



Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644



August 2025



National notable dates for August:

- 1 NORAD formed (1957)
- 8-10 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships – Calgary AB
 - 9 Canadian Peacekeepers Day
- 15 Victory over Japan (1945) 80th anniversary
 - 19 Dieppe Raid (1942)

Band Schedule for August

- August 2, Kenny & the Cruisers 4-8pm
- August 8, Aaron Furlotte 4-8pm
- August 9, TBA
- August 16, Catzazz 7-11pm
- August 23, Delvito's 7-11pm
- August 30, Electric Blue 7-11pm

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

Exec- Ken Winik, Jim Boughner,
Stacey Masse, Laura Gaskin, Nick
Marucio, and Wayne Gosse.

Newsletter Editor: Wayne Gosse

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Branch Hours

Monday – Closed
Tuesday – 5 till 11pm
Wednesday – noon till 11pm,
Thursday, Friday – noon till 12am,
Saturday - noon till 1am.
Sunday – by appointment only

Last Post



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 August 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

Sports Officer: Ken Winik

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,

Thank you to all who have been supporting the Branch during our first month of summer. I reviewed the year end statement and last year was not good. We will have to find ways of tightening our expense belt as we go through the next few months. All input will be appreciated. We still have a few great events coming up and hopefully we will realize good income that will help us through these usually slow times. We have to stick together to keep the Branch healthy as we get closer to the Legion's 100 th year.



VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE

Provincial Service Officer, Mrs. Rebecca Hyndman, will be visiting Branch 594 Windsor during the week of August 19 – 21.

If you know a Veteran who would be deserving of the Ontario Veteran's Award for Community Service Excellence, please see me. For more information about the award and nomination process, please visit www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community. Nominations deadline is 31 August 2025.



I attended the Celebration of Life for Com Don DeMers, where I was fortunate enough to meet some of the family.

The 80th Anniversary of WW11 in the Netherlands is coming up.

The Warriors Parade is August 16 in Toronto.

I received correspondence from a member regarding the Patient Advisory Council at Windsor Regional Hospital, who are looking for a Canadian Veteran to serve with them.

I received a message from a representative of the Canadian War Cemeteries in the Netherlands in a quest to put a face and story to every grave. They are looking for a picture of Harry Biznar, a Second World War soldier buried in Groesbeek. Harry lived in Windsor for 22 years. If anyone has a picture, please contact me. I'm also attaching the Windsor Star article to this Newsletter regarding this matter.

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

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.

TREASURER REPORT: BETTY VIGNEUX

As of July 8, 2025 the accounts have the following balances.

General \$21,419.70

Building \$79,091.60

Lottery \$10,097.54

Bingo \$15,726.33

Poppy \$90,741.29

For net income, there are still sales to post. When the General Account gets too low, funds would be taken from the Building Account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

We have a membership of 425.

16 Life

102 Ordinary

219 Associate

87 Affiliate Voting

1 Affiliate Non-Voting



8 more comrades have transferred out. 1 in 3 members have not paid their dues for 2025.

At the Celebration of Life for Com Don DeMers on July 6, the family made a donation of \$100 to the Poppy Fund.

WAYS & MEANS REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

I'm still looking into this position.

The cost for booking the Ambassador Room is \$250, with \$80 for the bartender.

Not much happening in July, but better for August.

There are trade shows coming (4 days in a row) beginning in October. More details to follow.

LIAISON TO LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

The Ladies annual bazaar and bake sale is November 22. We are selling tickets for a C note. Price is \$5. They are available at the bar. Draw is September 25 at Branch 255.

HONOURS & AWARDS REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

I presented Com Wayne Gosse with bars for Ways and Means, 1st Vice President, Service Officer and Public Relations Officer. Congratulations.

TRACK AND FIELD REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

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

BURSARY REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

There are 14 bursary applications to date. The Provincial bursaries will open again on the website in August, for the year 2026. They will be accepted until the final Friday of March 2026.

HOUSE REPORT: KEN WINIK

There is always something going on in and around the Branch that needs fixing in some way. The House is looking into repairs/replacing the ice machine, a kitchen fridge, and a cooler.

SPORTS REPORT: KEN WINIK

I checked with the Zone Sports Officer, Jim Blazek, regarding the Sports Seminar. There is no information at this time.

LIAISON TO CADETS REPORT: KEN WINIK

Com Rose Small has booked the Christmas dinner for her cadets.

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.

DONATIONS: PAM WINIK

Donations will be discussed at the August Executive meeting.

CANTEEN/BAR: PAM WINIK

The counting system is getting much better. There is a need to buy new shot glasses.

RESOLUTIONS, BYLAWS, REGULATIONS: LYNNE PINCIUC

Information is being prepared for the General Meeting in September.

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:

- 24 August 2025 Membership Seminar hosted by Branch 243 Ridgetown.
- 13 September 2025 Veterans Service Officer Course hosted by Branch 221, West Elgin.
- 5 October 2025 President, Vice President, and Executive Seminar hosted by Branch 185 Blenheim.
- 26 October 2025 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.

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

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: NICK MARUCIO:

There were 12 members present at the Executive meeting in July, 2 excused, and 1 absent.

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.

LIAISON TO RCNA REPORT: RON SITARZ

I attended the Vietnam service. The turnout for the service was very good.

ZONE REPORT: NELSON DUFOUR

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Open by appointment only	30 Closed	1 Mixed Euchre 7-9	2 Karaoke 7-11pm	3 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	1 Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	2 Meat Draw 3:00
				Mixed Darts 7:30pm		Kenny & the Cruisers 4pm-8pm
						Afternoon Darts 1pm
						Youth Darts 9:30 am to 1:30pm
3 Open by appointment only	4 Closed	5 Mixed Euchre 7-9	6 Karaoke 7-11pm	7 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	8 Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	9 Meat Draw 3:00pm
	Civic Holiday	Executive Meeting 7pm		Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Aaron Furlotte 4pm-8pm	Band TBA
						Afternoon Darts 1pm
						Youth Darts 9:30 am to 1:30pm
10 Open by appointment only	11 Closed	12 Mixed Euchre 7-9	13 Karaoke 7-11pm	14 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	15 Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	16 Meat Draw 3:00pm
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				Mixed Darts 7:30pm		Electric Blue 7-11 pm
						Afternoon Darts 1pm
						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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Published in the Windsor Star – Letters to the Editor
5 July/25

Anyone in Windsor know the Biznars?

My name is Pieter Valkenburg. I am a Dutch-born Canadian and Royal Canadian Legion member living on Prince Edward Island. Over the past 11 years, I have been helping researchers at the Canadian War Cemeteries in the Netherlands in their quest to put a face and story to every grave.

I am looking for a picture of a Second World War soldier buried in Groesbeek. Harry Biznar, who was born Feb. 8, 1917, in Montreal but lived in Windsor for 22 years.

The son of Fred and Katherine Biznar, he had a brother, Michael Biznar, who also served in the Second World War, as well as five sisters: Lena, married to Joseph Kolt and, after he passed away, to Michael Kaczmar; Lorne

Wass; Dora Biznar; Irene, whose married name was Peleshok; and Florence, whose married name was Ducharme.

Harry was serving with the Lincoln & Welland Regiment and killed in action on Feb. 26, 1945, in Germany.

I am trying to find relatives, plus a photo of him. Any photos or info can be sent to me at memorialtrail@gmail.com.

For more information, our research project blog is at onthewar memorialtrail.com. May we never forget those who died for our freedom.

Pieter Valkenburg, North Tryon





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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644

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