



#### Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644

November 2025



#### **National notable dates for November:**

- Renewals
- 1 Announcement of National Silver Cross Mother
- 5-11 Veterans Week
- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 10 Passchendaele ends (1917)
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 11 First World War ends Armistice Day (1918)
- 14 King Charles III birthday (1948)
- 18 Battle of the Somme (1916)
- 30 John McCrae's birthday (1872) (In Flanders Fields)

#### The Branch is now open on Sundays!!

#### **Band Schedule for November**

November 1, Back2Back 7-11 pm November 8, Next Level 7-11 pm November 15, Aaron Furlotte 2-6 pm November 15, Crossroads 7-11 pm November 22, Acoustics Unlimited 7-11 pm November 29, Charlene (C2C Entertainment) 2-6pm November 29, Electric Blue 7-11 pm 1570 Marentette Ave., Windsor, ON, N8X 4E3 Phone: 519-254-1024

President- Nelson Dufour
1st Vice President- Pam Winik
2nd Vice President- Marion Bastien

Executives- Ken Winik, Jim Boughner, Stacey Masse, Laura Gaskin, Darren Bulmer, and Wayne Gosse, CD.

Newsletter Editor: Wayne Gosse, CD.



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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 – noon till 6 pm

**Last Post** 



WVMSC
From June 1, 2025 we have lost 29 Veterans, 20
Comrades, and did 7
Services.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM





#### **Ambassador and Walkerville**

#### **Branch 644 November 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, CD

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, CD

Liaison to Ladies Auxiliary: Marion Bastien

Liaison to RCNA: Ron Sitarz Liaison to Cadets Ken Winik SGT at Arms: Darren Bulmer

Liaison to Veteran's Council: Karl Lovett Kitchen Convenor: Wayne Gosse, CD

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NELSON DUFOUR

Hello Comrades,

October is behind us already, and Poppy season has approached. It's going to be a challenge getting our donation request letters out to the membership due to the rotating postal strikes. We emailed the letters to our email distribution list. We've had a very busy 2 months so far, and the rest of the year looks good. There have been a few major expenses as well, but hopefully we can recover from those quickly.



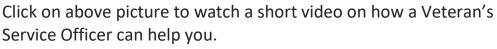
As you can see, the Men's washroom is being repaired. Sorry for the mess. The Branch continues to be busy and we are still working on a few projects.

#### **ZONE REPORT: NELSON DUFOUR**

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

#### **VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE, CD, SGT (RET'D)**







We assisted one Veteran in need in October.

8 November – Most Precious Blood Church Mass at 5:00 pm. On the corner of Tecumseh & Meldrum.

9 November - St. John's Anglican Church Service at 10:30 am. This is our Branch's Remembrance Service. Come back to the Branch after for some camaraderie.

11 November Remembrance Day Service at 11:00 am. Held at the Windsor cenotaph, University Avenue, downtown Windsor. Show up 15 minutes early.

11 November is the Branch Cairn service at 5:45 pm. Located in front of the Branch.

11 November is our Remembrance Dinner. Veteran's and their caregiver eat for free. Guests are just \$20.00 each. Register & get your tickets at the bar before 7 November. Cocktails at 5:30 pm and a hot roast beef dinner with gravy will be served at 6:00 pm.

Are you a Veteran interested in a FREE day sail at the Windsor Riverside? There are 170 spots available. The day sail will take place November 7th 1-3pm. Boarding starts 12:15; Ceremony starts at 12! Veterans will be prioritized first. If there's space for partners/spouses before the cruise it will be on first come first serve basis. See attached flyer for more info.

#### Remembering my Dad

#### William Halstead Gosse.



The above picture shows my dad at the tender age of 19 waiting to board a ship in Halifax harbour to go overseas to England to join the Second World War. Also, in the picture, bottom left, is my son Steven currently serving in the military. In picture bottom right is me receiving the Peacekeeping medal in Bosnia.

At the time, during the Second World War from 1939-46, it was a long time to spend away from family and friends, putting your life at risk each and every day you go to work. However, my dad looked back with good memories of his time in the Naval service, remembering the friends he made and the camaraderie that helped make those days less difficult.

Asked if he would do it all over again, he did not hesitate to answer, "Yes I would."

In the Royal Navy, my dad was stationed on ships that sailed back and forth under cover of darkness in the Atlantic Ocean, protecting supply ships making runs to Allied troops in North Africa.

He spent most of his war service on the Totland — a 250-foot, 1,500-tonne American coast guard boat that had been loaned to the British in 1941 to serve as anti-submarine warfare escorts.

He was just 19 years old when he signed up for duty in 1939, leaving his hometown of Queen's Cove and his job in the family sawmill business for a life of adventure on the high seas.



"I never got a scratch," said the veteran with the clear blue eyes, reflecting on the other ships in his convoy he saw torpedoed and sunk.

"I never once felt scared. I never thought about that."

My dad remembered well the day they heard the war was over.

They were sailing along the coast, on a pitch-black night, heading to England from Africa. As they approached the port of Morocco, they noticed all the lights in the city were on.

"Everything was all lit up." After six years of the nighttime "black out" rule, where lights had to be turned out, or windows covered with black material, to make it more difficult for German airplanes to pinpoint buildings and houses for nighttime attack, the lights of the city were a welcomed sight.

"We knew then the war was over."

My dad remained on duty until the end of 1946.



After his duty he returned to Queen's Cove, to regular work and regular life.

My dad was a founding member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 27, Clarenville, Newfoundland and did 65 years of service.

My dad was laid to rest on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the age of 95.

#### We will Remember Them.

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. <a href="www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book">www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book</a>. Deadline for submissions for this volume is May 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ontario Command has sponsored a series of <u>Mood Disorder Society of Canada's Peer and Trauma Support Services (PATSS)</u> 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: <a href="https://mdsc.ca/supporting-veterans-and-family-members/">https://mdsc.ca/supporting-veterans-and-family-members/</a>.

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			

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

A value of \$19.99

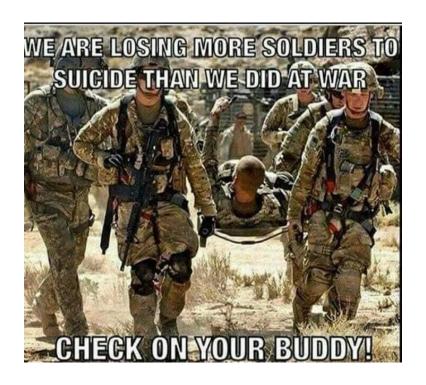
Free for veterans, CAF and RCMP members

By signing up, you will receive Canvet 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





Wayne Gosse, CD, Sgt (Ret'd), Bosnia.



# Help shape the future of mental health care for Veterans and Families.



Are you a service provider or professional working with Canadian Veterans and their Families? We invite you to an online workshop series in **October and November 2025**. Share your expertise and help shape a digitally-enabled, flexible, and inclusive mental health and substance use health system for Veterans and their families.

#### We welcome diverse perspectives from the voices of:



#### Workshops for those working with Veterans:

Dates: October 28 & 30, 2025 Time: 12-2 EST

#### Workshops for those working with Families

Dates: November 18 & 20, 2025

Time: 1-3 EST

- > Primary healthcare providers (i.e., physicians, nurses)
- Community service providers, organizations and community groups that work with Veterans and their families
- Mental health and/or substance use health providers
- Social workers, peer support workers, personal support workers, and case workers
- Those who support Veterans through benefits and employment services
- Health system leaders and administrators
- Those who study and advocate for Veterans' well-being, such as Veteran advocates, researchers, policymakers.

#### To register, scan the QR code or contact Stepped Care Solutions:

engagement@steppedcaresolutions.com





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# Help shape the future of mental health care for Veterans and Families.



Are you a Canadian Veteran or family member with thoughts on mental health or substance use services? Share your experience to help shape more accessible, flexible, and responsive care.

- Join a virtual meeting to discuss opportunities, challenges and gaps in the system
- We welcome diverse voices (e.g., people who identify as 2SLGBTQ+, women)

#### **Two Veteran Sessions**

Dates: October 14 & October 16, 2025 Time: 1-3 EST.

**Breakout rooms:** 2SLGBTQI+ and women Veterans, plus a room open to all.

#### **Session for Families**

**Date:** October 23, 2025 **Time:** 1:30-3:30 EST

Breakout rooms: Youth (16-24) and adults (25+).

To register, scan the QR code or contact engagement@steppedcaresolutions.com



Participants will receive an **\$80 honorarium** for taking part in a **2-hour session**. Optional participation in a research study will help evaluate the co-design process.

We are planning to engage First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Veterans and Families through a separate engagement session happening at a later date.





#### KITCHEN CONVENOR REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE, CD



An equipment inventory was carried out in the kitchen in October.

We finally have a new kitchen operator! We awarded a kitchen contract to Mustapha (Moose) Abdulhamid, operating as "*The Mess Hall*". Mustapha brings many years' experience operating restaurants. He began operating our kitchen on 20 October.

New menu and operating hours have been posted. We think you will really enjoy the kitchen under new management. Come out and support us.

The kitchen is now open on Sunday's. Come on out and enjoy some great food, camaraderie and watch a football game or play some darts or pool from noon to 6 pm. Pool is FREE! We will be offering up food and beverage specials like \$11.99 for 1 lb of wings & only \$4.00 for a 14 oz glass of Landshark draft beer!



**Operating hours:** 

Sunday: 12 pm - 6 pm

**Monday: Closed** 

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 12 - 10 pm



#### ★ THE MESS HALL MENU ★

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#### BURGERS, SANDWICHES & WRAPS

- Hamburger \$7.00
- Cheeseburger \$8.00
- Chicken Tender Burger \$8.00
- Chicken Parm Sandwich \$10.00
- Chicken Tenders \$10.00
- Chicken Wings \$12.00 LB -BBQ-Hot-Honey Garlic
- Chicken Ceasar Wraps \$10.00
- All Beef Hot Dog -\$5.00
- Smokie Sausage \$7.00
- Poutine Small \$7.00 Large \$10.00
- Fries Small \$5.00 Large \$7.00
- Onion Rings \$8.00
- Small Gravy \$3.00

Add Small Fries - \$4.00

Add Small Onion Rings - \$5.00

Add Side Salad \$5.00 - Ceasar or Garden

Add Small Poutine - \$6.00

Add a Side Gravy -\$1.00

\*Add On's are only available for the items above\*



The MESS Hall FAVOURITES - Feeds 4 people

- The Messy Nacho \$20.00
- Large fully loaded nacho cheese, jalapeños, tomatoes, onions, salsa and sour cream.
- •The Messy Fry \$20.00
- Fully loaded fries, nacho-style cheese, jalapeños, tomatoes, onions, salsa and sour cream.

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PIZZA

Pizza Slice - \$5.00

Whole Pizza – Large Size feeds 4

- 1. Cheese \$20.00
- 2. Veggie \$22.00 Mushroom, Green Peppers, Onion's
- 3. Windsor Style \$24.00 Shredded Peperoni, Mushrooms, Green Peppers

Thursday Night Seniors Day - \$10.00

Choice of:

- Shepards Pie with side salad
- Lasagna with Side Salad
- Meat Loaf with Side Salad

10% discount for Members on any meals (not including Thursday's Seniors Dinner). Must show membership card. Discount is valid for entire bill. Also, member's get free delivery on orders of \$20 or more.

#### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE, CD**



You can access our Newsletter on the homepage of our website here, as well: <a href="https://www.branch644.com/">https://www.branch644.com/</a>



The next general meeting is on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend.

#### The Branch is now open on Sundays from noon till 6 pm.



Comrades Laura Gaskin, Pam Winik, Ken Winik and Nelson Dufour attended the District "A" Fall Convention at the Essex Legion Branch 201 in October.



# In Flanders Fields

# Canada's most famous war poem

In Flanders Fields is one of the most famous poems from the First World War. Canadian doctor and soldier John McCrae wrote this poem on 3 May 1915. Within months, its powerful words came to symbolize the sacrifices of all those who were fighting. It also established the poppy as an international symbol of remembrance. Over 110 years later, the poem continues to be a part of Remembrance Day ceremonies in Canada and around the world.



#### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.



John McCrae

The willingness to participate in the Poppy Campaign is one of the obligations we undertake when we become Members of The Royal Canadian Legion. All of us must strive to never forget this solemn undertaking — it is part of the debt that we owe to those who have gone before. It is through the Poppy Campaign and the generosity of our fellow citizens that, in addition to providing assistance to Veterans and their families, we foster the Tradition of Remembrance amongst our youth, the leaders of tomorrow.

#### Did you know that volunteering is good for you?

Volunteering is good for you because it improves your mental and physical health, increases your social connections, and can enhance your career prospects. It reduces stress, anxiety, and depression while boosting happiness, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. Additionally, it allows you to develop new skills, meet new people, and gain valuable experience that can improve your job prospects.

#### Mental and physical health benefits

#### Reduces stress and improves mood:

Volunteering can help counteract stress, anxiety, and anger, leading to feelings of happiness and accomplishment.

#### • Combats depression:

Research shows that it can lower the risk of depression and anxiety, particularly for older adults.

#### • Increases self-esteem and life satisfaction:

Performing acts of service can give you a sense of purpose and pride, improving your self-worth and overall outlook on life.

#### Boosts overall health:

Studies have linked volunteering to better overall health, including lower rates of hospitalization and reduced risk of mortality.

#### Social and personal benefits

#### Builds social connections:

Volunteering provides opportunities to meet new people and build a stronger sense of community, which can combat loneliness.

#### Develops skills:

• It's a great way to learn new skills, gain hands-on experience, and develop existing ones in a low-pressure environment.

#### Increases happiness:

Contributing to a cause you care about can provide a deep sense of fulfillment and make you feel happier.

#### **Career benefits**

#### Provides valuable experience:

Volunteering can offer practical experience, which is especially beneficial if you are exploring a career field.

#### • Enhances your resume:

Volunteer experience demonstrates commitment, a strong work ethic, and a willingness to contribute, which can make you a more attractive candidate to employers.

#### • Expands your professional network:

You can meet and connect with new people who can become mentors or provide valuable networking opportunities.

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer at Branch 644. Have a special skill? Great. Don't have any special skills? That's ok too. Just reach out to any Executive member and ask if they could use your help with anything. Maybe talk to Comrade Pam and ask about Bingo. Or talk to Comrade Ken and ask about maintenance, sports, or the Poppy Campaign. Speak with Comrade Marion and ask her about helping out with selling 50/50 tickets, doing the meat draw or helping out with fundraising events. Comrade Stacey is looking for judges for Youth & Education. Get involved and make our Branch the best it can be.

Canada's next submarine choice is more than a fleet replacement—it's a strategic decision for the Indo-Pacific era. South Korea's Hanwha KSS-III brings proven capability, Arctic endurance, and strong industrial partnerships that could boost Canada's security and economy for decades to come.



CH-146 Griffon (tail #146412) of 430 Squadron takes off from Trans North Helicopters helipad to conduct mountain flight operations training East of Whitehorse, as part of OP NANOOK-TAKUNIQ.



The Canadian Army is undertaking a significant transformation of its armoured capability through the centralization of its Leopard 2 fleet.

This strategic initiative, linked to the recently awarded Long Term Support Contract, aims to ensure the operational viability of Canada's main battle tanks until 2035, at which point



decisions regarding the future of the Army's direct fire capability will be determined.



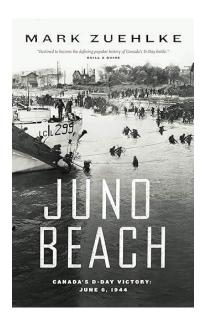
#### Recommended Reading

Juno Beach: Canada's D-Day Victory: June 6, 1944

Drawing on personal diaries as well as military records, Juno Beach: Canada's D-Day Victory:

June 6, 1944 dramatically depicts Canada's contribution to the most critical Allied battle of

World War II.



### **Recommended Viewing**

Shot mainly in Calgary, *Passchendaele* depicts Sergeant Michael Dunne, of the <u>10th</u>

<u>Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF)</u> fighting for both his country and his lover, during one of the most significant battles of the First World War.





An ad for \$100 was approved for the upcoming booklet being prepared by the WVMSC.

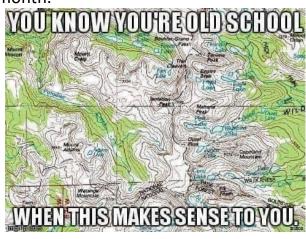
Interested in placing an ad in our monthly Newsletter? We currently have about 380 members. I email the Newsletter to over 300 members. Hard copies of the Newsletter are distributed throughout the Branch and community to members and non-members alike as we are open to the public. Ads will start in the 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.

Windsor Memorial Gardens and Windsor Veteran's Memorial Services Committee each paid for a full-page ad in the Branch's monthly Newsletter for the next 12 months. Thank you for your support.

Deadline for Newsletter submissions is the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month.





#### TREASURERS REPORT: BETTY VIGNEUX

The month of September was the first month in about 2 years that the balance was in the black. We did however, pay out over \$43,000 in bills.

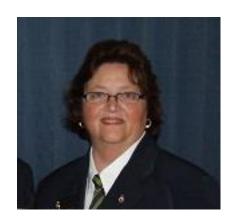
#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT: MARION BASTIEN**

# October's early bird winner is Charles Edward. Congratulations Charles!

We have a membership of 381.

13 Life 90 Ordinary 198 Associate 79 Affiliate Voting 1 Affiliate Non-Voting

We have 2 new members who have to be initiated at a later date.



2026 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. So, as of 5 January 2026 Dominion Command has decided to offer free memberships to new members for 2026. Only for new members. It is the perfect time to broaden our growth. This will hopefully bring in new energy and ideas to our ranks. So, pass the word to your non-member friends.

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.

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. <u>Create an email</u> and send it to the address provided.

#### Your Legion membership can help you save \$\$\$

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

<u>MemberPerks</u> 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 <u>MemberPerks</u> 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 <u>MemberPerks</u> account!

The Legion is pleased to extend a 1-Year Free Membership for Veterans AND their Families. See/click on attached flyer.





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

The Ladies and some Branch members are in the process of getting ready to prepare and serve the Remembrance Day Dinner on November 11.

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. Table rental is \$20. See flyer attached.

The L.A. are selling tickets on a gift card tree. Get your tickets at the bar.







#### TRACK AND FIELD REPORT: CHERYL MOORE

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

#### **BURSARY REPORT: CHERYL MOORE**

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.

#### **POPPY REPORT: KEN WINIK**

There is a white board for poppy assignments on a stand near the Sports Room. Please list your name on the day or days you wish to participate.





Please remember the Oath you took when you became a member of the Royal Canadian legion. Part of the Oath says that you will participate in the Poppy Campaign.

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.

You do not have to be a member of the Royal Canadian Legion to be accepted as a volunteer for the annual Poppy Campaign. Some of the volunteer assignments are:

- Staffing a table in one of the shopping malls.
- Delivering and servicing Poppy Boxes located at store and business locations.
- Delivering poppies to schools.
- Counting money.
- Preparing poppy and literature supplies

Due to the ongoing postal strike, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644 did not mail out an appeal letter with two Poppies to each Branch member this year. We mailed some but, most were emailed out. We thank you for your support.

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 do not mail cash — Cheques ONLY. Please make cheques payable to: RCL Branch 644 Poppy Fund. Income-Tax Receipts will be issued For donations of \$20.00 or More, upon request.

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 trea644@rcl644.com. Please say that it's for the Poppy Fund.

#### **BETWEEN NOW AND THEN**

REMEMBRANCE DAY IS HERE AGAIN
WHAT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN
THE WAR VETS GATHER BY THE CROSS
TO PAY THIR RESPECTS AND MOURN THEIR LOSS
DID YOU BUY YOUR POPPY TO HONOUR THEM
AND SHOW YOUR COMPASSION FOR THOSE FALLEN MEN
BRIGHT RED POPPIES STAND ALL IN A ROW
WHERE THEY REPRESENT SOLDIERS, WE WILL NEVER KNOW
FOR THOSE SOLDIERS FELL BY THE BLAZING GUN
AND THOUGH THEIR LIVES WERE LOST THE BATTLE WAS WON
THEIR BRAVERY LIVES ON IN THE STORIES TOLD

ABOUT THOSE HONOURABLE YOUNG MEN WHO WILL NEVER GROW OLD THEY MARCHED OFF TO WAR DURING THOSE DAYS OF STRIFE AND VALIENTLY FOUGHT TO NOT LOSE THEIR LIFE AS THOUSANDS OF BOYS BECAME BRAVE YOUNG MEN WHAT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN NOW WE ARE FREE BECAUSE OF THE WAR THEY WON AND WE SLEEP EASY AT NIGHT WHEN OUR DAY IS DONE BUT BACK THEN BOMBS SCREAMED IN THE NIGHT AND MANY DIED BEFORE THE MORNING LIGHT YES WHAT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN WHEN SCARED LITTLE BOYS BECAME BRAVE YOUNG MEN

October 29, 2019 © SANDRA HUSBAND RICE

#### **HOUSE REPORT: KEN WINIK**



The TV nearest the dance floor in the Member's Lounge has been fixed. We now have two working TVs in the Member's Lounge along with a media TV.

Renovation of the men's washroom is underway! It should be completed by 11 November. In the meantime, men are asked to use the women's washroom. Please be respectful and knock on the door prior to entering. We appreciate your cooperation and patience at this time.

#### **SPORTS REPORT: KEN WINIK**



Come out to the Branch and enjoy some darts or join a euchre league. Play some pool. Pool is FREE on Sundays!

Comrades JP Labelle and Bill McLean won the Zone 8 Ball Doubles at Branch 594. Com Bill won the singles. They will go on to District. Congrats! Branch 644 will host this event next year.

#### LIAISON TO CADETS REPORT: KEN WINIK

There are two weekends in November, 1 and 8, that the cadets are available to help with the Poppy campaign. 30 cadets are canvassing for the Poppy campaign on Saturday, 1 November.





Free membership for graduating Cadets and JCR

#### **ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: STACEY MASSE**

Bands are booked through to March. There are many more who have contacted me and would like to play at the Branch.

There is a Paint Party coming up in November. The cost will be \$45, for painting, and possibly a glass of wine.



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, <a href="https://www.timmyboyle.com">www.timmyboyle.com</a>, to purchase for \$25.

Trivia night: Next trivia night is booked for Friday, 7 November 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:

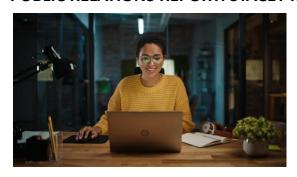
60's Live is booked for New Year's Eve.

#### YOUTH & EDUCATION REPORT: STACEY MASSE

I am requesting volunteers to judge the posters, and literary works. I will also need help picking up things. Email me if you are interested or leave your info at the bar. staceymasse2264@gmail.com.



#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: STACEY MASSE**



Myself, Com Marion and Com Josiah Celestine need to get together. The TV in the members lounge is being kept up to date as much as possible regarding events at the Branch. Com Josiah still needs access to the website. Thank you to Com JeNie Davidson for always posting pictures of the events around the Branch. Halloween is in the air at the Branch.

#### **BINGO REPORT: PAM WINIK**

#### Upcoming dates for Bingo:

Nov 1 - 6 to 8 pm

Nov. 13 - 4 to 6 pm

Nov. 22 - 2 to 4 pm

Dec. 6 - 2 to 4 pm

Dec. 23 - 4 to 6 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**

We are working on getting 20% from our Bingo account to help with the renovations going on.

\$500 was donated to WVMSC for the purchase of flags.

#### **CANTEEN/BAR: PAM WINIK**

The Branch is now open on Sundays from noon till 6 pm. Come out and socialize and watch some NFL football. The kitchen will be open. We will be having some food and beverage specials, such as \$4.00 Landshark draft beer! We are allowing the wearing of ball caps on Sundays only.



#### **RESOLUTIONS, BYLAWS, REGULATIONS: LYNNE PINCIUC**

Branch Regulations/By Laws are the operating rules for each Branch. I went over a general overview of what is included at October's General Meeting – such as, name and number of the Branch, meeting times and days, offices that can be held (voted in or appointed), order of business, to name a few. I will speak about the process of changing any of these things, at the November meeting.

#### **LEGION SUPPLIES REPORT: LYNNE PINCIUC:**

I'm always open to suggestions for ordering.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: LYNNE PINCIUC:**

- 1. From RCL Ontario Command Thank you for the donation to Homeless Veterans Fund (Ruck2Remember)
- 2. Walkerville Heritage Conservation District invitation to Kick-off event for the Walkerville HCD Plan and Guidelines (Stage 2) Public Engagement
- 3. Street Help request
- 4. Downtown Mission request
- 5. Kidney Foundation letter regarding request

#### TRAINING, ORGANIZATION & DEVELOPMENT: LAURA GASKIN

Comrades Pam Winik, Ken Winik, Nelson Dufour and myself attended the District "A" Fall Convention at the Essex Legion Branch 201 in October.



#### **LEGION SENIORS REPORT: LAURA GASKIN**

I have information about the Heart to Hand Meals program. I will be offering this at the November 6 seniors' dinner & dance. The menu from Heart to home meals is available at the bar, with the sign-up list and the letter from Dave Galley with the selections that he is prepared to bring on 6 November at approx. 1 pm prior the start of our senior's dinner dance. Please sign up at the bar with your choice. If you usually attend our dinner dance on Thursday, please come a little early and enjoy a free hot lunch. If you know a senior who is in need of the service that Dave Galley is able to provide please bring them out on Thursday so they can experience Heart to Home Meals.



They also can experience our new kitchen, enjoy 60's Live and share in our camaraderie. As always please let me know if you have any other ideas about any other people or agencies you would me to arrange to come out and speak to our Seniors. Yours in comradeship.

The seniors continue to enjoy the dancing and dinner every Thursday. I am also selling the 50/50 tickets each week. The Mess Hall's first dinner was shepherd's pie and it was great.

Attention Seniors: Some may be aware that Branch 255 has Blind Darts. Apparently, this is really a sport in other countries, like Great Britain. There are people in our community that may be low vision. They probably don't drive a car, but they may like to play darts, if there is an interest, I could have someone from 255 come and explain it to us. They have been playing since the new year, but would like to see another branch come up with a team so in the future they could have a tournament. Please share this info with friends who may know someone who might have an interest.



#### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: DARREN BULMER:**

Good day Comrades, at October's General Meeting there were 29 members in attendance.



#### LIAISON TO RCNA REPORT: RON SITARZ

The HCMS Margaret Brook, was tied up alongside the Naval Monument at Dieppe Park in October. This visit was for recruiting purposes. 7,000 people visited the HMCS Margaret Brooks while she was in port.



## **NOVEMBER 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Open by appointment only		Mixed Euchre 7-9	Karaoke 7:30-11pm	Senior`s Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:00pm	Meat Draw 3:00
	Pool 1pm	General Meeting 7pm	Recreational Darts 6pm			Halloween Party with Back2Back 7-11 pm
	Luck of the Draw Darts 8pm					Afternoon Darts 1pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kitchen & Bar Open 12 – 6pm	Kitchen Closed	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Karaoke 7:30-11pm	Senior`s Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:00pm	Meat Draw 3:00pm
	Pool 1pm		Recreational Darts 6pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Trivia Night 7pm	Next Level 7-11 pm
	Luck of the Draw Darts 8pm					Afternoon Darts 1pm
						Mixed Darts 7:30 pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Kitchen & Bar Open 12 – 6pm	Pool 1pm	Remembrance Day Service Windsor Cenotaph 11 am	Karaoke 7:30-11pm	Senior`s Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:00pm	Meat Draw 3:00pm
St. John's Church Service 10:30am	Luck of the Draw Darts 8pm	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Recreational Darts 6pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm		Aaron Furlotte 2-6 pm Crossroads 7-11 pm
	Kitchen Closed	Executive Meeting 7pm				Afternoon Darts 1pm
		Remembrance Day Dinner 6pm				
						Cribbage 10 am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Kitchen & Bar Open 12 am – 6pm	Kitchen Closed	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Karaoke 7:30-11pm	Senior`s Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	Men's & Ladies Darts 7:00pm	Meat Draw 3:00pm
	Pool 1pm	L.A. Meeting 6:30pm	Recreational Darts 6pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm		Acoustics Unlimited 7- 11 pm
	Luck of the Draw Darts 8pm			Comedy Night		Afternoon Darts 1pm
						Mixed Darts 7:30 pm
23/30 Open 12 am - 6pm	<b>24</b> Kitchen Closed	<b>25</b> Mixed Euchre 7-9	<b>26</b> Karaoke 7:30-11pm	27 Senior`s Dinner & Dance 2-6pm	<b>28</b> Men's & Ladies Darts 7:00pm	<b>29</b> 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	Charlene 2-6 pm Electric Blue 7-11 pm



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

# **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,

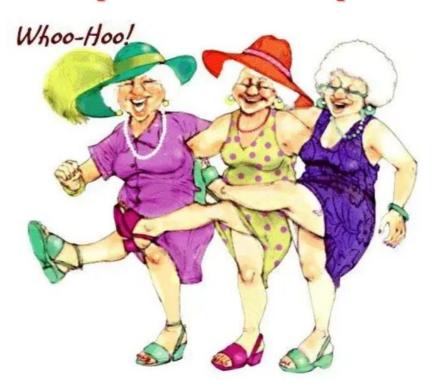
Chris Gervais Call:226.757.0061 csgdartsupplies@gmail.com

#### **SERVING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1926**



The Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee is a volunteer organization that has been in existence for 100 years, providing support for Veterans and their families. Dignified funeral services are available free of charge for all Veterans. If you know of anyone that may be in need of our services, or would like to join our organization, please feel free to call our Committee at;

# SENIOR'S DINNER & DANCE Come join us...All welcome Every Thursday 2-6



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!

1570 Marentette Ave., Windsor

# **RCL Branch 644**



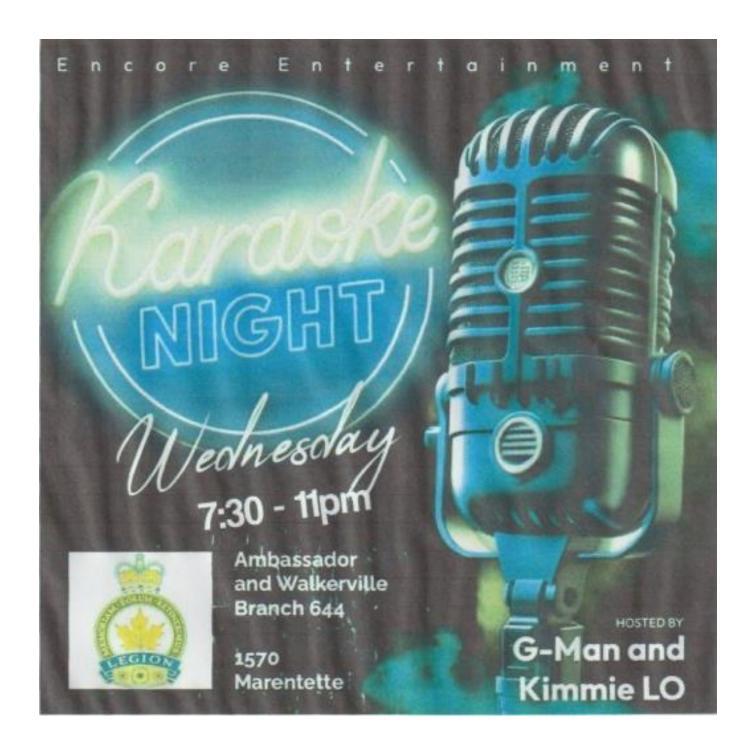
# We are now open on Sundays from 12 – 6 PM.

Come out and enjoy watching a football game, play some darts or pool. Pool is FREE on Sundays! Kitchen will be open. Food & beverage specials offered.

The Branch is allowing the wearing of ball caps on Sundays only. We are open to the public.











## **RCL BRANCH 644** LIVE MUSIC IN NOVEMBER

**SATURDAY** 

## BACK2BACK

7:00 - 11:00

**SATURDAY** 

NEXT LEVEL 7:00 - 11:00

SATURDAY

## AARON FURLOTTE

2:00 - 6:00

CROSSROADS

7:00-11:00

SATURDAY

## **TBA** 22 (BAND CANCELLATION)

SATURDAY

CHARLENE (C2C Entertainment)

2:00 - 6:00

ECTRIC BLUE

7:00-11:00

1570 Marentette Avenue, Windsor

## Remembrance Dinner Tickets On Sale Now!

Tuesday November 11 \$20.00

**Veterans & Caregivers\*\* Free** 

Cocktails @ 5:30 PM

Cairn Service @ 5:45PM

**Dinner @ 6:00 PM** 

Dress Code: Blues & Grays,

Military Uniform or Business Attire

\*\*Spouses not automatically included as caregivers

Deadline to Obtain
Tickets:

Friday November 7



Lest we forget

## **Veteran Appreciation Day Sail**

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2025 1-3PM MAX 170 PATRONS BOARDING 12:30PM

a special us for event celebrating honoring This FREE event veterans! for will feature food. veterans entertainment, and community fun as we come together to show our gratitude for their service. We are also seeking sponsors and community partners to help make this day truly memorable. Share this with a loved one that has served our country!



Silver sponsors





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**Bronze Sponsors** 

Panini & Cafe

**RE/MAX Capital Inc** Propertieswindsor.com (226) 280-3499



Limited spots, contact for tickets!

FOR INQUIRIES CALL NATALIE

For sponsorship opportunities 519-995-9453 Nataliebourgoin@hotmail.com 21

Branch 644 Ladies Auxilliary

# aristmas

Looking for vendors!

Please call Betty (519) 995-7855

Bake Sale - Crafts - Fun

Saturday, November 22

1570 Marentette Ave Windsor, ON

#### **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

#### Provisions for Admittance:

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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
- 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 sald 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.

- Each Member is equally responsible to assist the steward and Executive Committee in maintaining proper order and conduct in the Branch at all times.
- 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.
- No property belonging to Branch 644 is to be loaned or taken out of the Branch without the approval of the House Chair.
- 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 Falth and disrespectful of the sacrifices made by our Veterans

Gary Seguin

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BRANCH PRESIDENT'S NAME

Lynne Pinciuc

SECRETARY'S NAME

BRANCH PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE



#### The Royal Canadian Legion

AMBASSADOR & WALKERVILLE BRANCH 644
1570 MARENTETTE AVENUE, WINDSOR, ONTARIO N8X 4E3

Email: branch644@rcl644.com Website: branch644.com

#### Fellow Comrades:

This urgent Appeal is being e-mailed to you for your consideration. This initiative is an effort to reach more of our members. We not only anticipate raising more funds, but we hope this personal contact will encourage more members to become more actively involved in Legion activities. We are strongly urging you, along with our other members, to return your generous contributions directly to the Branch, due to possible postal strike.

All contributions made to the Branch Poppy Fund remain for use by the Branch for distribution to <u>any yeteran</u> in accordance with the pertaining rules and regulations of the General By-Laws of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Please make any cheques payable to RCL Branch 644 Poppy Fund.

Comrades, please make your contributions as early as possible.

Income Tax Receipts Will Be Issued, <u>Upon Request</u>. For Donations of \$20.00 or More

Remembrance Day Dinner and Annual Veterans' Dinner this year is Nov. 11/25 @ 6:00 P.M. Cocktails at 5:00 P.M. Cairn Service @ 5:45 P.M. Tickets available at the Bar. Veterans and Caregivers are free, Deadline is Nov.8/25.

Thanking you, in advance, Yours in Comradeship,

Ken Winik Poppy Chair RCL Branch 644



They served till death! Why not we? We Will Remember Them.

## WAR VETERAN TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Your information will be kept confidential and will only be	used for this purpose.
Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Service Number:	
Service Branch:	
Dates of Service:	
☐ Air Force ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Other _	
Please attach photocopy of Certificate of Service and/or Disc	charge Papers.
Please mail, fax or drop off the completed application to:	
War Veteran Transit Pass Program c/o Windsor International Transit Terminal	
300 Chatham Street West	
Windsor, ON N9W 5X2	
FAX: 519.256.6279	

Allow up to 30 days for processing

Contact for further Information:
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#### OPERATION - LEAVE THE STREETS BEHIND VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE And RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Service No.	
Gender:	
At Risk of Homelessness (y/n):	
City):	
Tel #:	
Cell □ Yes □No	
(First Nations, Metis, Inuit, with or without status)	
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Signature	
mail to: relontariocommand@on.legion.ca ovincial Command	





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Veterans Assista	nce Fund	- Request for Funds
Name:		Service/File #
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Case Manager Name:		
District Office:	Telephon	e #:
Assistance Required and Funding Ration	nale:	

Please fax to: 905-841-9992 or mail to: rclontariocommand@on.legion.ca

Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command





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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