



## Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644



### January 2026



#### Band Schedule for January

January 3, Aaron Furlotte 2-6 pm  
January 3, Crowbar Hotel 7-11 pm

January 10, Mark Crampsie 2-6 pm  
January 10, Catzazz 7-11 pm

January 17, Mickey 2-6 pm  
January 17, Back 2 Back 7-11 pm

January 24, Aaron Furlotte 2-6 pm  
January 24, Next Level 7-11 pm

January 31, Common Ground Duo 2-6 pm  
January 31, Coastline 7-11 pm

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Wayne Gosse

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

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 – closed

#### **Last Post**



**WVMSC**

**From June 1, 2025 we have  
lost 41 Veterans, 25  
Comrades, and did 10  
Services.**

**WE WILL REMEMBER  
THEM**



## Ambassador and Walkerville



### Branch 644 January 2026

**Chairs for Branch 644:** If anyone is interested in any of the open positions, please contact Pam Winik

The President: Pam Winik  
Chaplain: Padre Stan Fraser

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Membership: Marion Bastien  
Poppy: Ken Winik  
Veteran`s Service Officer: Wayne Gosse, CD, Sgt (Ret`d)  
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  
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: PAM WINIK**

Hello Comrades,

I hope this report finds you all well. We had a very busy December around the Branch. If you haven't seen the new mens washroom it's worth a trip to the Branch for a look see. We are wishing Comrade Nelson a speedy recovery. We were busy preparing for the New Year's Eve Party and still very busy preparing for more upcoming activities.

The Entertainment Committee is doing a bang up job. We need your support to continue progress. Remember, without your support we are weak. Senior's Thursday is a huge success and Meat Draw Saturday with entertainment is picking up.

I'd like to thank the Executive Committee for your support going forward as I navigate the position. Hope to see you soon.

## **ZONE REPORT: PAM WINIK**

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

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



Click on above picture to watch a short video on how a Veterans Service Officer can help you.



Happy New Year!

I assisted two Veterans in need in December.

I will be on vacation from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January to the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. If any Veterans are in need during this period they can contact the President, Comrade Pam.

Starting January 1, 2026, eligible veterans and Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members, including regular and reserve personnel, can travel free year-round on UP Express with a valid ID. This is an extension of the free GO Transit travel program for veterans and CAF members launched earlier in 2025.

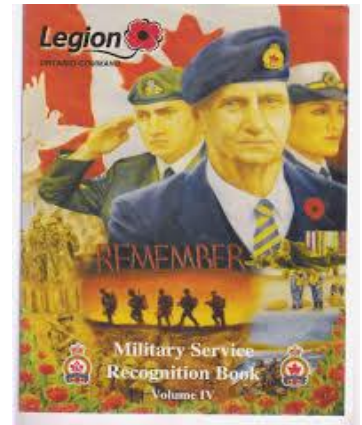
To find out more about the program and acceptable forms of identification, click here:

<http://www.upexpress.com/CAF>

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. Let's make year 13 our most impactful yet.

[www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book](http://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book).

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>

Ontario Command has sponsored a series of [Mood Disorder Society of Canada's Peer and Trauma Support Services \(PATSS\)](https://www.mdsc.ca/supporting-veterans-and-family-members/) 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/>.

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

## KITCHEN CONVENOR REPORT: WAYNE GOSSE, CD



Come on out to the Branch and enjoy some great food, camaraderie, watch a football game, play some darts or pool. Remember, supporting the kitchen also supports the Branch.

The Mess Hall has been undergoing some improvements to the signage, menu, lighting, painting, etc. Looks good. I purchased a new microwave for the kitchen.

I will be on vacation from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January to the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. If you have any issues regarding the Mess Hall during my absence, please contact the President, Comrade Pam.

### **Operating hours:**

**Sunday, Monday: Closed**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 12 – 10 pm**



## 8 January - Thursday Senior's Steak Dinner




### **THURSDAY SENIORS DANCE & STEAK DINNER**

*Start the 2026 year off right – good food, good music, great company!*

 **Steak Dinner – \$10**

 **Live Music & Dancing**

**Thursday | 2:00PM – 6:00PM**

 **Branch 644** 1570 Marentette Avenue,  
Windsor, ON

***Seniors Welcome – All Are Invited!***



# MENU



## BURGERS, SANDWICHES & WRAPS

Hamburger - \$7.00

Chicken Caesar Wraps - \$10.00

Cheeseburger - \$8.00

Chicken Tender Burger - \$8.00

All Beef Hot Dog - \$5.00

Chicken Parm Sandwich - \$10.00

Smokie Sausage - \$7.00

Chicken Tenders - \$10.00

Add Small Fries - \$4.00 • Add Small Onion Rings - \$5.00

Add Side Salad \$5.00 - Caesar or Garden • Add Small Poutine - \$6.00 • Add a Side Gravy - \$1.00

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

Poutine - Small - \$7.00 • Large - \$10.00

Fries - Small - \$5.00 • Large - \$7.00

Onion Rings - \$ 8.00

Small Gravy - \$3.00

## Chicken Wings - \$12.00 LB

Sauces: BBQ • Hot • Honey Garlic

## THE MESS HALL FAVOURITES FEEDS 4 PEOPLE

### The Messy Nacho

Large fully loaded nacho with cheese, jalapeños, tomatoes, onions, salsa and sour cream.

\$20

### The Messy Fry

Fully loaded fries, nacho-style with cheese, jalapeños, tomatoes, onions, salsa and sour cream.

\$20

## PIZZA



## Large Size Feeds 4

### Cheese

\$20

### Veggie

Cheese, Mushroom, Green Peppers & Onion's  
\$22

### Windsor Style

Cheese, Shredded Peperoni, Mushrooms & Green Peppers  
\$24

Pizza Slice - \$5.00



## THURSDAY NIGHT SENIORS DAY - \$10.00

Choice of

### Shepards Pie

with side salad

### Lasagna

with side salad

### Meat Loaf

with side salad

*Take out and Delivery Available*

10 % Discount to All Legion Branch 644 Members Except Thursdays,  
Membership Card needs to be Present



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

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



There was no General Meeting in December. The next General Meeting is on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of January at 7 pm.

We had our Legion Executive Meeting on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Branch business was addressed. Our next Executive Meeting is on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January at 7 pm.

We are Closed on Sundays (except for special events). Apologize for any inconvenience.

We wish Comrade Nelson and his family best wishes and for a speedy recovery.

We wish Comrade Pam much success as the new President. Comrade Marion now moves up to 1<sup>st</sup> VP & I am now your new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

I'm publishing the Newsletter prior to the New Year's Eve Party. I'll report on that at a later date.

There will be a New Year's Day Levee from 4 - 6 pm. Toasts at 4 pm. Snacks provided. Open to the public. Blues & Greys if you have them or appropriate attire.

I am going on vacation from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January to the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. February's Newsletter might be a couple of days late getting published.



**A Staff/Volunteer luncheon was held on Sunday, December 21 from 1 to 4 pm. A good time was had by all.**





**\*\*\*Spoiler Alert! This is NOT the real Santa. This is Sue the bartender dressed up as Santa\*\*\***



**Celebrating 100 years: The Royal Canadian Legion launches 2026 Centenary brand.**

The Royal Canadian Legion began in 1925 as [The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League](#), formed from merged WWI veterans' groups to advocate for vets. Incorporated in 1926, it grew to support veterans of later conflicts, adding "Royal" in 1960 after Queen Elizabeth II's consent. Today, it's Canada's largest veteran support and community service organization, known for its Poppy Campaign and dedication to Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and their families, advocating for justice, honour, and remembrance.



## **THREE WAYS FOR LEGION MEMBERS TO QUALIFY TO WIN A FORD F-150 STX!**

2026 is the Legion's Centenary year and one of the exciting ways we're celebrating is by partnering with Ford Dealers of Canada to offer every Legion Member three chances to drive away in a brand-new Ford F-150 STX! **Start by renewing** your Membership and you'll be automatically entered. After you renew, you can add two more chances by shopping and donating! Get more info [HERE](#).



## [Renew Your Membership](#)

Renew online or by phone before December 19, 2026 and be automatically entered for a chance to win!

## [Shop the Legion's Store](#)

The first time you shop on the Legion's store after you renew your membership, you're entered for another chance to win!

## [Donate to the Poppy Fund](#)

Donate online to the Poppy Fund after you renew, and be automatically entered for another chance to win! Members have until December 19, 2026 to renew and to earn additional entries through an online purchase or donation.

No purchase necessary. Terms and conditions apply. [Read](#) full Terms & Conditions.

## Second Royal Canadian Navy Joint Support Ship is on schedule to be launched mid-2026



*Artist rendering of the future Protecteur-class ship replenishing a Canadian vessel at sea.  
(Image: Canadian DND)*

While the first Joint Support Ship is currently in the final stages of outfitting, the second one is on schedule for launching this year

*The construction of the second Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) Joint Support Ship (JSS 2), named HMCS Preserver, is on track for launch in mid-2026 despite delays in building the first vessel, HMCS Protecteur (JSS 1)..*

## Canada delays F-35 decision as Ottawa weighs Gripen option



*USAF Lockheed F35 Lightning II Stealth Fighter Jet in formation with two Saab Gripen jets.*

Canada's long-delayed F-35A fighter jet program is facing renewed uncertainty as Prime Minister Mark Carney's government weighs whether to proceed with its planned fleet of 88 aircraft from Lockheed Martin or diversify toward a mixed fleet that could include Saab's Gripen E.

## Tank Centralization: A bridge to the Army's future armoured capability

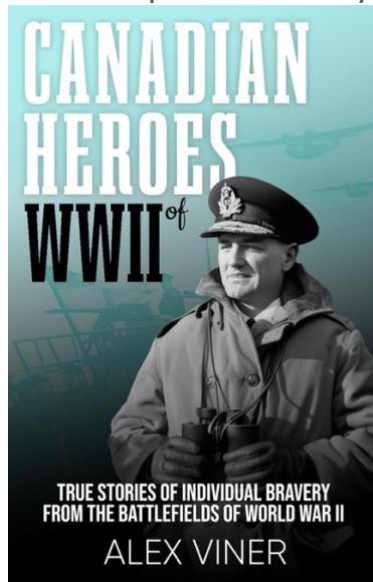


The Canadian Army is undertaking a significant transformation of its armoured capability through the centralization of its Leopard 2 fleet. This strategic initiative, linked to the recently awarded Long Term Support Contract (LTSC), aims to ensure the operational viability of Canada's main battle tanks until 2035, at which point decisions regarding the future of the Army's direct fire capability will be determined.

## Recommended Reading

### Canadian Heroes of World War II

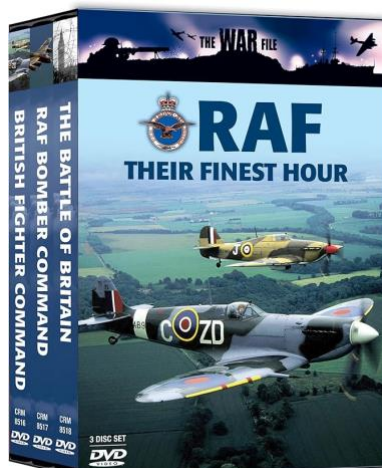
Canadian Heroes of World War II: True Stories of Individual Bravery from the Battlefields of  
World War II Paperback – May 2 2025



## Recommended Viewing

### RAF: Their Finest Hour [Import]

This is a Canadian version of the movie.



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.



## On This Date in January:

### 1 January 1916

In his New Years' message, Prime Minister Robert Borden announces Canada's goal to place 500,000 men in uniform.

### 2 January 1940

PO Selby Roger Henderson and Wing Cmdr. John Francis Griffiths are the first Canadians awarded medals during the Second World War, each earning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

### 4 January 1945

U-boats claim the Norwegian steamship *Polarland* and Canadian merchant ship *Nipawin Park* off the coast of Nova Scotia.

### 5 January 1971

Bernard Lortie, Francis Simard and brothers Paul and Jacques Rose are charged in the kidnapping and murder of Quebec labour minister Pierre Laporte (pictured) during the 1970 October Crisis.

### **8 January 1944**

German submarine *U-757* is sunk in the North Atlantic by HMCS *Camrose* and HMCS *Bayntun*. All 49 crew die.

### **11 January 1957**

HMCS *Magnificent* delivers troops and materiel for the United Nations Emergency Force controlling the Israeli-Egyptian border.

### **12 January 1919**

The Paris Peace Conference begins to establish terms of peace following the First World War.

### **13 January 1944**

Canadian secret agent Gustave Bieler is captured by the Gestapo in France.

### **15 January 1792**

Black Loyalists begin leaving Nova Scotia for settlements in Sierra Leone; 1,196 depart, about 1,800 remain.

### **16 January 1991**

The Persian Gulf War begins with an American-led coalition offensive against Iraq. Canadian naval Capt. Duncan Miller becomes commander of the Combined Logistics Force, the only non-American to hold such an important command at sea during the conflict.

### **18 January 1945**

Roughly 13,000 conscripts are en route to Europe. Conscription was controversial: a 1942 plebiscite divided the country with 80 per cent support in anglophone provinces, and 73 per cent disapproval in Quebec.

### **20 January 1968**

Robert Shankland, awarded the Victoria Cross at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917, dies.

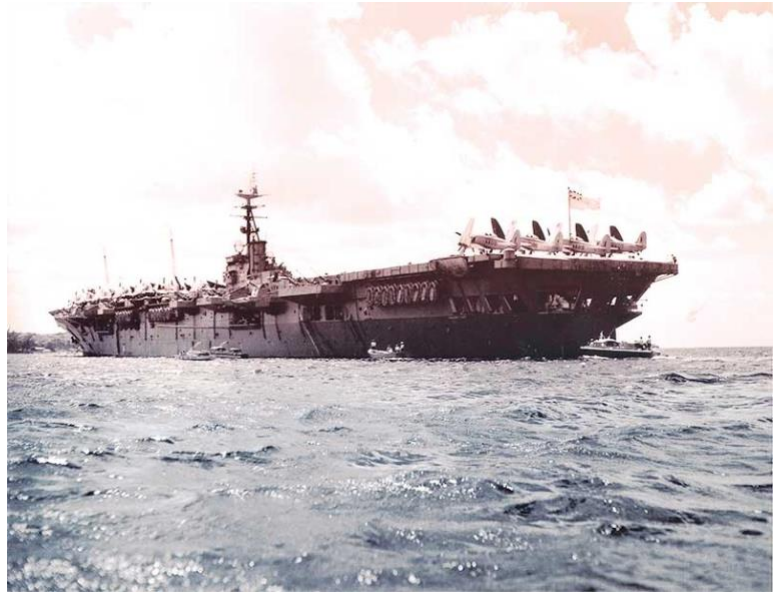
**21 January 1900** A second contingent of 1,281 Canadian troops sails from Halifax for the Boer War.

### **23 January 1945**

RCAF Spitfire pilot Richard Audet, 22, of Lethbridge, Alta., shoots down two jets; three weeks earlier he had scored a record five kills in a five-minute dogfight.

### **24 January 1946**

HMCS *Warrior*, Canada's first aircraft carrier, is commissioned.



## 25 January 1919

Canada is among the delegates at the Paris Peace Conference approving the proposal to create the League of Nations.

## 28 January 1918

Lt.-Col. John McCrae, author of "In Flanders Fields," dies of pneumonia and meningitis in Boulogne, France.

## 29 January 1946

The celebrated schooner Bluenose sinks after hitting a reef off Haiti.

## 31 January 2006

Canada signs a five-year international commitment to support security, governance and development in Afghanistan.

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

We have a membership of 380.

13 Life

91 Ordinary

196 Associate

79 Affiliate Voting

1 Affiliate Non-Voting



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 and you must purchase a 2027 membership, as well. 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.

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.

## There is a Legion membership category for everyone.

Any Canadian citizen or citizen of an Allied nation who is 18 or older is welcome to become a member of the Legion. There are four main categories of membership:

### Ordinary membership

Includes still serving and retired military, reservists, RCMP, police officers, Canadian Coast Guard, and others listed in the General By-Laws.

### Associate membership

Includes parents, spouses, widows, widowers, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces as well as nephews of a person who is or was eligible for Ordinary membership.

### Affiliate voting membership

Includes Canadian citizens or Commonwealth subjects from an Allied nation who support The Royal Canadian Legion's aims and objectives, and are not eligible for ordinary or associate membership through service or family association.

### Affiliate non-voting membership

This includes non-Canadian citizens or non-Commonwealth subjects from an Allied nation who support The Royal Canadian Legion's aims and objectives.

## 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!

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

## WAYS & MEANS REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

Breakfast with Santa on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December from 9 am till noon was a success.

Saturday meat draws are going well. Thanks to all that participate and to the volunteers who run it.



## 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



Thanks again to the membership for a great Poppy Campaign. A special thanks goes to all who helped with boxing, delivering, pickup and counting collection boxes. Anyone who requires a Poppy receipt they are behind the bar. If there is a problem, contact me at 519-562-9754.

On December 6, a Veteran provided a pasta dinner for all Poppy volunteers. Thank you for this wonderful gesture.

## SPORTS REPORT: KEN WINIK



Come out to the Branch and enjoy some darts or pool or join a euchre league. Open darts was held on December 6.

Mixed Darts was held at Branch 255 on December 20. It will be held at our Branch 644 in 2026 thanks to Betty and Rob Vigneaux, Theresa Butts and myself for winning teams.

### **LIAISON TO CADETS REPORT: KEN WINIK**

On 18 December we held a Christmas dinner for 2861 army cadets and on 20 December we held a Christmas dinner for 1086 army cadets. All had a good time and a great meal thanks to our new cook, "Moose."

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

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

Bands are booked through to May.



Trivia Night: Trivia on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December was another great time! Here's the winners above. There was a tiebreaker between This, That, and Them and The Other Guys. Scores were really close. It was a lot of fun. The next Trivia Night is on Friday January 9 at 7 pm. 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 : )

Jan 15th Comedian Timmy Boyle with Jim McCue. Tickets available at the bar, online, or at the door.

Karaoke is Wednesday nights at 730pm and we will be having a karaoke competition in the new year....details to come.

Valentines Day Dinner & Dance is confirmed with Black Orchid on Saturday 14 February, 2026.

## **YOUTH & EDUCATION REPORT: STACEY MASSE**

I ended up having 124 entries for Remembrance Day poster and literary contest (110 last year) and from the entries, 34 went to the zone for judging and we had 4 of our entries placing 1st to move on to the district. The district judging will be in January and I will keep you posted if they advance from there.



The public speaking information will be going to schools and I will need volunteers to deliver to the schools.

I am so very proud of the students that are moving on and for all the entries that came in. Again, thanks to all the judges who helped with branch and zone judging. At the end of the Newsletter there are seven poems that were submitted by students.

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

Josiah is working on a few video/reels to advertise on Facebook as a sponsored ad to try and drive more traffic in.

## **BINGO REPORT: PAM WINIK**

Upcoming dates for Bingo:

Jan. 11 - 4 to 6 pm

Jan. 20 - 2 to 4 pm

Jan. 30 - 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.

## LEGION SUPPLIES REPORT: LYNNE PINCIUC:

The 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion medal is available. If anyone would like to order one, let me know. [pinciuc82@gmail.com](mailto:pinciuc82@gmail.com).

Check out the Poppy Store for some great Legion products [here](#)..



## SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: DARREN BULMER:

At November's General Meeting there were 31 members in attendance – 1 Life, 12 Ordinary, 16 Associate, 2 Affiliate Voting. There was no General Meeting in December. There was an Executive Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 at 7 pm.



## LIAISON TO RCNA REPORT: RON SITARZ

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual New Years' Day Graveside Toast to honour Rear-Admiral Walter D. Hose and his services to Canada, on January 1, 2026 at 1300 hrs (1:00 pm). Location: Heavenly Rest Cemetery, 5005 Howard Ave., LaSalle – St. Ann section.



*Singles 50+ Social Club*  
*for widowed, divorced, separated & never married individuals over 50*

Weekly meetings  
on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.  
at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644  
1570 Marentette Ave., Windsor, ON

*Have questions? Contact us at*  
*50plussocialsinglesssecretary1@gmail.com*

# JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Closed except for special events	Kitchen Closed	Mixed Euchre 7-9	Member's Lounge closes 6 pm.		Men's & Ladies Darts 7:00pm	Poppy Volunteers Pasta Dinner 6-8 pm
	Pool 1 pm			New Years Day Levee 4-6 pm		Aaron Furlotte 2-6 pm Crowbar Hotel 7-11 pm
	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30 pm		New Year's Eve Party 7 pm			Afternoon Darts 1pm
						Meat Draw 3 pm
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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	Kitchen Closed	Executive Meeting 7pm		Comedy Night		Afternoon Darts 1pm
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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	Pool 1pm	L.A. Meeting 6:30pm	Recreational Darts 6pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm	Boxing Day	Aaron Furlotte 2-6 pm Next Level 7-11 pm
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						Mixed Darts 7:30 pm
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	Pool 1pm	General Meeting 7pm	Recreational Darts 6pm	Mixed Darts 7:30pm		Afternoon Darts 1pm
	Luck of the Draw Darts 7:30 pm					Common Ground Duo 2-6 pm; Coastline 7-11



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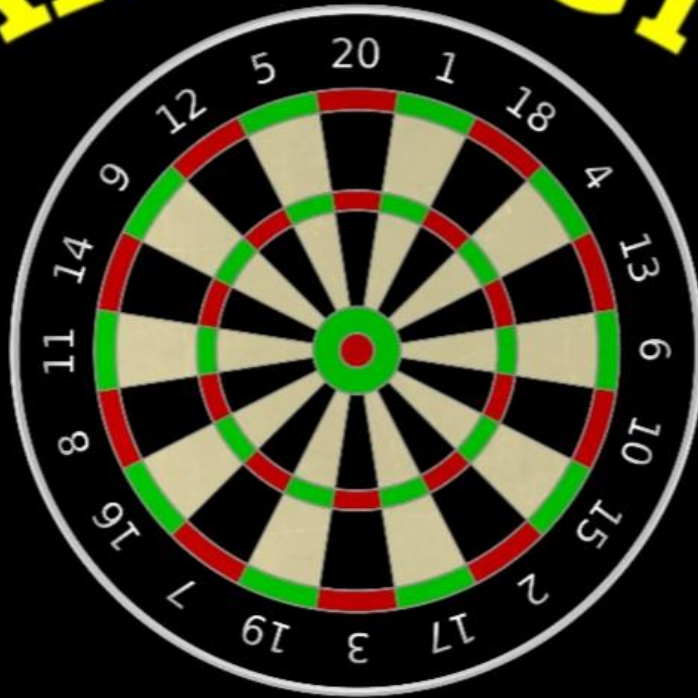
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SATURDAY

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SATURDAY

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**AARON FURLOTTE 2-6**  
**BACK 2 BACK 7-11**

SATURDAY

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**MICKEY 2-6**  
**NEXT LEVEL 7-11**

SATURDAY

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*January 1, 2026*

*Time: 1300 Hrs. (1:00 pm)*

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and sacrificed for our country."

– JOAN COOK,  
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**Working together to serve Canada's Veterans**

## What Remembrance Day Means to Me

When I think of remembrance, I think of my family that served, and the people who served and gave their lives so that we could be here today.

My Great-Great Uncle served in World War II. His name was John Alexander Glenn, and he was a rear gunner on a Halifax Bomber. Sadly, he passed away when he was 19 and his plane crashed. He is forever in our family's hearts.

My Great Grandfather Joe Bourdage also served in World War II. He drove a tank. He was injured when the tank backfired and he lost his hearing in one ear. Happily, he survived and lived another 50 years.

My mom's cousin Ed Stortz also served in the Canadian military. He is now a police officer with the Windsor Police.

During the moment of silence Canada has every November 11, Canada observes 2 minutes of silence. I think about all the people that served our country and of all my family who fought and died. This is a sad moment where we should all be quiet and reflect on the past.

Learning about Remembrance Day made me feel sad at first thinking of all the people that gave up their lives for us. It also makes me feel proud to learn that many of my family members served our country. I think I have a better understanding of how people feel about their losses in the war. I feel like I can relate a bit better to other people who have family that fought and died in service to our country.

I am so grateful to have had so many Canadians fight to make us safe and protected. It breaks my heart that some people passed while serving, and I would like to say thank you to all who served.

It is truly horrible that so many people died in World War I, World War II and all other conflicts throughout the world. We are still here because of them, and we hope that it will never happen again.

This is what Remembrance Day means to me.

Thank you.

Maggie Wydrzynski

# Amanda Amony, 10 yrs old, West Gate Public School

## To Those Who Stood for Us

When it is time to feel hurt,  
no one feels it more than those who've lost.  
Young soldiers in their teens,  
offering their hearts before they even knew how to dream.

They fought for peace,  
peace we still can't sustain,  
peace that slips through our hands  
like dust in the rain.

For every soldier that dies,  
most scroll past their memory,  
forgetting the ones who lie in Flanders Fields.  
They make mockery and joke,  
push and they poke,  
but never stop to imagine  
the other end of the sword.

So let us stand for those who once stood for us,  
for the soldiers who had to live with themselves after war,  
for the echoes that followed them through quiet doors.  
For the forgotten ones whose names fade in stone,  
for the silence that replaced their final tone.

For the ones eager to fight,  
who traded youth for endless night,  
to this I say, we stand and bow our heads,  
so that we may never forget.

# Bella Halliday, 15 yrs old, Catholic Central High School

## Remembrance

On the 11th day of the 11th month, at 11 a.m.,  
all war has ended - we remember.

We wear poppies,  
red as the lives lost,  
and pause in silence,

two minutes

for those who gave everything.  
I close my eyes and imagine their lives lost on this day.

We hold ceremonies every year,  
Flags lowered,  
hearts lifted in gratitude.  
War may be over,  
but their courage lives in us,  
Guiding us to work for peace,  
for all.

Thank you, soldiers,  
for the sacrifice we can never repay.  
For the freedom we have,  
the memories we carry,  
and the lessons we will never forget.

I hope I live in a world worthy of your sacrifice.

# Emmanuela Adebayo, 15 yrs old, Catholic Central High School

## Whispers of Sacrifice

In the quiet shadow of dawn's gentle sigh,  
Canada weeps where brave hearts lie,  
Whispered names in wind's soft cry,  
Memories etched in the lullaby.

Fields once alive with laughter's glow,  
Now silent where the fallen go,  
A sea of stars in mournful flow,  
Their sacrifice, a sacred show.

Beneath the maple's steadfast grace,  
Lies a tender, aching space,  
Where love endures beyond time's race,  
In every tear, a warm embrace.

Their courage carved in history's stone,  
A legacy, forever shown,  
In every heartbeat, love is known -  
A whisper, "You are not alone."

Canada's soul, in sorrow's hue,  
Remembers, honours, and stays true,  
To those who gave their all anew,  
In silent love - forever you.

# Sheldon Paul-Mordi, 15 yrs old, Catholic Central School

## Poem for Remembrance Day

At eleven o'clock the world seems to stop breathing,  
Even the wind grows still,  
As if the earth itself is listening

somewhere, a poppy leans against the cold ground,  
its petals trembling in the November air  
Red, like the memories we carry  
Bright against the grey.

I think about the soldiers  
Not the statues, or the names carved in stone,  
But the people they were,  
young, scared, and far from home.  
People who laughed once,  
wrote letters they never got to send,  
who missed the same things I do  
their families, their friends  
the feeling - the feeling of safety

They stood in places where the sky burned,  
and still, they fought  
not for glory, not for medals  
but so that we could stand here  
Safe in our silence

The horn cries  
A lonely sound that fills the air  
and for two minutes  
We remember  
Not just their deaths, but their lives

Remembrance Day gives us a chance  
So that we don't forget, that lives were lost.  
We're always grateful,  
for those who died for us.

In Remembrance,  
of the ones that were lost

♥Ellianna♥ poem♥



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Peoples family were very sad. ♥



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Old soldiers fought for us. ♥

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Poppies grow between crosses. ♥



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Peace at earth. ♥



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I am sad that people forget. ♥



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Every year we remember. ♥



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Gunnar Pavletic Pepper, 10 yrs old West Gate Public School

A Soldier I have never met

I have never met this soldier,  
but a strong, brave hero is who I see.

A boy who put himself in danger so I could be safe

A boy who starved so I would never go hungry.

A boy who felt cold so I'd always be warm.

A boy who left his home so I could always feel safe in mine

A boy who overcame challenges far beyond anything..

I should ever have to see in my life.

That boy came home a man.

That man became a husband, father, grand father, and most  
importantly MY GREAT GRANDFATHER.

Thank you for making this world a safe place for me and thank  
you to all the soldiers who so hard, so we all could live free

Gunnar Pavletic Pepper