



Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644



July 2025



National notable dates for July:

Month of the Military Child

- 1 Beaumont Hamel (1916)
- 1 Canada Day (Legion supports Operation Canada Day)
- 7 Canada ceases combat operations in Afghanistan (2011)
 - 26 Vimy unveiling (1936)
- 27 Korean War armistice (1953)

Band Schedule for July

July 1, 60's Live, Next Level, Catzazz, Steve Cox

July 4, C2C

July 5, Next Level

July 12, Catzazz

July 18, C2C

July 19, Aaron Furlotte

July 26, Josh & Chris, Jazzlife Trio, Velvet Groove

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2nd Vice Pres-Marion Bastien

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Branch Hours

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

Last Post

Dave Muir
Donald DeMers



WVMSC

**From June 1, 2024 we have
lost 60 Veterans, 44
Comrades, and did 24
Services.**

**WE WILL
REMEMBER THEM**



Ambassador and Walkerville



Branch 644 July 2025

Chairs for Branch 644: If anyone is interested in any of the open positions, please contact Nelson Dufour

The President: Nelson Dufour

Chaplain: Padre Stan Fraser

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Marion Bastien

Poppy: Ken Winik

Veteran's Service Officer: Wayne Gosse

Legion Seniors: Laura Gaskin

Public Relations Officer: Stacey Masse/Josiah Celestine

Sports Officer: Ken Winik/JP LaBelle

Track and Field: Cheryl Moore

Training, Organization and Development: Laura Gaskin

Youth Education: Stacey Masse

Bursary: Cheryl Moore

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

House: Ken Winik

Canteen and Bar: Pam Winik

Ways and Means: Marion Bastien

Entertainment: Stacey Masse

Bingo: Pam Winik

Donations Pam Winik

Honors and Awards: Marion Bastien

WVMS: Karl Lovett

Legion Supplies: Lynne Pinciuc

Zone Pam Winik/Nelson Dufour

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 Veteran's Council: Karl Lovett

Kitchen Convenor:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NELSON DUFOUR

Hello Comrades,

As we head into the summer, just a few things to remind you about. The Branch still has bills to pay all summer long, and we need your continued support. If you come in for a refreshment and/or food, and bring one friend or relative along, that would be a great help.

Meat draws on Saturday have been slow as of late and we need more attendance. Floorshow bands and entertainment as well, need more attendance and support. The executive and myself cannot do this job alone, it has to be all of us.

I'm looking forward to the Legion's 100 th Anniversary next year and am hoping for a successful event.

The bottom line is we need your support more than ever. Come down to the Branch a couple of times a week. Have some dinner, bring your friends, family, neighbours, co-workers. Please keep an eye on your newsletter and come here and support our functions. Thank you to all our comrades who came for St. Patrick's Day and the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Much appreciated.



VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE

We assisted one Veteran in need in June.

If anyone knows of a Veteran in need, please let me know. All information and questions brought to the Branch Veteran's Services Officer 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

Be advised that some of the sports listed in the Newsletter calendar may have stopped for the summer. Please check with your leagues.

Deadline for Newsletter submissions is the 27th 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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER REPORT: STACEY MASSE/JOSIAH CELESTINE

We have reached out to some new people, breweries, to get new things in the Branch.

WAYS & MEANS REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

The room rates are too low. I will check with other branches to compare.

We have quite a few bookings coming up.

Saturday meat draws are going along. More participation would make them better.

TREASURER REPORT: BETTY VIGNEUX

As of June 24, 2025 the accounts have the following balances.

General account \$24,647.37

Bingo account \$16,325.09

Building account \$84,355.42

Lottery account \$10,110.94

Poppy account \$93,733.57

We have dwindling sales. Ideas will be discussed further at a special meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

We have a membership of 423.

16 Life

102 Ordinary

218 Associate

86 Affiliate Voting

1 Affiliate Non-Voting



These numbers include over 100 who have not paid their 2025 membership dues. We have welcomed 6 new members, had 5 transfer out and 1 transfer in. We had said our final farewells to Comrades Don DeMers and Dave Muir.

Since Dominion Command will be raising their share of our dues by \$4.00 effective January 1, 2026, the amount we have to pay will be \$43.51 per person. Therefore, the rate for those 75 and over could not be kept at \$40.00. It was voted on and past at the last General Meeting to raise the senior rate from \$40.00 to \$50.00 effective 1 September.

LIAISON TO LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

The Ladies annual bazaar and bake sale is November 22. Some of the ladies have volunteered to make salads for the Canada Day celebration.

TRACK AND FIELD REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

The District meet was held at the University of Windsor. Although extremely hot, the athletes did an amazing job, even breaking a few records. The details are not all in but when a list of A-1 winners are in, I will let you know. I was very disappointed in the lack of volunteers from Branch 644, but would like to thank Com Marion Bastien for volunteering both days. Let's try to do better next year, please.

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

BURSARY REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

The branch bursary applications are behind the bar until July 1, 2025. All completed Bursary applications must be in no later than that date, or will not be accepted. The committee which consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Poppy Chair and Membership Chair, will review them and make a decision by the end of July, with cheques being available for pick up the first week in August. The Provincial Bursary, which is \$1250, will once again be available online only by the end of August. Get those applications in early, because if there are any mistakes, they will be sent back, and can be corrected to still receive a bursary. These applications must be in no later than the last Friday in March of 2026 to be considered.

HOUSE REPORT: KEN WINIK

A leak in the roof was taken care of by Empire Roofing, under the warranty.

The air conditioner has a few problems that are being attended to. The pulley system is being looked at for replacement if necessary.

The on-site custodian, Tim Kenney, is doing a great job keeping the place clean and tidy.

SPORTS REPORT: KEN WINIK/JP LABELLE

Myself and Com JP LaBelle will be taking care of the Sports program for 2025-2026. The Thursday night Summer Dart League is doing well. A new dart supply cabinet is in the process of being built.

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: STACEY MASSE

Come out and join us for Canada Day celebrations on Tuesday 1 July. We are having another Trivia Night - July 4, \$5 a person. Comedy Night – 10 July. Jazz & Blues Festival and Food Trucks - July 26, \$5 entry. British Beat - September 6, more info to follow regarding tickets and meal. The Power and The Glory - September 27. Buck Twenty is tentative for October. The Trivia night on June 13 was lots of fun, and very successful.

YOUTH & EDUCATION REPORT: STACEY MASSE

I will need volunteers come September to help deliver information to the schools. Please let me know if you can help.

BINGO REPORT: PAM WINIK

Volunteers are desperately needed to do Bingo cleanup at Paradise Bingo on Dougall Ave.. Currently, there are only about 16 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.

The following July dates are available.

July 20: 4-6 pm

July 26: 8-10 pm

The Ladies Auxiliary are in the process of getting a licence to work at the bingos.

POPPY REPORT: KEN WINIK

Myself and Com Pam will be attending a Poppy seminar on July 20 in Ridgetown.

DONATIONS: PAM WINIK

\$1000.00 was donated to Street Help.

CANTEEN/BAR: PAM WINIK

On July 5th there will be an open house from 2 – 6 pm to celebrate John Manchen's (The bartender) retirement.

RESOLUTIONS, BYLAWS, REGULATIONS: LYNNE PINCIUC

As of September 2025, we will be discussing some of the resolutions, bylaws, and regulations, for information purposes.

TRAINING, ORGANIZATION & DEVELOPMENT: LAURA GASKIN

The following is a list of the upcoming seminars that are available to members who may have an interest in various positions within our branch executive:

- 20 July 25 Poppy Seminar hosted by Branch 243 Ridgetown.
- 24 August 25 Membership Seminar hosted by Branch 243 Ridgetown.
- 13 September 25 Veterans Service Officer Course. Branch to be determined
- 5 October 25 President, Vice President, and Executive Seminar hosted by Branch 185 Blenheim.
- 26 October 25 Sgt at Arms Seminar hosted by Highgate and Orford branch 335.

Posters will be sent out to Zones to be distributed to the branches at later dates. Light lunch is available at the hosting branches for a nominal fee.

Debbie Crown is the District "A" Leadership Development Chair.

Please talk to me if you have an interest in attending a seminar.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: NICK MARUCIO:

There were 29 members in attendance at June's General meeting.

LIAISON TO VETERAN'S COUNCIL: KARL LOVETT

Branch 644 will be a Gold Sponsor for the Windsor Area Veterans Needs Golf Tournament at Oxley, on August 22.

On July 6 the North Wall Riders will be having their annual ride to the wall. They will start at Branch 594 and have breakfast at 9 am and leave at 11:20 am. Ceremony is at noon at the Vietnam Veteran's memorial.

LIAISON TO CADETS REPORT: KEN WINIK

I made a presentation of the Legion Medal of Excellence to WO Adrian Hartley at the Cadet Parade on June 14.

LIAISON TO RCNA REPORT: RON SITARZ

The June 4 Battle of Atlantic service was attended by over 200 people (even in the pouring rain).

The service at the Admiral Hose site at Heavenly Rest was attended by over 80 people (in the stifling heat).

ZONE REPORT: NELSON DUFOUR

The next Zone meeting is Monday, September 8 at Branch 255 at 7:30 pm.



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JULY 2025

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29 Open by appointment only	30 Open Cribbage 12:30pm	1 Canada Day Celebration 12-7pm	2 Shuffle board 1:30pm	3 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	4 C2C with Charlene 7-11pm	5 Meat Draw 3:00
	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Darts 7 pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:30pm	Next Level 7pm-11pm
		Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6 pm	Pool 7 pm	Trivia Night 7pm	Afternoon Darts 1pm
						Youth Darts 9:30 am to 1:30pm
6 Open by appointment only	7 Open Cribbage 12:30pm	8	9 Shuffle board 1:30pm	10 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	11	12 Meat Draw 3:00pm
	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	Catzazz 7pm-11pm
	Mixed Euchre 7:00 pm	Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7 pm		Afternoon Darts 1pm
	Senior's Pool	Executive Meeting 7pm		Comedy Night 7:30pm		Youth Darts 9:30 am to 1:30pm
13 Open by appointment only	14 Open Cribbage 12:30pm	15	16 Shuffle board 1:30pm	17 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	18 C2C with Charlene 7-11pm	19 Meat Draw 3:00pm
	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	Aaron Furlotte 7pm-11pm
	Mixed Euchre 7:00 pm	Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7pm	Good Friday	Afternoon Darts 1pm
		LA Meeting				Youth Darts 9:30 am to 1:30pm
20 Open by appointment only	21 Open Cribbage 12:30pm	22	23 Shuffle board 1:30pm	24 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	25	26 Meat Draw 3:00pm
	Easter Monday	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Darts 7 pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:30 pm	Jazz & Blues Festival 12pm-8pm
		Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7pm		Afternoon Darts 1pm
				Spring Begins		Youth Darts 9:30am
27 Open by appointment only	28 Open Cribbage 12:30pm	29	30 Shuffle board 1:30pm	31 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	1	2 Meat Draw 3:00
	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Darts 7pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:30 pm	Steve Cox Band 7-11 pm
	Mixed Euchre 7:00 pm	Pool 7 pm	Community Living Darts 6pm	Pool 7pm		Afternoon Darts 1pm
		General Meeting 7pm				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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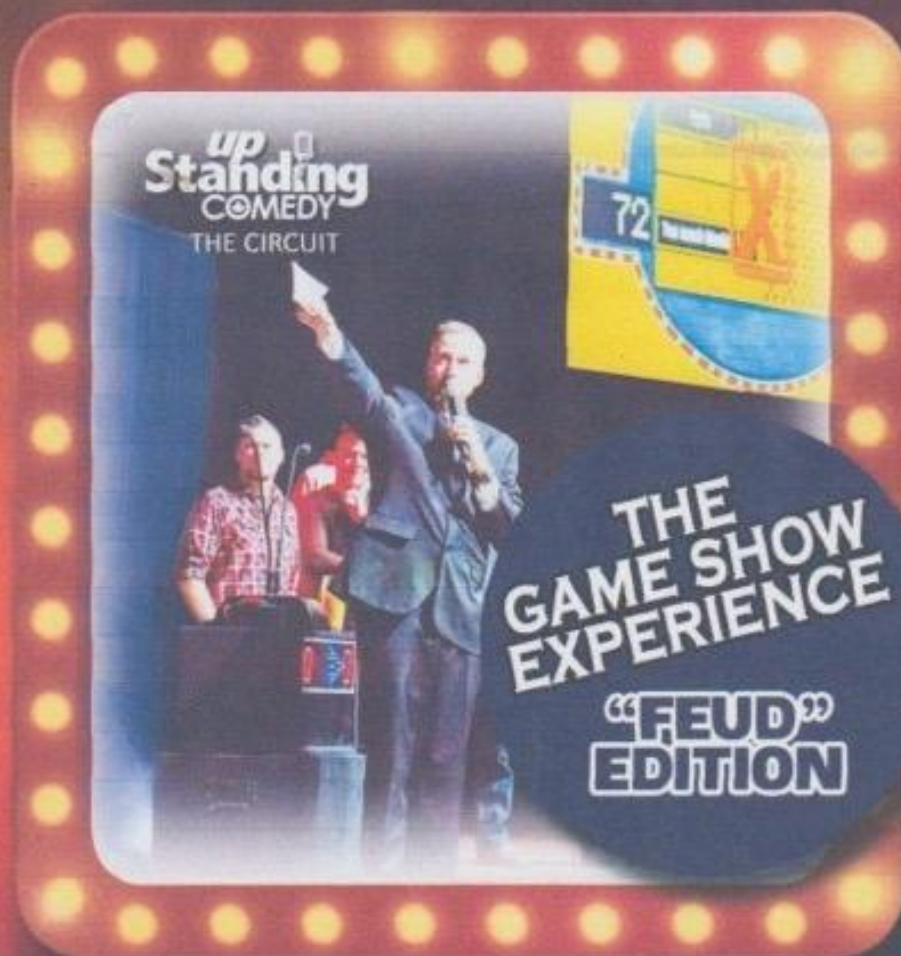


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