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Ways & Means	Veronica Friesen	see above
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Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee:	Ron Bisnaire	

BRANCH MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE

Tuesday

March 16th

7:00 PM

**GENERAL
MEETING**

***Suspended during
COVID-19
Shutdown***

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Tom's Humour Page

An order of monks are selling flowers illegally on the lawn of the Playboy Mansion, Hugh Hefner's property. Instead of calling the police, however, Hugh decides to spring into action and stop them himself. After an intense argument, the monks agree to leave peacefully. If it had been anyone else they would have gotten away with it; unfortunately for them, only Hugh can prevent florist friars.

Two boys were walking in the forest and they came across the most beautiful women taking a bath in a hot spring. Upon seeing this, one boy took off running, and the other went after him. When he caught up to the other he asked "Why did you run off?". To this the other replied "Well, my mom told me that if I ever saw a naked women I would turn to stone, and I felt something getting hard!"

As we waited for a bus in the frosty weather, the woman next to me mentioned that she makes a lot of mistakes when texting in the cold...I nodded knowingly. It's the early signs of typhothermia.

Bob is teeing up on the 4th – A par 4 with a water feature for the first 100 yards. Bob is not feeling confident at all, so gets out one of his old balls. As he is teeing up, he hears a voice in the back of his head. "Bob" it says "Use the good ball". Bob looks around, thinks for a minute then decides to go with his inner voice. As he's setting his stance ready to hit off, again he hears the voice. "Bob Wait", it says. "Take a practice swing". A little confused by what was occurring, he takes a small step back and has a couple of practice swings. Bob feeling pretty good, steps forward to tee off. He waits for a few seconds then again he hears the voice "Bob – Use the old ball"

Carl gets off work early one afternoon so decides to have a quick 9 holes before going home. When he arrives, there is an old man preparing to tee off. "Would you like to join me" he says. "Sure" says Carl so they tee off. After the first 5 holes, the old man is doing pretty well and scoring the same as Carl. While he doesn't hit it too far, his drives are straight, and his chipping gets pretty close to the pin. As they get to the 6th hole, Carl prepares to take his second shot. It's a tough shot with a large oak tree sitting between his Ball and the Green. Carl ponders how to handle it when the old man says, "When I was your age, I would hit it straight over that tree and onto the green". Carl not to be outdone, accepts the challenge, and pulls out his 8 iron. Carl hits it cleanly, but it still catches branches near the top of the tree, rattles around and lands at the base of the tree. Carl looks at the old man. The old man says "What? That was always going to happen. That tree was half that size when I was your age".

Tom had been playing golf for years, and he had the finest equipment, but his technique never improved a bit. As his friend watched, he teed up at the first hole and promptly drove a brand-new ball into the woods. On the second hole, he drove another new ball into a lake. On the third, he lost a new ball in another part of the woods. "Why don't you use an old ball?" his friend Sam asked. "I've never had an old ball," Toms said

Two friends were playing golf at a foggy par three, and could see the flag, but not the green. Each hit their ball anyway. When they walked to the green, they discovered one about three feet from the cup, while the other somehow had gone directly in. They tried to figure out which ball belonged to who, since they were both using Titleist number threes. Unable to decide, they returned to the Club House and asked the golf pro for a ruling. After hearing their story and congratulating them both on their superb shots under such adverse conditions he asked, "Okay, so who was playing with the yellow ball?"

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring is around the corner and warmer weather will sure be welcomed.

The WECHU is finally taking limited registrations for Covid-19 vaccination.

[Targeted Vaccination Clinic Pre-Registration \(qualtrics.com\)](https://qualtrics.com)

Please note that vaccine appointments are ONLY available for:

ADULTS 80 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

The pre-registration form is used to help our team book your COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

Once your form is reviewed and you are selected, the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit will contact you by phone to book your appointment.

(As of Feb.26th there were already 7,000 eligible entries.)

We are in CODE RED so the Windsor Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) allows us to open!

At the request of our members, we re-opened our doors Monday Feb 22nd.

The Branch is now open 1-7pm Monday through Saturday. Closed on Sunday.

We are allowed another 25 on the patio so, when the weather allows, you may wish to enjoy the fresh air with a beverage.

To allow use of our patio during rain and provide some protection from the sun we are looking into a roof addition. There may be grants available for this type of project so we doing the leg work now.

Note that if a roof is added then smoking will not be allowed on the covered patio.

We will find another area for our friends that smoke or vape tobacco.

We are still having weekly operations meetings to ensure things don't fall through the cracks. Morris Brause has provided a wonderful summary.

Member Check Up

A team of 14 Branch Executives and member volunteers telephoned our members to make sure all can get food, prescriptions, trips to medical appointments as needed.

Let us know if you're in need and we will use our collective strength to help as much as we can.

Coming Events

St Patrick's Day will be celebrated on Wednesday March 17th. We can't make definite plans as we don't know what the Health Unit will allow ... BUT we will have Irish Food available, Corned Beef Dinners or Sandwiches either to Eat In with your favorite beverage or to go. Craig will be packaging "sandwich kits" for your final assembly so the bread doesn't get soggy. Details are later in the Newsletter.

March 28th Turkey Dinner details on page 10

April 2nd Good Friday (April 2nd) Fish. We plan to have a "boatload" of fish to offer this year.

Due to the large numbers of orders on Good Friday Craig will offer only Battered Fish and not Baked or Cajun. Ordering procedure is being finalized and will be on our website soon.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Branch soon.

**Tom Friesen, President,
Metropolitan Branch 594**

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

General

Over the last month we have continued to meet with the Ops team to conduct weekly reviews of operations and initiate any maintenance that was needed. We have also continued to monitor the financial situation for the Branch.

Operations Committee Report:

I will cover the highlights of our meetings, decisions that have been made and action taken or to be taken:

- a. **Movement from Lockdown to Code Red:** The Government decided to move our region to Code Red on Tuesday, 16 February 2021. Consideration has been given to whether it is cost effective to open with only permitting 10 patrons. Although this has been initially discussed at the Ops team level, and initially decided that it was not. Some of our members requested that we re-open and the Branch Executive decided it was worth a try. Starting Feb. 22nd, we opened the doors 3-7pm Monday to Friday. Sales for the first week were approx. \$300 per day and requests were made to open earlier. As of March 2nd, we are open 1-7pm. WE DO LISTEN TO OUR MEMBERS!
- b. **Financial Review:** The Treasurer provided a detailed analysis at the Feb Executive meeting. Some of the GIC's have matured and some of those funds will be reinvested. Once we have opened to a level where we are covering the costs of operating and making some profit, then we can decide to how much to reinvest and what is to be kept for emergencies.
- c. **Staffing:** Bar stewards have been laid off during the lockdown. Our bookkeeper came in once per month to update our data bank and ensure bills are paid. Our custodian comes in twice per month to clean the kitchen and bathrooms. As we open in red or the next state, we will then slowly bring back staff to cover the hours that we will be open.
- d. **Decisions on Financial Savings during the closure:** we continue to follow the procedures of reduction in costs as per last month's report and have added that our back parking lot will not be cleared of snow until there is a need to use all our parking capacity. We only clean the front lot and around the actual building for access by firefighters and to ensure we follow the guidance of our Insurance company.
- e. **Verification of Inventory:** most of the inventory in our Branch has been reviewed and lists have been made. This is part of a three-phase approach. Phase 1: complete all lists of inventories for the Branch to be completed NLT end February; Phase 2: add all replacement costs for all major items to be completed NLT end March; and Phase 3: at the end of May verify the inventory as part of the report due for the end year review.
- f. **Marketing:** Craig's Kitchen continues to market the kitchen take-out and has implemented the Skip the Dishes if people wish to order and have their food delivered. Note: there is an additional cost for orders through that method.
- g. **Portable Phones for the bar:** 1st VP is still investigating a cost-effective means of having portable phones that can use two lines.
- h. **HVAC Committee:** still working on finalizing the replacement costs, what Insurance will cover, and what will be the final plan to replace the unit in Hall A.

- i. **Finance Committee:** members of this committee sit on the weekly Operations Committee meetings and take back information to their Committee in setting priorities for short, medium, and long-term financial planning.
- j. **Security:** continue to have Executive members inspect the premises 5-7 days a week and fill in a security check list.

Comrade Morris Brause, 1st VP

MEMBERSHIP

Metropolitan Branch 594 currently has Total Membership of 372.

Life (5), Ordinary (86), Associate (209), Affiliate Voting (72)

We are still waiting for 37, 2020 members to renew.

Deceased:

Albert L Hazael (AS) February 11, 2021.

Vic Rossyan (AS) February 21, 2021

The Legion is pleased to offer currently serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members with a free one-year Legion membership, including a subscription to Legion Magazine and access to the Member Benefit programs. Our Veteran Welcome Program, available to all Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion, is a great way to get to know the organization.

To apply, please complete the Veteran Welcome Program
Registration Form <http://www.legion.ca/welcome>

For those of you that have not yet renewed please do so as soon as possible.

Renewals can be made by:

- 1. In person at the Bar**
- 2. By Mail: RCL Br 594, 5030 Howard Ave, Tecumseh, ON, N9H 0M3**
(Include your membership # as well as your cheque made out to RCL Br 594)
- 3. Credit card, telephone to the Branch 519-969-0551**
(if we can't get to the phone please leave message and we will call you back)
- 4. On-line through at "https://www.legion.ca/join-us/renewal"**

Brian Robinson, Membership Chair

Changed your address, phone number, email address?

Please send changes, by email to: membershipbr594@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT

I have some great news to share with you. We recently applied for some available government grants to assist us with our ongoing operational expenses while the branch was closed or had limited operations due to the Board of Health restrictions.

We have received a total of \$25,920.16 in funding from the Ontario Small Business Support Grant. \$20,000.00 of this was for the revenue decreases that we experienced in 2020 due to our closures in April, May, and June and \$5,920.16 was an Energy Cost Rebate to assist with our electricity and natural gas expenses.

This funding will be a huge help to us as we continue to pay our ongoing operational and maintenance expenses of the branch.

A big thank you to the Ontario and Canadian Government for assisting small businesses like ours through this pandemic.

We reopened on Feb 22nd to 10 patrons and we hope we get approval soon to the usual capacities. We strive to serve our veterans, members, and the community.

Jim McGhie
Treasurer

COLOUR PARTY

On Tuesday, February 16, 2021, Comrades Konrad Boehler and Morris Brause presented the new RCL Branch 594 Colour Party Directive with all the supporting annexes. The Executive unanimously approved the new directive. It will be placed into the Policies and Procedures manual for the Branch. I want to thank Comrades Konrad Boehler, David Pickford, Jim McGhie, and Tom Friesen for their direct support in preparing this document. We have updated the policies and procedures based on the current Provincial By-Laws and have also maintained traditions that have been practices in our Branch. If you are interested in seeing a copy, please contact First Vice President, Morris Brause, and he can send you an electronic copy. If you would like a paper copy, let him know.

Comrades Konrad Boehler and Morris Brause

By-Laws, Regulations, House Rules, and Policies and Procedures

Recently the Executive of our Branch decided that it was time to review our Branch Regulations (last approved changes were 2010), House Rules, and our Policies and Procedures. The First Vice-President, Comrade Morris Brause, volunteered to take on the overall review and planning for this project. Over the

last three months, Morris has studied all the By-Laws and procedures from the Legion Dominion Command and Provincial Command levels, reviewed what we currently have approved, and spoken to the current President and Past Presidents.

A meeting on was held on Thursday, 25th February 2021, to formalize the plan to update and create documentation for RCL Branch 594.

What encompasses these three different types of category of documents:

1. **By-Laws versus Branch Regulations:** Branches receive Legion Command and Provincial Command By-Laws that provide the overriding direction to Branches on their Operations, Administration, Financial, and procedural guidance. These By-Laws can be directly placed into the Branch Regulations. However, in the case of Branch Regulations, this binder really includes amendment(s) from the Branch that have been properly vetted at the Branch, properly documented, approved by Membership and are then sent to Command for approval. Once they are approved and returned to the Branch, they become part of the Branch Regulations.
2. **House Rules:** generally, one to two pages dealing with specific topics. This does not replace Branch Regulations or By-Laws; but deals with operational and administrative matters within the Branch. Typical topics: expected behaviour in the Branch, dress, respect, drunkenness, who can enforce House Rules, smoking, use of cannabis, out of bounds area, language, etc.
3. **RCL Branch 594 Policies and Procedures:** Policies and Procedures are created at the Branch level to cover normal operations, administration, etc. that is not covered in either the Branch Regulations (By-Laws) or the House Rules. These are examples:
 - a. Duties and responsibilities of key executive positions.
 - b. Duties and responsibilities of Committees like Ways & Means, Seniors Committee, etc.
 - c. Procedures for financial and administrative procedures.

In the meeting we reviewed all current documents, set up sub-committees to deal with each area, studied the procedures for the process of developing recommendations for changes, preparing Motions for the membership to review, getting membership approval, and in the case of the Branch Regulations, getting Command approval for the amendments.

Goals: these are the major goals we are trying to achieve:

1. Determine with the Executive whether there are amendments required for our Branch Regulations, prepare and send out a “Notice of Motion” followed by membership review, discussion, agreement and submission to Prov Command by the end of June 2021.
2. Update our Branch House Rules to be reflective of changes required by Government regulations, or simple rules that need to be amended or added in our day-to-day operations, and submit to the membership for approval by end of April 2021; and
3. Compile our Policies and Procedures that have been approved over the years into one binder, and include any other Policies and Procedures, that are internal to the Branch such as: Committees and their duties; administrative procedures; operational procedures; financial procedures; etc.; and submit the initial binder of Policies and Procedures to the membership by end of April 2021 (note: this can

and will be an ongoing project). It is good to note that most of these Policies and Procedures have been developed over the last number of years.

Volunteers: The Executive would like to have volunteers from our membership who would be willing to sit on one of these sub-committees. Getting a new perspective from our membership, not serving on the Executive, is important. There are also many of our members who have volunteered for different charitable, Veteran, Military, or business organizations that can provide unique and valuable advice.

If you are interested, please contact First Vice President Morris Brause: cell: 519-965-0749; or via e-mail: morbrause@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted by: Comrade Morris Brause

GARDENING AND YARD WORK

I know the first thing that is going through your mind right now – ARE YOU KIDDING ME, WE HAVE NOT EVEN GOT INTO A GOOD SPRING.

Well, Janet and I are forward- thinking kind of people, so here we go 😊.

Sometime in the month of March, we are going to try and get volunteers to come together and discuss our plans for our gardens this year. We would love to have some of our members come out and hear our plans and present some of their ideas. We have beautiful grounds at RCL Branch 594, but there is always something new and unique that we can do for a very reasonable price – especially with volunteers! Bring a smile to everyone when they enter our property and say WOW!

Once again, this year, we need volunteers for the following:

- a. Cutting the lawn on a riding lawn mower (not work, just fun!).
- b. Trimming the edges of the lawn, especially around our parking lots, with power trimmers.
- c. Weeding our gardens.
- d. Helping put out mulch.
- e. Trimming trees and bushes.
- f. Planning unique and new ideas for the gardens.
- g. Possibly planning some potted flowers at the front entrance and at our patios.

With a good group of volunteers, you may only have to volunteer for a few hours once per month.

Take pride in this beautiful property and contact one of the following to volunteer: First VP Morris Brause, 3rd VP Larry Williams, or Sgt-At-Arms Janet Ciurysek.

If you would like to help, please contact Janet Ciurysek or Morris Brause; or leave a message on our Legion phone: 519-969-0551.

Report submitted by: Comrades Janet Ciurysek and Morris Brause

WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson



The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command



To: All Members

Date: February 18th, 2021

Subject: Declaration No. 9 - Branch Elections

DECLARATION NO. 9 – 2021

All Branch elections, and transitions to a new Executive, and the General By-Laws of Command and Branch Regulations pertaining to Branch Elections, will be suspended pending a return to full Branch operations.

The Provincial Administrative Committee will monitor and review the current and forecasted pandemic impact, including all applicable protocols, and report to the Provincial Executive Council.



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Youth Education

Bursaries

-The 2020/21 Provincial Bursary Programs opened in September when Students are physically on Campus.

The deadline for applications to be received, at Provincial Command, is Friday March 26th 2021.

NOTE Section C: AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE IS THE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN OR THE SECRETARY OF THE BRANCH.

Due to Code Red applications are required at least 3 days in advance for branch signatures.

ALSO send email metrolegion594@gmail advising application has been dropped off.

(refer to Provincial website <https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries>)



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BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- RATIONALE:** The Bursary Program is designed to assist students entering or pursuing their post-secondary education, including courses or programs of a technical and vocational nature, outside of and beyond secondary school. Approved bursary assistance is not based upon scholastic standing but rather on the successful completion of the current year of study and recommendation by the District Bursary Committee.
- ASSISTANCE:** Students applying for assistance may be granted a Bursary based on documented need in the amount of \$750.00 per scholastic year (September to August) as determined by the District Bursary Committee.
- Students entering a diploma or certificate course, usually of a shorter duration with reduced tuition, may be granted assistance at a rate to be determined by the District Bursary Chairman.
- Indentured apprentices may apply for assistance for the purchase of tools and instruments.
- ELIGIBILITY:**
- (1) Ex-Service personnel or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve, and Merchant Navy) and their children and grandchildren. Commonwealth war veterans and their children and grandchildren.
 - (2) Ordinary and Life members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren.
 - (3) Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children only.
 - (4) Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren.
 - (5) Step children and step grandchildren may be considered where applicable.
- APPLICATIONS:** Application forms are available from the following:
- a) Secondary School Guidance Offices / Awards Offices of the Colleges and Universities
 - b) Provincial Service Bureau Offices
 - c) Branches of The Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

Applicants are required to make an application to OSAP (or its equivalent in other provinces). Should an application be received and missing the required information, the application will be declined. **Applications must be received by Ontario Command prior to the last Friday of March from students who are currently attending post-secondary education. Students changing courses will not be considered.** The Royal Canadian Legion reserves the right to authenticate all information pertaining to the application prior to any decision being given. Applicants will be notified by mail as to the decision of the District Bursary Committee. **This decision is final and cannot be appealed.** You must include the following documents in order to ensure a complete application is received.

- Your Social Insurance Number and Email address
- OSAP Funding Summary
- OSAP Application Data on File
- Proof of Service of the Veteran – copy of the Discharge Certificate, Record of Service or NDI75 Card
- Proof of Relationship of the Student to the Veteran
- Complete either section C or D – endorsed by either the President, Secretary or Membership Chairman
- Copy of the "Verification of Enrollment" from your student profile

EMAILED/SCANNED/FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE MAIL ORIGINAL.

MAILING ADDRESS: The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Command
89 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora, ON L4G4C4

OFFICE USE ONLY
District _____
Date Sent _____

KITCHEN CONVENOR REPORT

Current code RED restrictions so food is TAKE-OUT only for now.

Dinners TO GO.

Fridays we offer our full menu in this newsletter.
Catering available for any day.
Call Craig to arrange 226-347-4253

Monthly Specials

**Wednesday March 17th St Patrick's Day
Corned Beef Sandwiches & Dinners too!**

**Sunday March 28th
Turkey Dinner**

**Friday April 2nd.
Good Friday Fish Dinners**

Craig's Kitchen is an important part of our Legion.
The revenue the Legion receives from the kitchen helps us keep our doors open so we can support our Veterans and our greater community.

We are looking forward to seeing you at OUR Legion for dinner and all your post COVID events.

**Veronica Friesen
Kitchen Convenor**

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CRAIG'S KITCHEN

**Call Craig at
226-347-4253**

St Patrick's Day

Wednesday March 17th

Corned Beef dinners with Cabbage & Boiled Potatoes, \$12

Corned Beef or Smoked Pastrami with Fries, \$12



Sunday March 28th, Dinner Special

Turkey Dinner Take outs

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Vegetables, Roll, Cranberries & Dessert - **\$20 each**

- 1. Call Craig to place your order "while they last"*
- 2. Call by Saturday 2pm to be sure*

Friday Night Take Outs

Our full Friday night menu (Fish, Chicken & Ribs) is available for take outs. See Menu on next page or check the website

(www.rcl594.com) for latest offerings

Rib Orders 24 hrs in advance

Fish & Chicken Friday order OK

Good Friday Fish Dinners

April 2nd 1-7PM

Details to follow...

CRAIG'S KITCHEN @ Legion Br. 594

5030 Howard Ave, Tecumseh.

(226) 347-4253

FRIDAY (TAKE OUT ONLY)

Place order by
by phoning 226-347-4253
Prepayment encouraged

FISH DINNERS

all dinners are served with coleslaw, a roll & your choice of one side

1PC HALIBUT

One piece of Halibut made the way you like it- Battered, Baked or Cajun **\$15.00**

2PC HALIBUT

Two pieces of Halibut made the way you like it- Battered, Baked or Cajun **\$24.25**

PERCH

Five pieces of lake Perch made to order- Battered, Baked or Cajun **\$17.25**

1PC PICKEREL

One piece of Pickerel made to your preference- Battered, Baked or Cajun **\$15.00**

2PC PICKEREL

Two pieces of Pickerel made to your preference- Battered, Baked or Cajun **\$24.25**

COMBOS/PLATTERS

All combos served with two sides, slaw & 2 rolls

Battered fish only in Combos

\$28.95

COMBO A- 2pcs of Halibut & 1pc of Pickerel

COMBO B - 2pcs of Pickerel & 1pc of Halibut

COMBO C - 1pc of Halibut, 1pc of Pickerel & 4pcs of Perch

CHICKEN DINNERS

all dinners served with coleslaw, a roll & your choice of one side- unless specified

2PC CHICKEN

2 pieces of the original "Broaster" Chicken cooked to perfection **\$11.00**

3PC CHICKEN

3 pieces of the original "Broaster" Chicken cooked to perfection **\$13.00**

BROASTER CHICKEN FAMILY -

9pcs of Chicken, Large fry, Bowl of Slaw & Rolls **\$28.00**

CHICKEN TENDERS

5pcs of crispy chicken tenders with your choice of one dipping sauce **\$10.95**

*Add an extra sauce for \$0.75
Sauces: Honey Garlic, Plum, Sweet & Sour, BBQ, Frank's hot sauce or Ranch*

SIDES/EXTRAS

BASKET OF FRIES	\$4.00
WEDGES	\$4.00
BAKED POTATO	\$3.00
STEAMED VEGGIES	\$3.00
GARDEN SALAD	\$5.00
MAC & CHEESE	\$5.00
POUTINE	\$7.00
GRAVY	\$1.00

SINGLE PC HALIBUT \$10.25

SINGLE PC PICKEREL \$9.25

SINGLE PC PERCH \$2.40

SIDE OPTIONS: Fries, Wedges, Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Mac & Cheese, Steamed Vegetables

BBQ OPTIONS

all dinners served with coleslaw, a roll & your choice of one side

FULL RACK RIBS

A full rack of Ribs deliciously Smoked with our secret rub and served with our own recipe sauce ***** \$30.00**

1/2 RACK OF RIBS

Can't eat a full rack? Just enjoy a half rack of Ribs deliciously Smoked with our secret rub and served with our own recipe sauce ***** \$17.00**

BBQ COMBO - 2 pieces of Broaster Chicken & 4 Rib Bones, One Side, Slaw & a Roll

***** \$20.00**

*****Note RIB ORDERS**

24 Hrs in Advance

KIDS MENU

All kids' meals are served with a small fry, roll & Ice Cream cup

\$7.95

BROASTED CHICKEN- 1 piece of our Broaster Chicken

CHICKEN TENDERS- 3 pieces of Golden Crispy Tenders & sauce

FISH & CHIPS- 1 piece of Halibut

MAC & CHEESE - A bowl of our cheesy homemade Mac & Cheese

TAXES INCLUDED IN ALL PRICING!!

SENIORS COMMITTEE

The Seniors Committee will not meet until we know when we can open again.

It is expected that either in late February or early March 2021, we will have a meeting to discuss plans when we have a clearer indication of when we can get back to normal operations and host events in our Legion. I am pleased to announce that Barb Hooper has agreed to Co-Chair the Seniors Program. She has worked hard over the years for this program and our members have benefited from her dedication. Thank you, Barb, for stepping up into this leadership role.

RCL Branch 594 Seniors' Committee:

Chairs: Morris Brause / Barb Hooper; Committee Members: Sue Robinson, Archie Neilson, Beth Abson, and Shirley Jinkerson.

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

If you know of a veteran in need please let me know!

Chris Ricard, Branch Service Officer

Our Mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our communities and our country

Disability Benefit Process

- VAC First Application
- VAC Departmental Review
- VRAB Review Hearing
- VRAB Appeal Hearing
- VRAB Request for Reconsideration

We at Royal Canadian Legion are able to do same level of work. We submit the First Application

- We co-represent with Bureau of Pension Advocates
 - Assist with preparation of evidence
 - Prepare individual(s) for in-person appearance
 - Attend Review Board Hearing
- Service Officers at Dominion Command level specialize in Appeals

Legion 

Branches 12, 143, 255, 261 & 594

ATTENTION VETERANS

During these uncertain times be aware that, in spite of the fact that all Legion branches in Windsor/Essex County are closed as per the health authorities directions, the Royal Canadian Legion is still committed to look after the well being of Veterans and their dependents.

IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT US

Legion members contact your Branch Service Officer.

Non-Legion members contact the Legion Service Officer closest to you:

South Windsor - LaSalle (Br 594)

Chris Ricard • cricard788@gmail.com • 519-567-3071

Downtown Windsor - Walkerville (Br 12)

Ron Bastien • mariron@cogeco.ca • 519-987-4886

East Windsor - Riverside (Br 255)

Dave Jarvis • djarvis16@cogeco.ca • 519-945-2012

West - Central Windsor (Br 143)

Jim Sherb • 519-945-3782

Tecumseh (Br 261)

Bernie Kelly • dkelly@mnsi.net • 519-979-8536

We will require your service number and unit you served with.

Donations in support of the Poppy Trust Fund are always welcomed. Contact your local branch.



Categories of Veterans who may qualify for VAC Benefits

- WWII – Canadian and Overseas Service
- Korea
- Merchant Navy
- Regular Force / Reserve Force – Still Serving, Released, Special Duty Area
- RCMP – Still serving and Released

HOSPITAL

We have many Legion members and friends that can no longer come to the Branch in person would love to hear from us.

Branch Pastor, Rev. *Catherine (Cathy) Collins*-Barker our chairperson has agreed to visit our hospitalized members if they agree. Visitations could be in person or by phone, email, Facebook... as the situation requires.

This committee would also arrange for flowers as directed by your Branch Executive.

If you can help, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact us in person or through email, website or a note in the comment box in the lobby.

Note we can only report after families give us permission

Branch Members Celebrating March Birthdays

John Antaya, Lisette Belanger, Debbie Boehler, Laurie Callander, Jim Collard, Bernard Cote, Wendy Davies, Robyn Delisle, Gilles Dubois, Chuck Fox, Tom Friesen, Yvonne Gagnon, Christopher Gall, Mary Gulak, Brett Hotham, Bridget Lindsay, Terry Miller, David Mimmagh, David Newman, Edward Noakes, Ashley Poonia, Joseph Reidy, Jose Renon, David Ross, Robert Saul, Patrick Schaffer, Larry Sequin, Lawrence Serre Sr, Florence Shepley, Les Slaght, Gregg Strong, Henry Thomas, Ken Townsend, Frank Veldhuis & Arthur Youngson Jr.

Hope your birthdays are great!

Bar Report

MARCH BAR HOURS

OPEN Monday – Saturday

1pm till 7pm

CLOSED Sundays

Randy Soulliere, Bar Chair

2715 RCACC

Cadet Corps Report



Jim McGhie
Cadet Liaison
519-979-8904

mcghie@mnsi.net

Your Cadet Corps has been meeting weekly via Zoom to stay in touch with everyone and provide an online training experience for our Cadets.

We look forward to a return to more normal operations where we can train in person once again. Thank you for your continued support of our Cadet Corps.

BRANCH SPORTS

Still waiting for Code Orange or better

YOUTH TRACK & FIELD

The 2021 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships, scheduled for August 6-8, 2021 in Sherbrooke, Quebec, have been cancelled due to public health concerns surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.

The health and safety of all those involved is our number one priority which drove the decision.

Additional considerations were as follows:

- **Vaccine rollout:** the Pfizer/BioNTech and the Moderna vaccines are currently only approved in Canada for those over 16 and 18 years old, respectively. Since Canada is still in stage 1 of 3 of their priority vaccinations which must be completed before the vaccine can be offered to the general public, and the age of participants precludes the athletes from being vaccinated at this time, the likelihood of athletes being vaccinated by August is extremely low.
- **Potential outbreak at event:** Based on feedback from public health authorities, it would be unadvisable to hold an event of that size with unvaccinated participants from across Canada. It is exceptionally risky since the Legion teams travel and are housed and fed together for 6 nights.
- **Government restrictions:** public health authority measures, in regards to facility closures, interprovincial travel and mandatory quarantines, gathering restrictions and physical distancing requirements are all impacting an athlete's ability to train, prepare for and attend qualifying meets and championships.
- **Provincial Command feedback and qualifiers:** Some provincial championships have already been cancelled and six out of ten Provincial Commands supported cancelling the 2021 Legion Nationals now.

March IS
Easter Seals Month
Fundraising and Awareness
for kids with physical disabilities



Helping Kids with
Physical Disabilities
Succeed

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Monday, March 1, 2021

KIDS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES ARE STRUGGLING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC
Easter Seals Ontario kicks off its annual fundraising and awareness campaign

WINDSOR, ON, March 1, 2021 – Easter Seals Ontario, now in its 99th year of operation, kicks off its annual campaign, March is Easter Seals Month, with a goal of bringing heightened awareness to the increased challenges faced by children and youth with physical disabilities and their families particularly during the pandemic.

“It has been almost a year that children with physical disabilities and their families have been without services like therapy, personal care and respite support, and it’s taking its toll,” says Kevin Collins, President and CEO, Easter Seals Ontario. “The kids have been isolated at home with very little social interaction, and many parents have had to quit their jobs to provide around the clock care. They are emotionally and physically exhausted.”

Children with physical disabilities are part of the vulnerable sector and many are at high risk for contracting the virus, which means they are isolated at home with little, if any, outside care or support. The pandemic has elevated the importance for these families to have essential mobility and accessibility equipment, such as stair lifts, ceiling lifts, commodes, and bath chairs, at home to properly care for their children.

“We’re all facing barriers these days. However, everyone should have the ability to live safely in their home,” adds Kevin Collins. “Without access to lifting devices and ramps parents are having to lift their growing children, risking injury to both. Items like bath seats not only provide safety but are also necessary for personal hygiene and offer older children independence and dignity.”

Easter Seals Ontario’s Equipment Funding Program aids families in purchasing essential mobility and accessibility equipment that not only offers greater safety and independence but also improves the child’s and the family’s quality of life.

“Our focus during March is Easter Seals Month is to educate the public on issues facing children with physical disabilities and their families, and it also kicks off our annual fundraising campaign,” says Jeremy Renaud, development officer, Easter Seals Ontario (Windsor-Essex). “Through the generosity of our donors, sponsors and those who fundraise on our behalf, together we are able to positively impact a child’s life and be there to support families when they need it.”

Easter Seals’ fundraising campaign kicks off with its annual mail program containing the organization’s traditional “seals” arriving in homes across the province this week. However, many of the organization’s other fundraising initiatives are still on hold due to the pandemic making the need for support even greater.

“The pandemic forced us to postpone or cancel many of our fundraising initiatives, but the kids can’t wait – they are struggling and need our help now,” Renaud. “Locally, we welcome support through our annual Paper Egg program taking place in Giant Tiger and Home Hardware beginning on March 20, 2021, and by our signature event, the Telethon, with details to be announced in the very near future. As well, donations can be online at anytime at www.EasterSeals.org. Any support will be meaningful and will help change a child’s life.”

Easter Seals Ontario is now in its 99th year of being a champion for children and youth with physical disabilities from all ethnic and religious backgrounds within the communities of Windsor-Essex and across the province. Its roots emerged from Rotary locally who spearheaded the founding organization, The Ontario Society for Crippled Children (November 28, 1922). Programs include funding for essential mobility and accessibility equipment, fully accessible summer camp opportunities at its two properties, Camp Merrywood and Camp Woodeden, online virtual camp programming, public awareness, and information resources. Easter Seals provides its programs and services thanks to the generous support of its donors and sponsors. For more information or to donate, visit EasterSeals.org or connect on [Twitter](https://twitter.com), [Facebook](https://facebook.com), [Instagram](https://instagram.com) or [LinkedIn](https://linkedin.com).

For more information, please contact:

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1st ANNUAL
LaSalle Rowing Club
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

SAT
May 15
(afternoon) **2021**

\$100 per PLAYER
Four person scramble
Prizes and Raffles

DEADLINE
TO SIGNUP

May 1

PLACE

FOX GLEN
GOLF COURSE

Contacts: Veronica Friesen 519-992-8384
Sue Whitehead 519-984-2264

IN MEMORIUM

Albert L Hazael (AS)

**February 11, 2021, 89 years of age,
Legion Member for 12 years**

Vic Rossyan (AS)

**February 21, 2021, 91 years of age,
Legion Member for 26 years**

WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Funeral Services are being performed at the request of the Veteran's family through the funeral homes.

The WVMSC is coordinating the main Remembrance Day Services in Windsor.

From June 1st 2019 to Mar 1st 2021 we have lost:

97 Veterans, 33 Comrades & we have performed at 7 funeral services.

Ron Bisnaire WVMSC Chair



POPPY REPORT

The Balance in the Poppy Trust Fund at the end of January 2021 was \$49,857.21.

This balance includes the \$10,000.00 in donations approved at the January Executive Meeting

New allowable Poppy fund expense. Provincial Command has approved the use of another \$500 from the Poppy Fund for PPE for branch. We have used this money to purchase durable barriers for use at both bars.

Archie Neilson

Chair, Branch 594 Poppy Trust Fund

MARCH

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 OPEN 3-7PM	2 OPEN 1-7PM	3 OPEN 1-7PM	4 OPEN 1-7PM	5 OPEN 1-7PM Take out Dinners 2:00 – 6:00	6 OPEN 1-7PM
7	8 OPEN 1-7PM	9 OPEN 1-7PM	10 OPEN 1-7PM	11 OPEN 1-7PM	12 OPEN 1-7PM Take out Dinners 2:00 – 6:00	13 OPEN 1-7PM
14 Daylight Savings Time Starts	15 OPEN 1-7PM	16 OPEN 1-7PM Executive Meeting 7pm	17 OPEN 1-7PM St Patrick's Day	18 OPEN 1-7PM	19 OPEN 1-7PM Take out Dinners 2:00 – 6:00	20 First Day of Spring OPEN 3-7PM
21	22 OPEN 1-7PM	23 OPEN 1-7PM	24 OPEN 1-7PM	25 OPEN 1-7PM	26 OPEN 1-7PM Take out Dinners 2:00 – 6:00	27 OPEN 1-7PM
28	29 OPEN 1-7PM	30 OPEN 1-7PM	31 OPEN 1-7PM	1 OPEN 1-7AM <i>April Fools!</i>	2 OPEN 1-7PM GOOD FRIDAY Take Out Dinners	3 OPEN 1-7PM

