



Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644



October 2025



National notable dates for October:

- [Renewals](#)
- 1st week of the month National Family Week
- [1 National Seniors Day](#)
- 6-12 Mental Illness Awareness Week
- [10 World Mental Health Day](#)
- 13 Thanksgiving
- 14 Van Doos anniversary (1914)
- [17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)
- 24 Anniversary of United Nations (1946)
- Last Friday in October start of [Poppy Campaign](#)

Band Schedule for October

October 4, C2C Entertainment with Charlene 6-10 pm
October 11, Aaron Furlotte 2-6 pm
October 11, Catzazz 7-11 pm
October 18, Black Orchid 7-11 pm
October 25, Common Ground Duo 7-11pm

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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 – Closed

Last Post

Walter Klaczko



WVMSC

**From June 1, 2025 we have
lost 26 Veterans, 17
Comrades, and did 7
Services.**

**WE WILL
REMEMBER THEM**



Ambassador and Walkerville



Branch 644 October 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

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Honors and Awards: Marion Bastien

WVMS: Karl Lovett

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Newsletter: Wayne Gosse

Liaison to Ladies Auxiliary: Marion Bastien

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SGT at Arms: Darren Bulmer

Liaison to Veteran's Council: Karl Lovett

Kitchen Convenor: Wayne Gosse

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NELSON DUFOUR

Hello Comrades,

Another month has flown by us again. The days get shorter but time travels by much quicker. As we prepare for the fall season of activities, we are looking for more volunteers to help run the many programs that are required. Each chair has a list of helpers needed to get information out to schools and vendors as well as the public. During Legion Week we took part in a cemetery service at Our Lady of the Lake at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 25.



VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE

I attended the Windsor Respect Forum at Branch 594 on Wednesday the 10th of September from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm facilitated by Zone A-1 Commander Comrade Morris Brause. It was attended by several police, EMS workers, Service Officer's, CMHA, etc. The topic of discussion was mostly about PTSD for Veteran's and 1st Responders and how to get help for that in the workplace and through peer support groups.



I attended the Chicken Dinner Fundraiser for Ruck 2 Remember on Wednesday the 10th of September. It was well turned out and the food, catered by Cramden's, was excellent.



I attended the Flag Raising Ceremony in Windsor on Monday the 22nd of September at 9:30 am.



I attended the Branch/Zone A-1 Cemetery Service at the Veteran Cemetery Our Lady of the Lake on Thursday the 25th of September at 11:00 am.



I submitted my name to be a volunteer member on the Patient Advisory Council at Windsor Regional Hospital.

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. Deadline for submissions for this volume is May 15th 2026.

The **Soldiers' Aid Commission** provides financial assistance to eligible Ontario Veterans and their dependents. Up to **\$3,000 per 12-month period** is available to help cover essential needs such as food, shelter, clothing, health-related items, and other urgent expenses.

If you are aware of a Veteran or dependent who may benefit from this support, please let me know. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/soldiers-aid-commission>

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/>.

Com Laura Gaskin attended the Service Officer seminar in West Lorne in my place. Thank you, Laura.

Get your **FREE** copy of the **Veterans Benefits Guide 2025** today!

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Publication's **FREE** digital-download **Veterans Benefits Guide 2025**, a user-friendly electronic publication designed to help veterans and currently serving military personnel get benefits to which they are entitled.

The guide is an informative resource for veterans and currently serving military personnel to answer questions and navigate the paperwork when applying for benefits. Included are helpful tips on eligibility, how to apply, coverage, historic background and up-to-date benefit rates.

[Sign up for free](#)

Free burial plots – For veterans and their spouses. For details contact Windsor Memorial Gardens at 519-969-4146.

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11th annual
VETERANS BENEFITS GUIDE 2025
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KITCHEN CONVENOR REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE

We received one proposal from a bidder wanting to operate our Kitchen. A copy of the contract was given to them to review and negotiate if necessary. A couple of days later they sent a refusal letter saying they didn't want to sign the contract. We have since reposted the Request for Proposal.

Kitchen operating hours are as follows:

Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 5 – 8 pm

Thursday, Saturday: 3 – 8 pm



NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE



Deadline for Newsletter submissions is the 27th of each month.

I updated our Newsletter email distribution list and added 45 new emails. I removed 7 emails.

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

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

Branch general meetings started back up in September. The next general meeting is on Tuesday the 28th of October at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend.

I maintain our [Google](#) account. Google is like the front door to our establishment. In September we had the following numbers;

429 interactions

71 phone calls as a result of a Google search

174 asked for directions
184 website visits from Google
1,286 profile views
1,055 searches were made for our Legion in Google last month

We currently have a 4.4/5 - star rating. Please go to our [Google](#) site and leave a positive review.

**Being twenty in
the seventies was
much more fun
than being
seventy in the
twenties.**

About Us – Our History

The mission of the Royal Canadian Legion, Ambassador & Walkerville Branch 644, is to serve and advocate for all Veterans and their dependents; to promote remembrance; and to act in the service of Canada and its communities. Through our mandate, we promote, support, and participate in all forms of municipal, community, and national service, in order to accomplish our mission.

Initially Branch 12 was under the auspices of the Great War Veterans Association (GWVA) and the first meetings were held in 1919 in the basement of store in the Holland Block at the corner of Lincoln Road and Assumption Street. The name of the store was probably Premiere Confectionary.

In 1920, due to a rapidly growing membership, the GWVA sought to establish a permanent location. They were able to lease a piece of Crown property on Brant Street, behind the Walkerville Post Office. Also, they acquired a surplus army barracks and erected it on the foundation they built on the new property. Given its previous life as an army hut, the building quickly acquired the nickname "The Hut".



In 1925, there was a proliferation of different Veteran Clubs. When General Douglas Haig encouraged Canadian Veterans to join the British Empire Service League, the GWVA was one of the first to join up. In the fall of 1925, the Windsor GWVA officially became the Walkerville and Ford Branch 12.

As the membership grew over the years between 1920 and 1977 the Hut evolved to the structure that it now is. 1938 saw an addition to the rear of the hut for executive offices and games room. A major overhaul in 1947 saw relocation of the hut to the north end of the property and construction of a new auditorium complete with balcony and stage. A major renovation of the auditorium occurred in 1963/64 with interior upgrades and a stone/siding exterior. In 1965 the original army hut was replaced with a block building. It's rumoured that the original hut is still used as a cottage somewhere near Lake Erie. The final piece of the Hut's evolution was in 1977 after a truck smashed through the kitchen wall. At that time, the kitchen was totally renovated and a storage room was added onto the north end of the building.



In 1959 a new Branch for the Legion was formed. The newly-formed Lt.-Col. D.C. Warnica Branch 578, Canadian Legion, came into being when it succeeded the Essex Regiment (R.C.A.C.) Association. The meeting, which was held in the Branch clubrooms at 562 Mercer St., saw the official presentation of the Legion Branch and the election of officers and the naming of 50 charter members. In February 2010 Branch 578 amalgamated with Branch 12 and became one Branch.

On October 22, 2015 the Hut hosted an Open House to celebrate its 90th year as a Legion Branch.

The founder and first president of Ambassador Branch 143 held his first meeting in a room near the Essex County Court House, Brock and Sandwich Streets, in the Town of Sandwich, Ontario. A Charter had been issued on May 21, 1929, at Sandwich, Ontario, to Ambassador (Ont. #143) Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion Meetings were held in the room for a short period of time until they were able to rent quarters on Sandwich Street across from the Dominion House where they remained for the next two years.

At the height of the depression, Branch 143 was given free quarters in a vacant school bungalow at Prince Road and Huron Line. Two years elapsed and the Branch had to move again. This time to the upper floor of a red square bricked building just west of the Brock Street School at Brock and Sandwich Streets. This building is still standing.

The depression had caused hard times for all. The determination and the domination of true Legion spirit enabled the Branch to survive. The members borrowed a truck, formed a task force, and set out to collect unsaleable farm produce which they distributed to needy ex-servicemen and their families in any area of the country. This project took hold and developed

to the extent that within a short period of time nearly 100 workers were operating with drivers, trucks and gasoline provided by the local motor industries. Branch 143 was somewhat relieved of these excessive duties with the increase in welfare organizations at Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels.

In 1941, due to the ever-growing membership, another move was made to the south-west corner of Randolph and Wyandotte Streets. Through the kind effort of the late Mayor Arthur (Art) Reaume, a flag pole was raised on the opposite side of the street.

In 1944, the school building at Bridge Avenue and Wyandotte Streets West was purchased. Members poured their own funds into the purchase and moved in after alterations were completed.

At the end of World War Two, the membership increased to new heights with the return of the World War Two veterans. It then became evident that the Branch had to expand. In 1953, a building committee was formed to extend the north room 90 feet. This was completed in time for the Branch's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary in May 1954.

With the increase of younger members it became possible for the Branch to embark on an extensive program in community activities. A Boy Scout group was sponsored. Countless thousands of dollars was spent on sports for the younger set. As many as sixteen softball teams operated in a single year, which meant participation by 288 players and 48 managers and coaches. The Branch also innovated the Junior Dart League for boys and girls 10 to 12 years of age. This League was conducted on Saturday mornings in club rooms.



In 1958, the Windsor Olympic Club approached Zone A1 for financial assistance to keep the Club afloat. A special meeting was called with the Club officials and the Zone Executive. Branch 143 had two representatives at this meeting and it was their strong opinion that the Royal Canadian Legion should have a community project that would enhance the Legion's image in the City of Windsor. It was agreed the Legion branches in Zone A1 would underwrite the full funding of the Olympic Club. It was also agreed to change the name to the Windsor Legion Olympic Club. The first chairman of the Club was Cecil Tucker with Archie Green as the coach. The Zone then set their goal to raising the necessary funds for such a large undertaking. Raffles, Bingos and other methods were used. During this period, the O'Keefe Brewing Company had a travelling all-professional variety show and they offered the Windsor Legion Olympic Club the privilege of sponsoring with all profits to the Club. Three of these events were sponsored over a period of two years at the Windsor Armouries, which greatly improved the Club's treasury. Our athletes' first out-of-town meet was to St. Lambert, Quebec, which was followed by numerous other meets throughout Canada. The Club was such a success that

Ontario Provincial Command asked for guidance in setting up a program for all of Ontario and, eventually, Dominion Command set up a program for all of Canada.

In 2008 Ambassador Branch 143 sold their building to the University of Windsor and purchased the Air Force Club on Marentette Avenue.



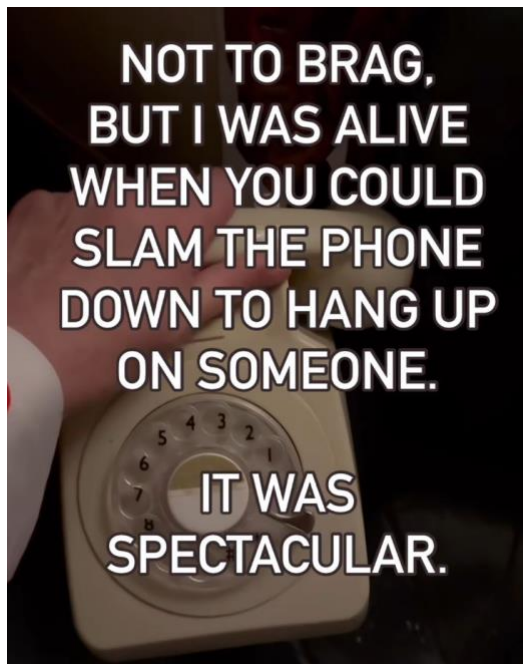
On May 19, 2019 Branch 143 hosted an Open House to celebrate its 90th year as a Legion Branch.

In 2022 Walkerville Branch 12 & Ambassador Branch 143 amalgamated to form Ambassador & Walkerville Branch 644.



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, cheque or e-transfer. 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. Half-Page Ad = \$75.00. Full-Page Ad = \$100.00. Your support is very much appreciated.

We had two paid ad submissions for our Newsletter for the next 12 months. Singles 50+ Social Club and CSG Darts & Supplies. Thank you to both.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

We have a membership of 380.

13 Life
90 Ordinary
198 Associate
78 Affiliate Voting
1 Affiliate Non-Voting



I am pleased to say we now reconcile with what Command says we should have. We have 2 new members, 1 transfer.

Every time a member volunteers for something at the Branch, their name is put on a ballot. For each of the months of October, November, December, a \$25 gift card will be drawn for from the ballot box. A gift card will be awarded to that member volunteer. Com Cheryl Moore has offered to donate the gift cards.

September's early bird winner is Gary Dearing.

Four new members were initiated at the September General Meeting. Welcome.



There are many benefits to becoming a Legion member. Have you ever considered signing on?

If you'd like further information about being a member and how to apply. Please refer to the [Legion Webpage](#) for further information.

To submit an application to Branch 644 follow these three simple steps:

1. Download the [Branch 644 Application Form](#)
2. Open the Application Form on your computer, fill in the blanks and save the completed form.
3. [Create an email](#) and send it to the address provided.

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!

WAYS & MEANS REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

The Fundraiser Chicken Dinner on the 10TH of September was well turned out and the food was excellent. Our Branch donated \$5,000 to Ruck 2 Remember.





Ruck 2 Remember on the 11th of September was a huge success! Thank you to all involved. On Thursday morning, Com Toby Kenney and Com Denise Beaudoin prepared breakfast for our RUCKers. Councillor Renaldo Agostini was in attendance to bring greetings from the city. It was set up with St. Angela's School for the senior classes to see our RUCKers off at 9 am. Geoff Bottoms from Military Muster had 2 army vehicles there. North Wall Rider's escorted the walkers. Branch 255 colour party was there. Fr. Stan blessed them on their way. I did a radio interview with CBC. Com Betty Vigneux's granddaughter did one in French. Thanks to Percy Hatfield and Com John Tomlinson for their help.





LIAISON TO LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

The Ladies annual bazaar and bake sale is November 22. If you would like a table at the bazaar you can contact Com Betty Vigneux. See flyer.

The Ladies prepared snack bags for the RUCK walkers.

TRACK AND FIELD REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

The 2025 Legion Track and Field season has come to a close.

BURSARY REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

The bursary season is complete at the Branch level for 2025.

Reminder that Provincial bursary applications are open online at the website.

Please apply online, as there are no paper applications available.

POPPY REPORT: KEN WINIK

A cheque for RUCK to Remember for \$5,000 was donated.

Poppy supplies have been ordered.
The Poppy Campaign begins on the 31st of October.



Every year from the last Friday in October to November 11th, tens of millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and Remember those who sacrificed for the freedom we enjoy today. While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Royal Canadian Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund.

The Poppy Campaign is very much a local initiative by Legion Branches in cities, towns, and communities across the country. Donations collected during the Poppy Campaign are held in trust at the Branch level to directly support Veterans and their families within their community and to help ensure Canadians "never forget".

In the days leading up to November 11th, Poppies can be seen in every corner of this great country. This show of support and display of Remembrance would not be possible without the efforts of the thousands of Legionnaires who volunteer to distribute Poppies to the community through schools, community organizations, and local businesses.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644 will mail out an appeal letter along with two Poppies to each Branch member, for your consideration. All contributions made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644 Poppy Fund remain for use by the Branch for distribution to Veterans and their families in accordance with the rules and regulations of the General By-Laws. If you wish to donate, please mail your contribution in the return envelope provided in your mailing. Please do not mail cash – Cheques ONLY. Please make cheques payable to: RCL Branch 644 Poppy Fund. Income-Tax Receipts will be issued, upon request. Please complete the tear-off slip included in your letter

HOUSE REPORT: KEN WINIK

The Sports Room has been painted. The cooler compressor broke down and we had to fix it. With the executive's permission, a 75 inch TV has been purchased to be used as a media TV for the Ambassador Room.

The large silver fridge in the kitchen was in need of Freon. This was done.

Renovation of the men's washroom must be done. We need to proceed with updating, immediately out of our building account and donations received.

SPORTS REPORT: KEN WINIK

A Sports Meeting was held in Ridgetown on September 14. Zone Cribbage was September 20.


LIAISON TO CADETS REPORT: KEN WINIK

[Free membership for graduating Cadets and JCR](#)

2861 RCME - 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!

FREE PROGRAM! We meet once a week during the school year!
(519) 551-5570 Scheduled weekends! Attending other Events!



ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: STACEY MASSE

Bands are booked through to February. I received an email from British Beat 66 thanking us very much. They would definitely like to be invited back.

The Power and the Glory were here end of September and brought a great crowd. We also have Black Orchid coming back in October that will be sure to bring a nice following.

Paint Night: I am speaking to a few artists to put on a paint night here at branch 644. Details to come!

Comedy Night: Timmy Boyle is coming back November 20th with the comedic juggler "Michael Connell". Tickets are on sale at the bar for \$20, or you can go online, www.timmyboyle.com, to purchase for \$25.

Game Night: Looking to plan a kid friendly event to have patrons bring their families to play games and socialize with others, details to come!

Trivia night: Next trivia night is booked for Friday, October 10th at 7pm- come early to register. It's a great time and it's only \$5.00 to play. Max of 6 people per team, if you don't have a team, you can always come alone and we will find you a team to join :)



YOUTH & EDUCATION REPORT: STACEY MASSE

I would like to thank Pam, Ken and Mardy for delivering the packages to the school for the youth Ed poster and literary contest. I am looking for volunteers that would like to judge the entries that come into the branch for the branch level winners. This will be ending of November as the winners need to be sent to the zone by November 30th. Looking for volunteers to judge at the zone level as well. Please contact Stacey Masse if interested.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: STACEY MASSE

Josiah has been working diligently on the media tv in the lounge and we have had many great comments about it and some people didn't realise that there were so many events going on at the branch day to day. We are looking into facebook/Youtube advertising to try and promote the branch to get more bodies in. Marion, Josiah and myself have been meeting or communicating monthly to get all the advertising completed to the best of our knowledge.

BINGO REPORT: PAM WINIK

Upcoming dates for Bingo:

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

Donations were dealt with at the General Meeting on September 30.

CANTEEN/BAR: PAM WINIK

Inventory was completed on Sunday, September 14.

We are looking at opening up the bar on Sunday's. MTF.

We are closed on Thanksgiving, Monday the 13th of October.

RESOLUTIONS, BYLAWS, REGULATIONS: LYNNE PINCIUC

Information was prepared for the General Meeting in September.

LEGION SUPPLIES REPORT: LYNNE PINCIUC:

Com Marion has investigated the making of ribbons. We can purchase ribbons that would be 1 1/2 inches x 6 inches. These would come on a roll of ribbon 10 yards long. The price would be about \$30 for 10 yards. There is a need to put a design together.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: LYNNE PINCIUC:

Thank you cards and letters for bursaries from Nicole Tazzman, Madison Stachow, Karissa Sirkka, Evan Ward, Adesynn Weber, Brooklyn Boucher, Jenna Simons, Nicholas Kapsalis, Julie Simons, Kaelyn Kapsalis, and Luke Benjamin were received.

Branch Officer Seminar on October 5, 2025 in Blenheim. Comrades Pam Winik, Marion Bastien, Ken Winik, Lynne Pinciuc, Betty Vigneux, Ann Dunning, Laura Gaskin, Stacey Masse, and Nelson Dufour plan to attend.

TRAINING, ORGANIZATION & DEVELOPMENT: LAURA GASKIN

I attended the Veteran Services Officer seminar in West Lorne in place of Wayne Gosse. 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:

- 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. 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 seniors continue to enjoy the dancing and dinner every Thursday. I am also selling the 50/50 tickets each week.



The new Horizons for Seniors Program Grants opened on 6 August 2025 and closed on 17 September 2025. Eligible organizations were able to 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 put together a Senior's Steering Committee to apply for this grant. The Senior's Steering Committee Coordinator is Wayne Gosse. Wayne submitted an application for the

\$25,000 grant for a Senior's Lunch & Learn project. Grant approvals or denials are expected in February 2026.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: DARREN BULMER:

Good day Comrades, I am pleased to be your new Sgt-at-Arms. I look forward to working with you all. At September's General Meeting there were 41 member's and 2 guests.

LIAISON TO RCNA REPORT: RON SITARZ

HCMS Margaret Brook, will be tied up alongside the Naval Monument at Dieppe Park. October 10. 10 am will be the official welcoming of the Margaret Brook. This visit is for recruiting purposes.

The RCNA contributed \$2,500 to Branch 644's men's washroom fund.



ZONE REPORT: NELSON DUFOUR

The next Zone meeting is Monday, February 9 at Branch 255 at 7:30 pm.

I attended the Zone A-1 Flag Raising Ceremony in Windsor on Monday the 22nd of September at 9:30 am.



OCTOBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Open by appointment only	29	30 Mixed Euchre 7-9	1 Karaoke 7:30-11pm	2 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	3 Men's & Ladies Darts 7:00pm	4 Meat Draw 3:00
	Pool 1pm	General Meeting 7pm	Recreational Darts 6pm			C2C with Charlene 6-10pm
	Luck of the Draw Darts 8pm					Afternoon Darts 1pm
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						Afternoon Darts 1pm
						Cribbage 10 am
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	Pool 1pm	L.A. Meeting 6:30pm	Recreational Darts 6pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm		Common Ground Duo 7pm-11pm
	Luck of the Draw Darts 8pm					Afternoon Darts 1pm
						Mixed Darts 7:30 pm
26 Open by appointment only	27	28 Mixed Euchre 7-9	29 Karaoke 7:30-11pm	30 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	31 Men's & Ladies Darts 7:00pm	1 Meat Draw 3:00
	Pool 1pm	General Meeting 7pm	Recreational Darts 6pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Start of Poppy Campaign	Afternoon Darts 1pm
	Luck of the Draw Darts 8pm				Halloween	

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
(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
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RCL Branch 644
SENIOR'S
DINNER & DANCE
Come join us...All welcome
Every Thursday 2-6

Whoo-Hoo!



Come join in on all the fun!
Entertaining with their decades of talent, "60s
Live" will get you on the dance floor or leave you
tapping your feet at your seat playing all the
good 'ol tunes!

1570 Marentette Ave., Windsor  (519) 254-1024

RCL Br 644 MEAT DRAW

MEAT PROVIDED BY MERCATO FRESH

**Ticket sales
start at 3**

**50/50 Draw
at the end!**



Every Saturday

**Come try your luck at some
great meat prizes!
live entertainment by "Mickey"
on Sept 27th and "Aaron
Furlotte" on Oct. 11th.**

1570 Marentette Ave., Windsor

E n c o r e E n t e r t a i n m e n t

Karaoke NIGHT

Wednesday

7:30 - 11pm



Ambassador
and Walkerville
Branch 644

1570
Marentette



HOSTED BY

**G-Man and
Kimmie LO**

DART NIGHT



EVERYONE
WELCOME

\$5
TO PLAY

LUCK OF THE DRAW MONDAY NIGHTS

Starts at 8pm, please come
early to register

RCL Br. 644 1570 Marentette Ave
FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
(519) 965-2264 or (226) 724-7235

Branch 644
Ladies Auxilliary

Annual Christmas BAZAAR

Looking for vendors!

Please call Betty (519) 995-7855

Bake Sale – Crafts – Fun

Saturday,
November 22

1570 Marentette Ave
Windsor, ON



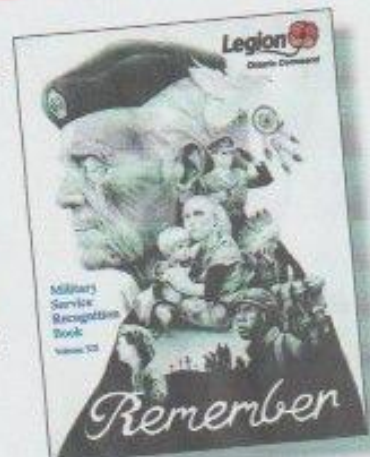
The image on this Introductory Poster is from a poster that was entered in a recent Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Youth Education Poem, Poster and Essay Competition. The Poster being depicted was the 2nd place winner in the Intermediate Colour Poster category at the Provincial level. 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.



Legion 
Ontario Command

Remember, share, donate today.

For more information:

WAYNE GOSSE
519-854-1503



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,

Saturday, October 4, 2025. All submission guidelines are included in the
RFP.

Lest We Forget



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!

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
AMBASSADOR & WALKERVILLE BRANCH 644
WINDSOR, ONTARIO
CLUBHOUSE RULES

1. Provisions for Admittance:

A – no one under the age of 19 years permitted in these premises without the permission of the Executive Committee, except for the following events:

Restaurant hours up to 9 p.m.	Special Dinners
Wedding receptions	Wakes
Showers	Private parties

B – All persons under the age of 19 must leave the premises by 9 p.m. at the discretion of the bar steward.

C – No dogs or other animals will be permitted in the building with the exception of service dogs.

2. A - Proper dress code shall always be in effect.

B - Headgear is not to be worn in the Members Lounge, except by the Sergeant-at-Arms or Parade Commander, while on duty, or as permitted on special occasions, or by other personnel for whom wearing headgear is mandatory. (Religious or medical)

C - Conduct within the Branch must be indicative of Royal Canadian Legion standards. No unnecessary noise, foul language or loud conversation of any description will be permitted.

3. Legion members from other branches are requested to sign the Guest Book.

4. Ontario Regulations made under the Liquor License Act stipulates that the steward on duty operates under AGCO guidelines and Legion policy regarding bar operations in general. Members and Guests shall not interfere with that authority. No member or guest shall remain in the building after the regular closing times.

5. All members utilizing the facilities of the Lounge must return their glasses, pitchers, etc., to the bar.

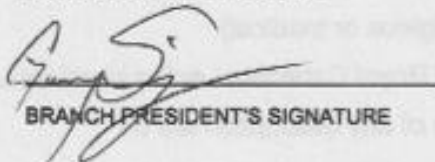
6. In the event that any Member or Guest be guilty of misconduct, it will be the responsibility of the steward to take immediate action. If said misconduct continues, the steward has the

authority to ask the Member and/or Guest to leave and will report the incident to the Executive Committee for action.

7. Each Member is equally responsible to assist the steward and Executive Committee in maintaining proper order and conduct in the Branch at all times.
8. If a Member or Guest is refused service by the bar steward and any Member supplies him or her with another alcoholic beverage, he or she must leave the premises.
9. Service areas at the bar must be kept clear. No loitering.
10. No property belonging to Branch 644 is to be loaned or taken out of the Branch without the approval of the House Chair.
11. No games on dart boards, pool tables or shuffleboard may be started after Last Call has been announced by the bar steward.
12. Members, Guests or Staff are not permitted to use electronic devices for any illicit purposes: such as gambling, watching of movies, pornography.
13. No smoking, Vaping or cannabis products on Legion property.
14. The wearing of OMC/street gang colours is not permitted at Legion events and premises, as this is contrary to the Legion's articles of Faith and disrespectful of the sacrifices made by our Veterans

Gary Seguin

BRANCH PRESIDENT'S NAME


BRANCH PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Lynne Pincus

SECRETARY'S NAME


SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE



Branch 644 - Windsor

Members We Miss You!

Did you know that our Legion has 380 members? The Executive is working hard to put on events for you, and we need your support.

In the past few months there been some unexpected expenses such as cooler repairs, ice machine repairs, etc. There's also planned expenses upcoming, such as the renovations to the men's washroom, etc. There seems to always be something to get done around here, and they all cost money.

Did you know that our Branch costs \$585 per day to operate (ie. Insurance, heat, A/C, lights, taxes, wages, etc.)? We could use your help!

How You Can Help...

- By joining us on Saturdays and supporting our meat draws.
- Coming out to support our Seniors Dinner & Dance on Thursdays.
- There's a live band playing every Saturday night and other times throughout the month.
- By coming out to fundraising events and dinners.
- By participating in the Poppy Campaign.
- Or just by coming out and socializing with friends and supporting the bar.

After you have visited, please give us feedback or ideas on how to make your next experience at our Legion more appealing. For upcoming events, check the bulletin board as you enter the front doors of the Branch or check out the new media TV's we have. Read our monthly Newsletter that gets emailed out and posted at the Branch. Check out our [website](#). [Google us](#). And join us on [Facebook](#).

OR

If none of the above works for you, and all else fails, we will gladly accept contributions, which will be used for much-needed repairs and operating expenses (See contribution form below).

Contact any Legion Board member of the Executive with your ideas or concerns. We are here for you.

I would like to contribute to the Royal Canadian Legion, Ambassador & Walkerville Branch 644.

\$20

\$40

\$50

\$100

or more \$

Name of contributor:

Address:

Check box if you would like to remain anonymous:

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Please mail your contribution to Branch 644 Legion, 1570 Marentette Ave, Windsor, ON N8X 4E3 or drop it off at the Branch and give it to the Bar Steward (and ask them to place it in the Treasurer's mailbox); or you can E-transfer to treas644@rccl644.com. Please say what it's for.

"I joined to give back in any way I can
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