm	Afternoon Darts 1pm
			Karaoke 8 pm			Youth Darts 9:30 am to 1:30pm
<b>2</b> Open - Call Branch	<b>3</b> Open Cribbage 12:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Shuffle board 1:30pm	<b>6</b> Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Meat Draw 2:00pm
Premiere Singles Darts 12 to 2pm	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Darts 7 pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:30 pm	<b>Delvitos</b> 7pm-11pm
	Mixed Euchre 7:00 pm	Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7 pm	Karaoke 9:30 pm	Afternoon Darts 1pm
	Senior's Pool		Karaoke 8 pm			Youth Darts 9:30 am to 1:30pm
<b>9</b> Open - Call Branch	<b>10</b> Open Cribbage 12:30pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Shuffle board 1:30pm	<b>13</b> Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Meat Draw 2:00pm
	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Darts 7 pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:30 pm	<b>Josh Johnson</b> 7pm-11pm
Premiere Singles Darts 12 to 2pm	Mixed Euchre 7:00 pm	Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7pm		Afternoon Darts 1pm
		<b>Executive Meeting 7pm</b>	Karaoke 8 pm		Karaoke 9:30 pm	Youth Darts 9:30 am to 1:30pm
<b>16</b> Open - Call Branch	<b>17</b> Open Cribbage 12:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Shuffle board 1:30pm	<b>20</b> Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Meat Draw 2:00pm
Premiere Singles Darts 12 to 2pm	St. Patrick's Day	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Darts 7 pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:30 pm	<b>Crowbar Hotel</b> 7pm-11pm
		Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7pm	Karaoke 9:30 pm	Afternoon Darts 1pm
			Karaoke 8 pm	Spring Begins		Youth Darts 9:30am
<b>23/30</b> Open - Call Branch	<b>24/31</b> Open Cribbage 12:30pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Shuffle board 1:30pm	<b>27</b> Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Meat Draw 2:00
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	Mixed Euchre 7:00 pm	Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7pm	Karaoke 9:30 pm	Afternoon Darts 1pm
		<b>General Meeting 7pm</b>				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.

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See some of what I have to offer below:

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Chris Gervais

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# **Branch 644 Shuffleboard**



**Every Wednesday at 1:30pm**

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enjoy the afternoon with friends.**

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644**

**1570 Marentette Ave., Windsor**

**519-254-1024**

*Thursday's*

*Senior's Dinner & Dance*

**Music and Dancing start at 2pm**

**Music by 60's Live**

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# ***Branch 644***



***Every Saturday @ 2:00 PM***

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



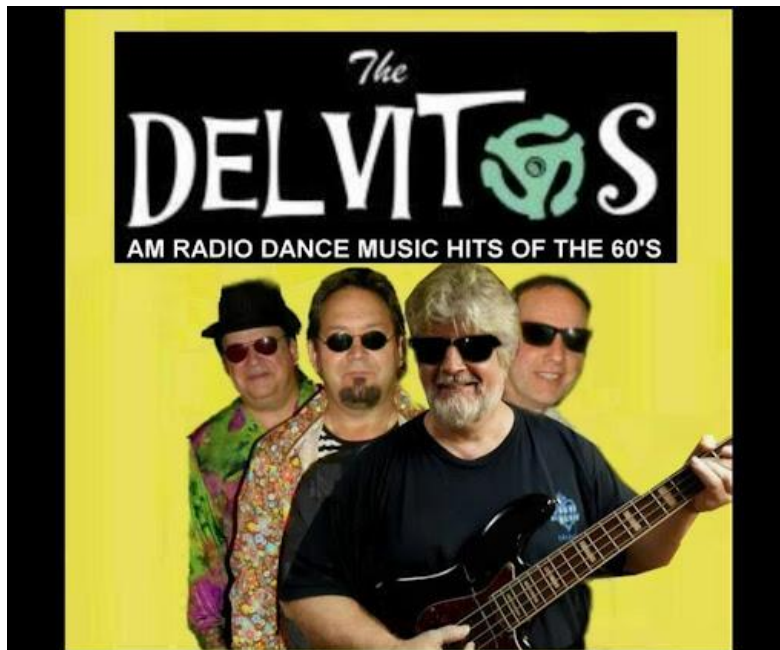
# Bands Coming in March

March 1  
*The Red Leafs*



7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

March 8  
*Delvitos*



7:00 pm to 11:00 pm



**March 15**  
*Josh Johnson*



**7:00 pm to 11:00 pm**

**March 22**  
**Crowbar Hotel**



**7:00 pm to 11:00 pm**

**March 29**  
**Electric Blue**



**7 pm to 11 pm**



Legion 

# ST. PATRICK'S 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH *Celebration*

**The EMERALD ISLE DANCERS**

*will be performing at 5:30 pm.*

**There will be LIVE MUSIC**

**Corned beef Sandwiches and Beef Stew  
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\*\*\* NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT \*\*\*

The undersigned will be visiting Br. 594 Windsor  
During the week of:  
March 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

If your Branch requires a visit kindly advise not later than  
March 7<sup>th</sup> 2025

**The actual Itinerary notice of time and place will be mailed out immediately following receipt of your request for a visit.**

Acting Provincial Service Officer  
Brittany Campbell

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INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

*Detach and return to the London Service Bureau ONLY if your Branch requires a visit.*

Branch 644 Ambassador requires a visit.  
Branch No. and Name

The following interviews have been requested by:

<u>Regimental No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Branch Service Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Branch Secretary

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Phone #

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– JOAN COOK,  
VETERAN AND LEGION MEMBER



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**Learn more and join today**  
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