



Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644

September 2025



National notable dates for September:

- Renewals
- 2nd Sunday Firefighters' National Memorial Day
- 2 Second World War ends (1945) 80th anniversary
- 3 Merchant Navy Veterans Day
- 8 Battle of Medak Pocket (1993)
- 10 World Suicide Prevention Day
- 11 Attacks on September 11 (2001)
- 17 Operation Medusa (2006)
- 21 Canada Army Run
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day
- 3rd Sunday National Legion Week (Sunday through Saturday)
- 3rd Sunday Battle of Britain (1940) 85th anniversary
- 3rd Friday Military Family Appreciation Day
- Last Sunday Police and Peace Officers Memorial
- 19 Dieppe Raid (1942)

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

Last Post

Leonard Strange Patrick St. Onge Madeleine Vigar Caroline Szrajer



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

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Band Schedule for September

September 6, British Beat 66 (Dinner & Show) Doors open at 5 pm, show at 7 pm (Tickets at the bar)

September 13, Common Ground 7-11 pm

September 20, Coastline 7-11 pm

September 27, Power & the Glory 7-11pm







Ambassador and Walkerville

Branch 644 September 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: Wayne Gosse

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NELSON DUFOUR

Hello Comrades,

Hope you are enjoying the weather. We are going to need lots of help over the next couple of weeks and hopefully, can get a new cook soon. Our year end inspection will be happening shortly and I hope that it goes well. The calendar is packed and after a lousy summer, the bank account can use a boost. There are lots of things we can spend money on, but we must be careful.



VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE

We assisted one veteran in completing an application form.

I attended the graveyard service for Veteran Leonard Strange at Heavenly Rest Cemetery on Tuesday the 19th of August. It was well represented.

I have decided to throw my name in the hat to be a volunteer member on the Patient Advisory Council at Windsor Regional Hospital. I believe this is a great opportunity for our Legion to collaborate with the local hospitals in looking out for the best interest of Veteran's.



District "A" Commander has authorized a District Service Officer Seminar to be held at Branch 221, West Lorne, on Saturday 13th from 9;30 am – 4:00 pm. This important seminar will feature guest speakers invited to participate in presentations of interest and relevance to Branch Service Officers and their work.

Help us honour more Veterans. Year 13 of the Military Service Recognition Book (MSRB) is now underway. Funds raised through this project go directly to support Veteran Transition Programs across Ontario. The books are not sold – they're shared freely as a tribute to those who served. Copies of past years books are available at the Branch. Any veteran who lives or lived in Ontario and have served or are currently serving can be submitted to the book. As your MSRB Co-ordinator please see me for further submission guidelines and form. This is your chance to help keep the memories of our Veterans alive for generations to come. Let's make year 13 our most impactful yet.

www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book.

Ruck 2 Remember. Have you heard about this phenomenal event happening 10-14 September in Essex County? This is an annual event where veterans go on a 4 day walk with weighted

rucksacks on their backs to raise awareness of the homeless veteran situation in this country. They have chosen to start off from our Branch on 11 September. They then walk to Amherstburg Legion, then the next day to Kingsville Legion, then to Comber, and on the last day they walk to Chatham! That's 143 kms. Now that's dedication!

What we can do to help and support them? Well, you can participate virtually, or you can do part of the walk, or you can donate to the cause. Our Branch is hosting a kick-off chicken dinner on Wednesday the 10th of September. Tickets are available at the bar for \$25. Please support this cause. As well, you can be here on Thursday the 11th of September at 8:30 am to be part of the hoopla we're having to send them off. We would really like to see a lot of support for them with some good old hootin and hollerin. We have a lot planned for this. For more information contact Marion Bastien.

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			
<u>Canadian Forces Members Assistance Program</u> 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	<u>Soldier On</u> 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/.

KITCHEN CONVENOR REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE

As you may be aware we are looking for someone to run our kitchen operations. We've posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) notice on local and social media and word of mouth. So far, we've not received any proposals. We will continue with the process until we find someone. In the meantime, our volunteers have been doing a tremendous job.



I would also like to give a shout out to Billie from the Bunker at Branch 594. She has been providing some of her staff to help us out in the meantime. We ask that you please be patient during this time. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Request For Proposal (RFP) - Kitchen Services

The Royal Canadian Legion, Ambassador & Walkerville Branch 644, at 1570 Marentette Avenue in Windsor, has a requirement for the provision of kitchen services.

Branch 644 requires kitchen services to cater to their patrons and guests and for special events.

To request a copy of the RFP please contact Wayne Gosse, Branch 644

Kitchen Convenor, at 519-854-1503.

You are kindly requested to submit your proposal before 2:00 PM EDT,

Sunday, September 14, 2025. All submission guidelines are included in the RFP.

Current kitchen operating hours are as follows until further notice:

Sunday: Closed

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 5 - 8 pm

Thursday: 3 – 8 pm Friday: 5 – 8 pm Saturday: 3 – 8 pm

NEWSLETTER EDITOR 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/

Summer is just about coming to a close. General meetings will be starting back up this month on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

Interested in placing an ad in our monthly Newsletter? We currently have about 380 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 August 12, 2025 the accounts have the following balances.

General \$18,348.23 Building \$76,332.73 Lottery \$12,653.10 Bingo \$17,103.00 Poppy \$85,248.89

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

We have a membership of 380.

13 Life 90 Ordinary



198 Associate78 Affiliate Voting1 Affiliate Non-Voting

I received the new membership sticker package. You can pay your 2026 dues in September. Don't forget that over 75 years of age now pays \$50 and others pay \$60.

Remember, every member is a potential recruiter of new members. See who you can get to join our family.

Your Legion membership can help you save

MemberPerks gives Legion members access to thousands of offers and deals at stores and restaurants across Canada, including national chains, local businesses and online stores.

MemberPerks is included free with membership. It can save you \$1000s every year — so your membership could pay for itself many times over! Sign up or sign in today to start saving. New to the Legion? You can access MemberPerks 30 days after your Legion membership number has been issued. Watch for an email coming in the next few weeks with information on how to activate your MemberPerks account!



Get savings at thousands of stores, services and restaurants



Receive discounts at national chains and local businesses



Use the app, print out coupons or shop online

WAYS & MEANS REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

The Ambassador Room rents for \$250 plus \$80 for a bartender. There is a Trade Show scheduled for 4 days at the end of September (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday), with one more after that.

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.

TRACK AND FIELD REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

The 2025 Legion Track and Field season has come to a close, following the Nationals that were held in Calgary. Congratulations to all the young men and women that became National Champions. District A had many winners and here are a few highlights:

Ryan Georgeson – Gold in U18 men's 800 metre and Bronze in U18 4×400 relay. Madison Gravelle – Gold in U18 women's 100 metre hurdles, Gold in U18 women's 4×400 metre relay, and Silver in U18 women's 100 metre relay.

Kaitlyn Gravelle – Gold in U18 women's 4×400 metre relay.

Noah Vanneck – Gold in men's U16 discus and shot put, and Silver in hammer throw.

Mallory Clayton - Bronze in women's U15 discuss.

Noah Mitoraj – Bronze in men's U18 shot put and discuss.

Keep an eye on these young people as they may show up on an Olympic team someday as Legion Track and Field has seen many alumni compete for Canada's Olympic Teams.

BURSARY REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

The bursary season is complete at the Branch level for 2025. We handed out 14 \$500 bursaries to our Ordinary members/RCNA.

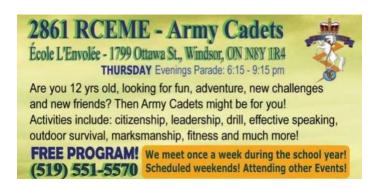
HOUSE REPORT: KEN WINIK

The Branch is looking for a fridge & ice machine. A used freezer was purchased for \$200.

SPORTS REPORT: KEN WINIK

A sports Meeting is to be held in Ridgetown on September 14.

LIAISON TO CADETS REPORT: KEN WINIK



ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: STACEY MASSE

British Beat 66 is playing on September 6. Tickets are \$35 for dinner and band.

The nurses who use our establishment for monthly lunches and meetings are here on September 8.

Aaron Furlotte is playing on September 13 from 2 to 5. Coastline is playing on September 20. September 25 is a Comedy Show. Tickets are \$30, \$25 online, and some at the Branch for \$20. Bands are scheduled until January.

Trivia Nights have been a success. The next Trivia Night is on Friday the 26th of September.





YOUTH & EDUCATION REPORT: STACEY MASSE

I received all the materials for the literacy and poster competitions for Remembrance Day. I have sent some emails to schools, but will need help putting packages together and delivery of such packages.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: STACEY MASSE

We are now using a TV for promoting special events, menu's, etc. in the member's lounge. We are also looking at purchasing another TV for the Ambassador Room. We moved the digital banner to the Ambassador room behind the bar.

BINGO REPORT: PAM WINIK

Upcoming dates for Bingo:

Sept. 6 - 2 to 4 pm

Sept. 12 - noon to 2 pm

Sept. 15 - 6 to 8 pm

Sept. 20 - noon to 2 pm

Oct. 4 - noon to 2 pm

Oct. 6 - noon to 2 pm

Oct. 10 - 2 to 4 pm

Oct. 12 - 6 to 8 pm

Oct. 24 - noon to 2 pm

Oct. 27 - 6 to 8 pm

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

Com Laura Gaskin has requested a donation of \$1000 to the Kidney Foundation. We need a letter from the Kidney Foundation to proceed.

CANTEEN/BAR: PAM WINIK

The counting is taking place every two weeks. Everything from the counting must be entered into the POS system.

RESOLUTIONS, BYLAWS, REGULATIONS: LYNNE PINCIUC

Information is being prepared for the General Meeting in September.

LEGION SUPPLIES REPORT: LYNNE PINCIUC:

I'm looking into having ribbons made, representing a visit to Branch 644.

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:

- 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.

LEGION SENIORS REPORT: LAURA GASKIN

The new Horizons for Seniors Program Grants are now open. Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$25,000 for projects that are led by seniors and are volunteer based.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) community-based stream is a federal grant. It supports projects that are designed by seniors and for seniors in their communities. This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities through increased social inclusion.

Our Branch has put together a committee to apply for this grant. Deadline for submission is 17 September, 2025.

Thursday's Seniors Dinner & Dance continues to be a success for the Branch.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: NICK MARUCIO:

There were 11 members present at the Executive meeting in August, 2 excused, and 1 guest.

LIAISON TO RCNA REPORT: RON SITARZ

HCMS Margaret Brooke, an Arctic Patrol Vessel, will be visiting Windsor October 9 to 13. She is the 2 nd ship of the Harry deWolf class. The Margaret Brooke set several Canadian Naval records in one year: the 1 st ship to deploy to the high Arctic, transited the Northwest Passage.

She deployed in Antarctica for 2 months; Operation Caribbean where she seized 1 ton of cocaine. She has travelled approximately 50,000 nautical miles. Her Great Lakes deployment is a recruiting venture.

ZONE REPORT: NELSON DUFOUR

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



SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Open by appointment only	Closed	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Karaoke 7-11pm	Senior`s Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Meat Draw 3:00
	Labour Day					British Beat 66 5 pm
						Afternoon Darts 1pm
7	8	9	10	11 Senior's Dinner &	12	13
Open by appointment only	Open	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Karaoke 7-11pm	Dance 2-6pm	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Meat Draw 3:00pm
		Executive Meeting 7pm	Ruck 2 Remember 6pm Chicken Dinner	Mixed Darts 7:30pm		Common Ground 7-11 pm
				Ruck 2 Remember 9 am		Afternoon Darts 1pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Open by appointment only	Open	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Karaoke 7-11pm	Senior`s Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Meat Draw 3:00pm
		LA Meeting		Mixed Darts 7:30pm		Coastline 7pm-11pm
						Afternoon Darts 1pm
						Cribbage 10 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Open by appointment only	Open	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Karaoke 7-11pm	Senior`s Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Meat Draw 3:00pm
				Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Trivia Night	Power & the Glory 7pm-11pm
						Afternoon Darts 1pm
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Open by appointment only	Open	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Karaoke 7-11pm	Senior`s Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30pm	Meat Draw 3:00
		General Meeting 7pm		Mixed Darts 7:30pm		Afternoon Darts 1pm

CSG Darts & Supplies



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
(Nylon, Aluminum, titanium, Graflight)
Dart cases, chalk & chalk holders, sharpeners, and all other dart accessories.
Points & re-pointing available Special orders available on Darts & wooden dart cases.

Happy Darting,

Chris Gervais Call:226.757.0061 csgdartsupplies@gmail.com

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

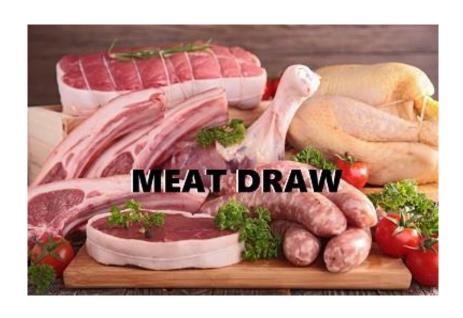
Kitchen Open

Branch 644



Every Saturday @ 3:00 PM

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



Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644 G-Man and 1570 Marentette Kimmie LO

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British Beat 66

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644

\$35.00 per person ticket includes dinner & show

Roast Beef, Chicken, Potatoes, Vegtables, Salad, Roll & Butter

Saturday, September 6

Doors Open 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - BB66 7:00 PM

Tickets available at the Bar 519-254-1024

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RUCK 2 REMEMBER **ROAD 2 RECOVERY 2025**

IN PERSON:

SEPTEMBER 10TH-14TH

VIRTUAL:

SEPTEMBER 1ST- 30TH



Legion§

BRANCH 644 LEGION HOSTING SEPTEMBER 10-11

Join Us at Branch 644 for the

RUCK 2 REMEMBER Chicken dinner FUNDRAISER

Royal Canadian Legion Br 644

1570 Marentette Ave. Windsor N8X 4E3 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 6PM

Doors and bar open at 5pm

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Tickets \$25/person

Includes: Chicken, potatoes, vegetables and Salad

For event info please call (519) 254-1024



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Branch 644 Ladies Auxilliary

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Looking for vendors!

Please call Betty (519) 995-7855

Bake Sale - Crafts - Fun

Saturday, November 22

1570 Marentette Ave Windsor, ON



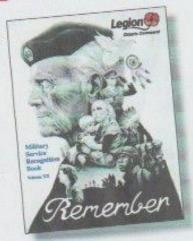
The image on this Introductory Poster is from a poster that was entered in a recent Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Youth Education Poem, Poster and Essay Competition. The Poster being depicted was the 2nd place winner in the Intermediate Colour Poster category at the Provincial level. It was designed by student Naomi Cheang of the Peoples Christian Academy School in Markham, Ontario. She represented the Richmond Hill Ontario Legion Branch 375 in District E in our Legion Branch competitions.

Military Service Recognition Book

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command

We are proud to be introducing year thirteenth of our annual publication that will help identify and recognize many of Ontario's Veterans who have served their country so well during times of war and peace.

- Our thirteenth book will be available at all Legion Branches by October 2026.
- Books are gifted to Branches, Veterans, Schools, Libraries, Military Bases, Museums, local Municipal Buildings and Community Resource Centres.
- We Invite you to submit stories of Veterans and Military Service Personnel who have touched your life. Submission forms and guidelines are available from your local Legion Branch or at www.on.legion.ca for those wishing to submit a Veteran story and photo.
- A provincial telephone appeal is underway to private citizens and businesses requesting support to publish this book each year and to support our Veterans.





Remember, share, donate today.

For more information:

WAYNE GOSSE 519-854-1503

Banquet Hall Rental & Catering Services

Banquet hall rentals available for all your event needs! Hall capacity holds up to 250 people. Meals available upon discussion with Kitchen Manager. Buffet style and table service available upon request. Deposit requested upon booking of hall.

BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT

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!



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