



Holiday Edition

*Wishing you a very Merry
Christmas and Healthy
Happy New Year!*



NEW YEAR'S EVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Dinner

**Broasted Chicken,
Beef Brisket,
Scalloped Potatoes,
Corn Medley,
Smashed Brussel Sprouts,
Garden Salad,
Dinner Rolls &
Special Dessert too!**

Charcuterie Board at 10:30

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2023

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Metropolitan Branch 594
5030 Howard Ave

Doors Open 6PM
Dinner 7PM
Music 8-12:30

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Amherstburg!**

The Royal Canadian Legion

Metropolitan Branch 594

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BRANCH MEETINGS

**EXECUTIVE
TUESDAY
DEC 20th
10:00 AM**

**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY
JAN 24th
7PM**

5030 Howard Ave, Tecumseh, ON. N9H 0M3

Phone: 519-969-0551, Fax: 519-969-1591 website: www.rcl594.com

Tom's Humour Page, (Snowbird Edition)

From an airline Captain with more than three decades in the airline industry. He says "I never really understood how airline ticket pricing worked until I read this analogy. Perhaps some of the airline pilots and passengers on your mailing list might also appreciate this."

Customer: Hi. How much is your paint?

Clerk: Well, sir, that all depends on quite a lot of things.

Customer: Can you give me a guess? Is there an average price?

Clerk: Our lowest price is \$12 a gallon, and we have 60 different prices up to \$200 a gallon.

Customer: What's the difference in the paint?

Clerk: Oh, there isn't any difference; it's all the same paint.

Customer: Well, then I'd like some of that \$12 paint.

Clerk: When do you intend to use the paint?

Customer: I want to paint tomorrow. It's my day off.

Clerk: Sir, the paint for tomorrow is the \$200 paint.

Customer: When would I have to paint to get the \$12 paint?

Clerk: You would have to start very late at night in 21 days, or about 3 weeks. But you will have to agree to start painting before Friday of that week and continue painting until at least Sunday.

Customer: You've got to be *%&^#@* kidding!

Clerk: I'll check and see if we have any paint available.

Customer: You have shelves FULL of paint! I can see it!

Clerk: But it doesn't mean that we have paint available. We sell only a certain number of gallons on any given weekend. Oh, and by the way, the price per gallon just went to \$16. We don't have any more \$12 paint.

Customer: The price went up as we were talking?

Clerk: Yes, sir. We change the prices and rules hundreds of times a day, and since you haven't actually walked out of the store with your paint yet, we just decided to change. I suggest you purchase your paint as soon as possible. How many gallons do you want?

Customer: Well, maybe five gallons. Make that six, so I'll have enough.

Clerk: Oh no, sir, you can't do that. If you buy paint and don't use it, there are penalties and possible confiscation of the paint you already have. If you

change any colours there is a \$50.00 change fee, even if it is the same brand. Also, no refunds.

Customer: WHAT?

Clerk: We can sell enough paint to do your kitchen, bathroom, hall and north bedroom, but if you stop painting before you do the bedroom, you will lose your remaining gallons of paint.

Customer: What does it matter whether I use all the paint? I already paid you for it!

Clerk: We make plans based upon the idea that all our paint is used, every drop. If you don't, it causes us all sorts of problems.

Customer: This is crazy!! I suppose something terrible happens if I don't keep painting until after Saturday night!

Clerk: Oh yes! Every gallon you bought automatically becomes the \$200 paint.

Customer: But what are all these, "Paint on sale from \$12 a gallon", signs?

Clerk: Well, that's for our budget paint. It only comes in half-gallons. One \$6 half-gallon will do half a room. The second half-gallon to complete the room is \$20. None of the cans have labels, some are empty and there are no refunds, even on the empty cans.

Customer: To hell with this! I'll buy what I need somewhere else!

Clerk: I don't think so, sir. You may be able to buy paint for your bathroom and bedrooms, and your kitchen and dining room from someone else, but you won't be able to paint your connecting hall and stairway from anyone but us. And I should point out, sir, that if you paint in only one direction, it will be \$300 a gallon.

Customer: I thought your most expensive paint was \$200!

Clerk: That's if you paint around the room to the point at which you started. A hallway is different.

Customer: And if I buy \$200 paint for the hall, but only paint in one direction, you'll confiscate the remaining paint.

Clerk: Yes, and we'll charge you an extra use fee plus the difference on your next gallon of paint. But I believe you're getting it now, sir.

Customer: You're insane!

Clerk: Thanks for painting with Air...!

Merry Christmas!

PRESIDENTS REPORT

+Dear Comrades:

Tis the Season to be jolly – Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

I am excited that we are going to take an opportunity on Sunday, December 18th, to close early at 5 pm and provide our staff with a well-deserved Christmas Party. The Executive will serve them some food and drink and thank them, on your behalf, for their great service. For those who have served in the Military, it has always been a tradition for the Officers and Senior NCOs to serve their men and women a Christmas dinner.



We are blessed in this country to enjoy what we have, but we must remember that even though most of us are blessed, there are many that have very little to celebrate. Keep them in your minds, and where possible, be generous of spirit, provide kind words and where possible, support our less fortunate.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteer in our Legion Branch and in the community. Community service is a gift that keeps on giving. One feels good about seeing the results that kindness and help makes. The Comradeship we enjoy brings light and joy to all.

Remember that there are still some tickets available for our New Year's Eve dinner and dance. If you have not yet bought your tickets, please plan to come, and bring friends for a joyous time.

We had a very successful Poppy Campaign again this year. I want to thank Comrade Gerry Ciurysek, his Planning Committee, the Pinner, the Poppy Box Route Managers, the Phone callers, Receipt writers and the Cash handlers who counted the donations. Their work was outstanding.

Well done to all who volunteered and/ or provide donations to our Poppy Campaign.

Comrade Morris.



HOSPITAL

We have 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 and Covid protocols allow.

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

POPPY REPORT

The 2022 Poppy Campaign Summary!

I want to thank all our 2022 Poppy Volunteers from the bottom of my heart; without you we would not have had such a great year.

We are still receiving donations here & there but as of Dec. 1st, 2022, we are just over \$64,000 for our Veterans.

The official ending of this year's Poppy Campaign is Dec. 31st, 2022.

Dominion Command has changed the Poppy Campaign year from Oct. 1st-Sept. 30th to Jan. 1st-Dec. 31st (so technically you can say we had a fantastic year raising over \$125,000 but no we can't say that.)

This being my 1st year as Poppy Chair was a challenging year but with our fantastic volunteers, we came out doing a great job.

This year we could have been even better as we now have the entire Town of LaSalle, plus South Windsor & surrounding areas. (*Prior to our moving to our new location we had a portion of LaSalle*)

With the economy and inflation (higher gas & food prices...) this year we expected a challenge but I feel we did great! Thank you everyone!

Next year the Town of LaSalle, under our new Deputy Mayor, Mike Akpata, will be pushing for more involvement & we hope to surpass this year's total.

Remember the campaign raises awareness of the Poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

The primary purpose of the Poppy Trust Funds is to provide immediate assistance to ex-servicewomen and men in need. This may include food, shelter, or medical attention for them or their families.

No money goes to the maintenance or running of the Branch.

Until next year's Poppy Campaign, LOL which is not that far off now, I wish you all a safe & Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Gerry Ciurysek, Branch 594 Poppy Chair

MEMBERSHIP

As of Dec 2nd, we have a Membership of 459

Consisting of: Life 7, Ordinary 103, Associate 248, Affiliate Voting 99 and Affiliate Non-Voting 2

2023 Early Bird Draw CLOSED

Win your next year's membership by renewing early.

There have been 3 draw winners

1. September: Lawrence Evoy

2. October: Mike Virga

3. November: Catherine MacDonald

Winners have their 2024 membership paid for!

2023 Dues: \$55.00 per person at Branch or Online.

Retired Members \$50 per person, at Branch Only!

So Far for 2023: Renewed 303, Not Renewed (yet): 156

Those who have not renewed will receive a reminder call in before Christmas, and if not renewed will get a follow up by a letter in January.

The Legion is pleased to extend our 1-year free membership for Veterans to their families.

The Veteran Family Welcome Program is open to spouses and adult children of CAF or RCMP serving members and Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion. This program is a great way to get to know the organization and share your support for Canada's Veterans.

Being a Legion member offers opportunities to improve the lives of those who served, remember the Fallen, and support your community — and every member makes a difference. To get more involved with Legion activities in your community and to add your voice to our advocacy efforts and the future of the Legion, apply through Dominion Command's Veteran Welcome Program and bring your membership card to any Legion Branch to request a transfer to that Branch.



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

New Branch 594 members approved at Nov 22nd General Meeting

- **Ordinary:** Albert McCabe, Paul Hepburn
- **Associate:** Mike Cichon, Margaret Yoell, Richard Zangari, Andrea Friesen
- **Affiliate Voting:** Raffaele Del Fiaccio, Robert Gecse, Mary Gallagher, Angelo Minato
- **Affiliate Non Voting:** Ernst Munger
- **Transfer in:** Charles Loeper.



Photo: Left to Right: Brian Robinson (membership Chair), Mary Gallagher, Robert Gecse, Paul Hepburn, Angelo Minato, Richard Zangari, and Jim McGhie (First Vice President)

Membership Committee Help Wanted

Help wanted with the following areas:

- Data Entry
- Compiling Welcome Kits for New Members
- Phone calling (as needed)
- General Membership Meeting assistance
- Forms Inventory - in office, at Bar
- Filing
- Volunteer Tracking Lists
- Mailings
- other misc. tasks

Brian Robinson, Membership Chair

Changed your address, phone number, email address?

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity at the Branch continues to increase with record (last 3 years) bar sales. Inventory has been increased to keep up with the demand.

Branch sports, new customers and a great kitchen have been welcomed by all.

Branch 594 continues to hold many functions all help in supporting the branch.

Thank you all for helping and being such an integral part of this branch and its functions.

John Antaya, Treasurer

PROPERTY

Our building is showing some signs of wear after 11 years of operation.

Repairs to walk in freezer and flat top grill have been completed.

Patio furniture put away for the season.

Garage cleaned and reorganized with special thanks to Com Tom Boroski.

Snow contract has been awarded to Hampton.

Final clean-up of the outdoor property has been done.

We would like to recognize Com Randy Soulliere for completely cutting down all weeds, bushes, etc in the front ditch.

We would also like to recognize all those volunteers that worked on gardening, cutting lawns, and keeping our property maintained.

Septic system under control and the septic and grease tanks were cleaned last week.

The kitchen grease trap is rusting and will need to be replaced in the next few years.

The Septic tank walls are deteriorating.

A meeting has been held with the original installing contractor and they gave some suggestions how to proceed.

The Town of Tecumseh has advised the sanitary sewers are not expected to reach our area for approx. 15 years.

We need to have a long-term plan, including the potential budget required.

REMINDER: We need our members and guests to be respectful and smoke only in the designated smoking areas and extinguish their cigarettes in the containers provided!

We have had Fires in both the gardens by our monument and by our lounge patio by careless disposal of cigarette butts.

TRAINING

K. Boehler and R. Soulliere will be working on Emergency First Aid, CPR & AED training requirements for the remaining staff and Executive that need this training over the next month.

We will also be establishing the online training schedule for our staff and executive for WHMIS with GHS, Workplace Violence & Harassment and Disabilities in the Workplace.

In addition, we will need to setup a schedule for our staff and executive with Smart Serve Certificates to complete their required refresher training prior to July 1, 2023.

Com Konrad Boehler, Training & Development Chair

Youth Education & Bursaries

LITERARY AND POSTER CONTEST

The Branch Literary & Poster contest is over for 2022.

Packages were delivered to the 28 schools in our area.

The following seven (7) schools submitted entries.

Notre Dame Elementary School, Sandwich Secondary School, St. Thomas of Villa Nova, Académie Ste-Cecile Elementary School & High School, Al-Hijra Mosque Academy, Central Public School & Glenwood Public School.

B&W Poster	Level	First Name	Family Name	School
1	Jr	Ziqiu (Joanna)	Ouyang	Glenwood Public School
2	Jr	Arianna	Ventimiglia	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary
3	Jr	Ahyeon	Yeo	Glenwood Public School
Colour Poster				
1	Jr	Eileen	Flanagan	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary
2	Jr	Ziqiu (joanna)	Ouyang	Glenwood Public School
3	Jr	Anthony	Hido	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary
Poem				
1	Jr	Sonali	Singh	Aademie Ste Cecile
2	Jr	Aleeza	Anees	Aademie Ste Cecile
3	Jr	Arnav	Tyagi	Aademie Ste Cecile
B&W Poster				
1	Int	Kiana	Huang	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary
2	Int	Zayna	Yousuf	Al Hijra Academy
3	Int	Grace	Hennin	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary
Colour Poster				
1	Int	Daniella	Papia	Sandwich Secondary School
2	Int	Maryam	Khan	Al Hijra Academy
3	Int	Prachi	Tailor	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary
Poem				
1	Int	Tazmeen	Yekinni	Al Hijra Academy
Essay				
1	Int	Daniella	Papia	Sandwich Secondary School
Poem				
1	Sr	Bella	Cope	St Thomas of Villanova
2	Sr	Erica	Gignac	St Thomas of Villanova
3	Sr	Elise	Bak-Nielsen	Sandwich Secondary School



Eileen Flanagan Gr 6 Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School



Daniella Papia Gr 9 Sandwich Secondary Elementary School

The results are listed above and the first-place winners have their entries submitted for the Zone competition.

The January Newsletter will have details of the upcoming Public Speaking Competition.

Youth Education Committee, Tom Friesen, Patti Brause & Gerry Ciurysek

Legion Week and Remembrance

Veterans Appreciation Dinner – Saturday, October 30th, 2022:

Again, this year we had a very good turnout of our veterans and spouses/caregivers along with widows and widowers of past branch veterans. I do not have the final numbers as of the time of this report I am still waiting for our membership chair to give us the final tally. However, I would estimate that we had approximately 120 people in attendance. I would like to give a special thank you to all of those who volunteered and assisted in making this a very successful event. I would also like to thank Billie Jo and her kitchen staff along with the music from our DJ Joe.

Com K. Boehler updated the numbers in attendance it was 97 veterans and caregivers and 11 others who volunteered etc.

I know this year our dinner was later than normal this was due to the halls being booked for other events. However, we have already booked the hall for next year's event in September.

Remembrance – November 5, 2022, and November 11, 2022

We had an excellent day for our **Branch Remembrance Day service that was held on November 5th**. It was nice to see the people who turned out to take part in the service.

We had approximately 65 to 70 people at the service outside with approximately 50 people joining use for lunch.

I would like to give a special thank you to 2715 Army Cadet Corp for parading with us and making arrangements to have the Sea and Air Cadets join us. As a result of this it was the first time that we had all three branches of the cadets participate in our service.

In addition, we had the 45th Scout Group from Glenwood Church join us. Thank you for being a part of our service and hoping to see you again next year.

Finally, a special thank you to all the volunteers and those who worked so hard to make this a successful day.

On November 11th we also had a good gathering come back from the LaSalle Remembrance Service.

The lounge was pretty much full along with Halls A & B being fairly full. We had the Essex & Kent Scottish Regiment along with other serving members join us for lunch and some fellowship. The E&K Pipe Band also played for everyone in the lounge and Halls A & B.

We had at least 120 people in the lounge and 100 plus in Halls A & B.

I would like to thank all those who helped make this another successful event especially recognizing our Kitchen staff along with our bartenders. A special thanks for all volunteers who put out the flags and retrieved them.

We need to give a special thanks to the Carpenters union who donated \$750 to purchase a drink for Veterans and Serving Members with the balance remaining going to the Poppy Fund. This is an annual donation by them.

Com Konrad Boehler, Chair Legion Week & Remembrance

KITCHEN REPORT

Our kitchen is preparing for a very busy month of December with many Christmas dinners and various parties booked throughout our facility in the month.

We have had to make repairs to the dishwasher in the kitchen as well as the flat top grill and the doors on the freezer. These were all completed in November

The Windsor Essex County health unit were here for an unannounced inspection on November 3rd, and I am happy to report we had zero infractions during this inspection. Well done Bar and Kitchen staff.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL: The Bunker will be offering weekly specials on football Sundays as well as an awesome platter of appetizers. The bar will be offering \$4.00 well drinks and domestic bottles all day along with \$5.00 domestic pints all day too while you enjoy the games in our lounge.

We have recently purchased a new meat slicer for the kitchen as well as a warming tray and two new coffee urns of all which have replaced worn out equipment.

Please note the Bunker will be closed at 5 pm on Sunday December 18th for a much-deserved Christmas staff party.

Please note the days we are closed during the holidays as well as our reduced hours for the holidays to allow our staff to enjoy the holidays with their families too.

The kitchen has finalized a spectacular menu for us to ring in the New Year at the branch with the band "The Stiff Joints". Tickets are on sale now and are only \$45.00 per person which includes broasted chicken, beef brisket, scalloped potatoes, corn medley, smashed Brussel sprouts, garden salad, dinner rolls and a special desert as well as charcuterie boards out for a snack at 10:30 pm. Let's make this a sold-out event!

Thanks to all for your support.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and please stay safe.

Comrades Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie. Co-Kitchen Convenors

Contact Tricia LaBelle at
email: thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com
phone: 519-969-0551

WAYS & MEANS

We had 3 Spaghetti Dinners in November and served over 330 customers.

We had 195 guests in October and are ready for more.
Groups welcome and can be accommodated!

The last Tuesday Spaghetti dinner for 2022 is December 13th and to thank our loyal customers we will be serving cake for dessert that night.

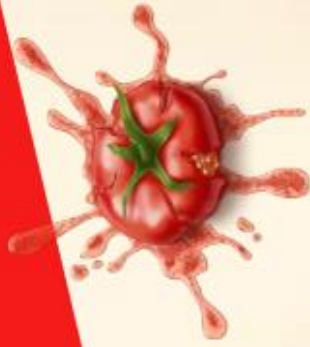
Note we offer vegetarian & gluten free options as well!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Legion!

Veronica Friesen
Ways & Means Chair



SPAGHETTI DINNER



ALL YOU CAN EAT

**Spaghetti with Rich Tomato Basil Meat Sauce,
Fresh Garden Salad, Dinner Roll & Butter**

Served 4:30 till 6:30

Only \$10 for Adults, Children 6 and Under \$3

LAST ONE FOR 2022 Tuesday Dec 13th

Serving Cake for Year End Thank You!

Returning: Jan 10th 2023

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BRANCH SPORTS

Dart Leagues

Saturday NIGHT 1	Jan Verpaeist.	ph. 226 787-8818.	jenny1376@hotmail.com
Saturday NIGHT 2	Debbie Wilson.	ph. 519 981-3279.	wildeb1959@hotmail.com
Wednesday men's	Tony Zahaluk.	ph. 519 250-0766.	tzahaluk@hotmail.com
Friday mixed team	Gary Norman.	ph. 266 348-0876.	rosegary@hotmail.com

Pool

Mondays mixed	Bill Anderson.	ph 519 817-4430.	andersonboyz@hotmail.com
Thursday luck of draw	Jim Collard.	ph. 519 250-0549.	jcollard@cogeco.ca
Tuesday fun pool.	Larry Williams.	ph. 519 726-4043.	qorc52@icloud.com

Zone Sports

The 9-ball pool tournament was held at Branch 594 on Nov 26th.

First place won by our very own Bill Anderson & Lou Driessen

Second Place

Third Place

There is no District, Provincial or Dominion 9 Ball competition.

District Sports

The cribbage tournament was held at Branch 644 and the following persons, from Branch 594, have qualified for District competition Jan 7th in Wallaceburg:

Shirley Jinkerson, Beth Abson, Wayne Fortin & Larry Williams

The 8 ball pool tournament was held at Branch 594 and the following players from Branch 594 have advanced to the District competition Jan 21st in Blenheim ON:

Doubles - First	Lou Driessen and Bill Anderson
- Second	Jim Collard and Larry Williams
- Third	Len Biden and Don Semande
Singles - First	(Branch 644)
- Second	Lou Driessen
- Third	Bill Anderson

ZONE A1 SPORTS EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	HOST Branch	Branch Entry Deadline
9 Ball	Nov 26	594	Nov 12
Youth Darts	Dec 3	644	Nov 19
Mixed Darts	Dec 10	644	Nov 26

Note these tournaments are for Legion Members only and you will be representing your Branch.
New members are eligible too!

Larry Williams, Branch 594 Sports Officer

WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson, webmaster

2715 RCACC



November Cadet Corps Report

The 2715 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps has hit the ground running after almost 3 years of virtual training. Since returning to in-person training on 7 Sep 2022, the unit has conducted two overnight weekend exercises, conducted fundraising Tag days, Poppy sales in support of our Legion 594 and a Tri-service Remembrance Day Parade at Royal Canadian Legion Branch #594 on 5 Nov 22.

The first overnight FTX (Field Training Exercise) was held at Cedarwin Scout Camp, 23-25 Sep 22. This exercise allowed cadets to practice their fieldcraft, canoeing, archery, and orienteering skills. This joint exercise with 1086, 2828 and 2918 RCACC units provided a great training experience for all cadets.

The 2715 Support Committee did a great job organizing the first fundraising event of 2022. Cadets, parents, and staff were very successful in raising much needed funds for training after being unable to fundraise during Covid-19. A second overnight training activity was conducted at KSSA (Kingsville Shooting Sports Association) from 22-23 Oct 22. This multi-unit activity was a Survival Weekend and focused on knots and lashings, improvised shelter building, survival skills and Marksmanship. Cadets slept overnight in their shelters that they constructed. There were many new cadets in attendance which was a great introduction to the Army Cadet program.



The cadets from 2715 RCACC were at the Devonshire Mall on Friday Oct 28th and Saturday Oct 29th to pin Poppies in support of the Poppy Campaign. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594 was grateful for the support from the cadets and are very pleased and proud to support 2715 RCACC since 1974.

2715 RCACC was very honoured to host a Tri-service Cadet Remembrance parade to honour Canada's veterans. Capt. John Demitroff (DCO 2715 RCACC), coordinated with 364 Squadron and 48 Agamemnon Sea Staff and Cadets to plan a parade to Heavenly Rest Cemetery for a wreath-laying and silent march through the graves of fallen comrades, while the bands played music. Afterwards, all cadets participated in the Branch 594 Legion Ceremony, in which numerous dignitaries, legion members, family and friends came together to remember and honour all those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

2715 RCACC would like to thank our generous sponsor,
Branch #594 for their continued support.

Currently, all cadet units are actively recruiting to increase numbers that fell drastically during Covid-19. If you know any youth interested, that are between the ages of 12-18 years of age, please check out our newly redesigned website www.2715rcacc.com. The cadet program is completely free, and the leadership training and camaraderie are priceless.

Cadet CWO Olivia O'Connor

RSM #2715 Tecumseh, Ontario



Jim McGhie, Cadet Liaison, 519-979-8904, mcghie@mnsi.net

WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Funeral Services are being performed at the request of the Veteran's family through the funeral homes. Recent funerals have been gravesite services.

From June 1st, 2022, until Dec 2nd, 2022, we have lost:
54 Veterans, 44 Comrades & have performed at 12 funeral services.

Next meeting is scheduled at 7:30pm on Wednesday Jan 18th at Br 644.

Ron Bisnaire, Branch 594 Liaison to WVMSC



SENIORS COMMITTEE

Please note there will be no Monday Dinner Dance on December 26 nor January 2. Dinner Dances will resume January 9, 2023.

The Seniors Committee met on November 10th and discussion regarding the status of our Monday dances. In November we had attendance between 90 and 102 with about 80% staying for dinner.

Tricia from The Bunker joined us to discuss up and coming dinners and ask our opinion. A small white board will be by the cashier to let those attending what meal will be served that day so guests can decide whether or not they want to pay for a meal or just the dance. It was also decided that coffee will be served before and after dinner, starting at 4:30.

Chartwell in LaSalle sponsored our November 14 dance and brought around a dozen people to join us. Another retirement residence contacted us and asked if we would like another sponsor for our dances.

Unique Gifts and Books was at our Nov 14th dance (again), selling their wares in the hallway. 10% of their sales will be going back to the Legion.

Our Christmas dance will be December 19th with a full Turkey Dinner being served.

We held a Health and Wellness Fair held on October 23 from 1-4. We had 14 paying vendors and 6 not for profit vendors. Attendance was could have been better (there was a lot of other happenings going on in Windsor and Essex County on that day). The committee decided to try this again in the Spring of 2024.

RCL Branch 594 Seniors' Committee:

Co-Chairs: Sue Robinson, Beth Abson, Morris Brause; Committee Members: Barb Hooper, Archie Neilson, Shirley Jinkerson, Doreen Eansor, and Peggy Caradonna.

*We look forward to your views, wishes and advice.
If you wish to join the committee, please contact Sue or Beth*

RCL Branch 594 Seniors Christmas Dinner/Dance



**Join us Monday December 19th for
Dancing from 3:00-5:00pm,
followed by a Turkey Dinner, for only \$15
and more dancing until 7:00pm!**



**Kensington Court and Seasons Retirement
will also be joining us in the festivities.**

**Come and join in the fun! Lots of great door prizes! A great time to
share with family, friends, and dance partners!**

Music by Joe and Sharon Farrugia.

(Also, a visit from a Special Guest!!)

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594

Members Children, Grandchildren and Great's
Children's Christmas Drive-Thru
(10 years of age or under)

Sunday December 11th, 2022
1 pm – 3 pm



**Registration Closed
Deadline was Nov 29th.**

*“We won't let the Grinch (Covid-19) spoil our
Christmas again!”*

Sign up In Branch or
Call **519-969-0551** by November 29th
with names, ages and sex of children attending.



Canned Good Donations accepted for local Food Bank.
Invitation is for Members 'in good standing' only.



Be safe and have a Great Holiday!
From the 2022 RCLBr594 Children's Christmas Party Committee.

Lottery Committee

Our Attendance Draws (Loonie-Toonie) are now “Progressive Raffles”

The Loonie, Toonie membership draw is alive and well.

As required by the AGCO 50% of all Progressive Raffles must be donated to a registered charity approved by the municipality.

A copy of the list of current charities included on our lottery license has been placed inside one of the lottery binders located behind the bar.

Beth Abson Lottery Chair

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

If you know of a Veteran in need, please let me know!

Archie Neilson, 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.

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

2022 Veteran's Benefit Guide <https://legionmagazine.com/guide>

Link for non-Veterans <https://shop.legionmagazine.com/product/veteran-benefits-guide-2022/>

Archie Neilson, Branch 594 Service Officer



BAR REPORT

With the NFL Football season upon us, we will be offering \$4.00 well drinks and domestic bottles as well as \$5.00 pints of domestic beer all day on Sundays. Come and watch the games and enjoy the Bunker Kitchen specials which includes a large football platter of appetizers that is awesome.

The bar lounge and both of our halls are packed full of Christmas parties, birthday parties, weddings and baby showers in the month of December.

We had a great crowd out on American Thanksgiving for some Lions football on November 24th, although the Lions left many disappointed again they did treat us to a great game that day.

On Sunday December 18th, the entire building will be closed at 5 pm that day to allow for our entire bar and kitchen staff to enjoy a much-deserved staff Christmas dinner and party

Our Holiday hours have been posted in the building, please take note of the days we are closed for the holidays as well as our reduced operating hours to allow our staff to enjoy the holidays with their families too.

Tickets are available at the bar for our New Year's Eve party. See the details in the Kitchen and Entertainment report.

An extensive review of all our bar pricing is in progress and a report will be made available for the December executive meeting.

From our entire bar staff and myself, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe everyone.

Comrade Randy Soulliere, Bar Officer

Branch Members Celebrating DECEMBER Birthdays

Adele Julie Bezaire, John Bondy, Philip Bradbury, Rick Brusseau, Lee Callister, Janet Ciurysek, Bruce Clarke, Dan Corchis, Doreen Eansor, Dorothy Gamble, Kenneth Hedgewick, Paul Hepburn, Darlene Klingbile, Sharon Luciw, Catherine MacDonald, Luciano Mancini, Robert Marshall, Scott McEwen, John McFadden, Tina O'Connor, Susan Poonia, Douglas Rivington, Suzanne Robinson, Cheryl Rousseau, Robert Scaddon, Randall Soulliere, Thomas Soulliere, James Sparrow, Vera Stilson & Michael R Stroud.

Hope your birthdays are great!

Food Bank Donations

Not all are as fortunate as we are.

Many in our community don't have food for their families.

We have a shopping cart by our Main Foyer Christmas Tree for non-perishable food and toiletries.

All donations will be delivered to our local Food Banks

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

Com Bob Hart, Chair

Our Entertainment committee is working on events for the next few months.

Dec 2 DAN ALICE
Dec 16 FINAL CHAPTER
Dec 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

What can we say about Friday nights? During the month of November, the 3 nights of entertainment at the Branch were packed with patrons, we've even had to set-up extra tables to handle the crowd. We are hoping to carry this on with great performers booked in the coming months.

The Legion Pub Crawl had 33 people on the bus. The Branches 157 Amherstburg and 201 Essex went the above and beyond to make our group welcomed. The bus also went to Branches 255 and 644. Everyone enjoyed the day.

The November 24th US Thanksgiving Lions Bill football game was a nailbiter. The food and beverages were terrific and enjoyed by all. It was a great afternoon of football and camaraderie!

Legion 594 Members Children's Christmas event is on December 11th this year and will once again be a drive through and see Santa Claus and pick up a present. Members had until Nov 29th to register.

Com B. Robinson/B. Hart indicated that the drive thru again this year is because of the current conditions with Covid and the RSV infections. Hopefully next year can again have our normal event inside.

The sales for the New Year's Eve is coming along; if you haven't purchase your tickets, please do so, so the kitchen knows how many meals to make. There will music provided by Stiff Joints.

Also plan with the Love of your Life, to spend Valentines Evening with us on Saturday, February 11th, 2023. We are combining the Seniors Dance with this dance and should have a great turn out. A great dinner is planned, provided by The Bunker, and Electric Blue for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Your Entertainment Committee is working hard on 2023, from Friday night entertainers, social events, and other entertainment.



Legion 594 Tecumseh

LIVE MUSIC by STIFF JOINTS

2023

NEW YEAR'S EVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Dinner

Broasted Chicken, Beef Brisket, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn Medley, Smashed Brussel Sprouts, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls & Special Dessert too!

Charcuterie Board at 10:30

\$45 PER PERSON

Advance Tickets Available at the Lounge Bar until Dec 10th

For More Information www.rcl594.com

Metropololitan Branch 594
5030 Howard Ave

Doors Open 6PM
Dinner 7PM
Music 8-12:30

LAST POST

We are pleased there is nothing to report this month

We Will Remember Them

Condolences

Boroski family for loss of Marjorie Boroski



The Bunker Kitchen and the Legion have partnered together for our first Christmas Toy Drive. We are accepting gifts for five boys between the ages six to eleven and a three-year-old girl.

Donations graciously received from November 28th until December 16th.

Please bring unwrapped gifts to 5030 Howard, Tecumseh Ontario.

We are open Monday to Sunday 12pm-8pm.

Please join us in bringing smiles to these children's faces during this holiday season.

DECEMBER



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
27 OPEN 11-8 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Cribbage 1pm Football Specials	28 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 2-6 POOL	29 Open 12-10 <i>No Bunker today</i> Pepper 1pm Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:30PM	30 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm CADETS Men's Darts	1 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> POOL Luck of Draw	2 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Entertainment Dan Alice	3 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Dart Night 2
4 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Football Specials	5 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7	6 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm	7 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm CADETS Men's Darts	8 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> POOL Luck of Draw	9 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Mixed Darts	10 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Dart Night 1
11 OPEN 12-8 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Cribbage 1pm Football Specials	12 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League	13 Exec Mtg 10am Open 12-10 <i>No Bunker today</i> Pepper 1pm Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:30PM	14 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm Men's Darts CADETS WVMSC Meeting Br 255 7:30	15 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> POOL Luck of Draw	16 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Entertainment <i>Final Chapter</i>	17 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Dart Night 2
18 OPEN 12-6 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Cribbage 1pm Football Specials	19 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League	20 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-3pm</i> Pepper 1pm	21 Open 12-10 <i>The Bunker</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm CADETS Men's Darts	22 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> POOL Luck of Draw	23 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Mixed Darts	24 Open 12-6 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-6pm</i> Closing early to get ready for Santa
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS CLOSED	26 BOXING DAY CLOSED	27 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm	28 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm Men's Darts	29 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> POOL Luck of Draw	30 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i>	31 Open 12-6 New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Doors Open 6pm