



**FRIDAY MARCH 17TH**  
**KITCHEN OPENS AT**  
**NOON, ENTERTAINMENT**  
**FROM 3PM**



## **MENU**

### ***Deep Fried Pickles \$9***

Crispy dill pickles in a light bread crumb batter deep fried to perfection served with a side of ranch.

### ***Irish Poutine \$9***

Golden fries topped with cheese curds, corned beef and homemade gravy.

### ***Green Chili & Bun \$8***

Hearty Chili made with ripened green tomatoes served with a bun.

### ***Corned Beef Sandwich & Fries \$11***

Slow roasted corned beef brisket on fresh light rye with yellow mustard, served with golden fries.

### ***Irish Stew in a Bread Bowl \$11***

Lamb and Beef, potatoes, carrots, onions, celery, peas, tomatoes in a savory gravy.

### ***Shepherd's Pie \$11***

Hearty shepherd's pie made with seasoned beef, vegetables and topped with creamy mashed potatoes, covered in a rich beef gravy.

### ***Corned Beef & Cabbage with Boiled Potatoes \$13***

Slow roasted corned beef brisket and our house seasoned cabbage served with a side of boiled potatoes.

### ***1pc Halibut Dinner \$ 16***

1 pc of beer battered halibut served with golden fries, coleslaw, roll and a lemon wedge.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

***Murphy's Boys, ARDEN***  
***Irish Dancers, Al Fazio***

**Your Legion at the Crossroads Serving Veterans & the  
Communities of Tecumseh, LaSalle, Windsor & Amherstburg!**

# The Royal Canadian Legion

## Metropolitan Branch 594

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#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON/S

Bar Chairman	Randy Soulliere	see above	
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Bursaries	Tom Friesen	see above	
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Hospital	Rev Dr Catherine Collins-Barker	see above	
Kitchen Convener	Randy Soulliere / Jim McGhie	see above	
Legion Week	Konrad Boehler	see above	
Liaison to Cadets	Jim McGhie	see above	
Lottery	Beth Abson	see above	
Newsletter	Tom Friesen	see above	
Parkwood Institute	Archie Neilson	see above	
Pool Tables	John Greer		
Remembrance	Konrad Boehler	see above	
Ways & Means	Veronica Friesen		
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## **BRANCH MEETINGS**

**EXECUTIVE  
TUESDAY  
MAR 21<sup>st</sup>  
10:00 AM**

**MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING  
TUESDAY  
MAR 28<sup>th</sup>  
7PM**

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An **85-year-old man** goes to see his doctor for his regular physical exam. The doctor says that the man needs to provide a sperm sample and gives him a jar saying, "Take this jar home with you and come back tomorrow with a sperm sample."

The next day the old man goes back to the doctors and gives him the jar, which is as clean and empty as when the doctor gave it to him.

So, the doctor asks what happened and why there is no sperm sample in the jar. The old man says, "Well, doc, it's like this... first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand – nothing; then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Maisie, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezing it between her knees, but still nothing." The doctor is really shocked by all this and asks incredulously, "You asked your neighbor??"

The old man replies, "Yep, not one of us could get the jar open."

**Late one night** this guy is speeding down the empty road. A cop sees him go flying past so chases him and pulls him over. The cop goes up to the car and when the man rolls down the window, he asks, "Are you aware of how fast you were going, sir?"

The man replies, "Yes I am. I'm trying to escape a robbery I got involved in." The cop looks at him disbelievingly and asks him, "Were you the one being robbed, sir?" The man casually replies, "Oh no, I was the one who committed the robbery. I was escaping." The cop is shocked and surprised that the man has admitted this so freely. He says, "So you're telling me you were speeding...AND committed a robbery?" "Oh yes," replies the man calmly. "I have all the loot in the back." The cop is now starting to get angry and says, "Sir, I'm afraid you have to come with me" as he reaches into the window to take the car keys out of the ignition. The man shouts, "Don't do that! I'm afraid that you'll find the gun in my glove compartment!" At this the cop pulls his hand out of the window and says, "Wait here" as he returns to his car and calls for backup. Soon there are cars, cops and helicopters all over, everywhere you look. The man is quickly dragged out of his car, handcuffed and taken towards a cop car. However, just before he is put in the car and taken away a cop walks up to him and says, while pointing at the cop that pulled him over, "Sir, this officer tells us that you had committed a robbery, had stolen loot in the trunk of your car, and had a loaded gun in your glove compartment. However, we didn't find any of these things in your car."

The man replies, "Yeah, and I bet that liar said I was speeding too!"

A **man walks into a restaurant** with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks for their orders. The guy says, "A hamburger, fries, and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?" "I'll have the same," says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress returns with the order. "That will be \$18.40 please." The man reaches into his pocket and, without looking, pulls out the exact change for payment. The next day, the guy and the ostrich return to the same restaurant and the guy says, "A hamburger, fries, and a coke." The ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Again, the guy reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes routine until one night they enter the restaurant, and the waitress asks, "The usual?" "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato, and salad", says the guy. "Me too," says the ostrich.

The waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$42.62." Once again, the guy pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?" "Well," says the guy, "several years ago I was cleaning my attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there." "That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!" "That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the guy. The waitress asks, "But, sir, what's with the ostrich?" The guy sighs and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say."

### Irish Blessings

-May the Good Lord take a liking to you...but not too soon!

-May the Lord keep you in his hand and never close his fist too tight.

-It is better to spend money like there's no tomorrow than to spend tonight like there's no money!

-May you die in bed at 95 years, shot by a jealous husband (or wife).

-May the sound of happy music, And the lilt of Irish laughter, fill your heart with gladness, that stays forever after.

-May your glass be ever full.

-May the roof over your head be always strong. And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you're dead.

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Comrades:

March has arrived and our Legion at the Crossroads continues to increase in business. This is wonderful as we have had many repairs and maintenance required to keep this wonderful building in good operational order. Behind the scenes we have dedicated executive members who have ensured that regular inspections are completed, and that repair work is done quickly. Our bar, kitchen, and custodian staff also keep us informed. Their dedication in providing you a great experience impresses us all.



I wanted to thank the Entertainment Committee and the kitchen staff for the wonderful Valentine's Day dinner and dance. Those who attended felt that they were served in a manner expected of some of the finest restaurants in our area. The decorations were outstanding! Service was the best I have ever seen. The band kept those attending up on the dance floor and entertained. Well done. This was followed by the Mardi Gras Friday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Great Cajun food, specialty drinks, decorations, Band... It's a shame that more people don't attend!

Now that March is here, we have many wonderful entertainment experiences, including St Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

I would request that our members continue to support our entertainment that has been planned. We not only benefit financially we benefit through the comradeship that we enjoy together.

I want to encourage all members to help us recruit and build our membership. Through membership dues, we support many local, provincial, and national programs for Veterans, youth, seniors, community charities – and people get to understand the value of The Royal Canadian Legion.

Every month there are a myriad of interesting historical Canadian Military events that are recognized. Let me leave you with one extraordinary one! At the beginning of WW I, the last wealthy man in our entire commonwealth provided \$100,000 to raise a Canadian Infantry unit to fight in The Great War. His name was Andrew Hamilton Gault, a rich Montreal businessman. He asked the Governor General's daughter, to provide her name for this Regiment. Thus, was borne the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. The Regimental birthday is March 17<sup>th</sup> as this was Princess Patricia's birthday. Your president had the honour to serve in this Regiment for 31 years. ONCE A PATRICIA – ALWAYS A PATRICIA.

*Comrade Morris Brause, President*



# 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.

## MEMBERSHIP

**As of Feb 28th, we have a Membership of 418**

**Consisting of: Life 7, Ordinary 92, Associate 229, Affiliate Voting 189 and Affiliate Non-Voting 2**

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

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

**So far for 2023: Renewed 361, Not Renewed (yet): 107**

***Note members who have not paid their 2023 dues by Jan 31<sup>st</sup> are no longer be considered "in good standing" so please renew ASAP.***

## **New Members**

The following new members have been accepted by membership.

**Ordinary:** Bill Boomer & Cortland Graham

**Associate:** Tom Barr, Alex Friesen, Gord Geauvreau & Susan Whitehead

**Photo to far right**

Jim McGhie (First Vice President), Susan Whitehead, Bill Boomer, Gord Geauvreau, and Shirley Jinkerson (Membership committee)

**Photo near right**

Cortland Graham  
Jim McGhie





# **The Legion is pleased to extend our 1-year free membership for Veterans AND 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>

## **Brian Robinson, Membership Chair**

Changed your address, phone number, email address?

Please send changes, by email to: [membershipbr594@gmail.com](mailto:membershipbr594@gmail.com)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I am happy to say that January 2023 was again profitable for the branch. Thanks to you, the members, and the different events that are being put on by the Branch Executive and Entertainment Committee and our kitchen, The Bunker, for the support we are receiving.

Since the onset of this new Branch, time has started to take its toll, and like last month we still need to do repairs on different items inside and outside the branch. Unfortunately, we need to spend the money to rectify any faults that happen, and this takes away from our profits.

On another note, some upgrades need to happen in the process of serving food, phones, cash registers, and even debit machines to provide the services needed for our members and the public.

**Summary:** With the assistance of our many volunteers we been able to have revenue exceed expenses for the last six months (current fiscal year), but overall cost increases require our prices to our customers to rise for food, beverages and hall rentals.

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

**John Antaya, Treasurer**

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

Business at the branch has been very good these past few months. Usually, January and February are a couple of our slower months, but we have been extremely busy lately with many special events, hall bookings, sports leagues and fund raisers happening.

We are starting to work on our 2023-24 branch budget which takes effect at the start of our new fiscal year on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, many of our expenses have gone up dramatically this past year and we are planning on more increases to come. An example of this is the new 6.3% federal tax on beer, wine and spirits that will go into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>. This excise tax automatically climbs each year in accordance with the rate of inflation.

Thank you for continuing to patronize your Legion and keeping us successful.

Jim McGhie, Finance Committee Chair

# FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The financial committee looked at three parts of the finances of the branch and found the accounting to be in accordance with accepted practices in two parts.

The third part, Poppy Fund, had to be looked at with additional help from Comrade McGhie and Comrade Nelson. The Financial Committee has accepted the conclusions reached by Comrade McGhie and Comrade Nelson, with respect to the Poppy Fund. The difference between the methods of bookkeeping appear to be the reason for the inability to arrive at the same balance value. It is recommended that a single method of bookkeeping be encouraged for the next year to prevent a similar occurrence.

My thanks to Comrade Peggy Caradonna and Comrade Doreen Eansor for their assistance on this committee.

Matthew Beasley, Outgoing Chair, Financial Review Committee

# PROPERTY

**Our TV control system** is 100% operable. Training will be done for bar and kitchen staff. An operations manual will also be developed.

**Road Sign:** our electric sign will be upgraded in March. At the same time a front parking lot light will be repaired.

**Septic system and grease trap.**

On Feb 28<sup>th</sup> our systems were pumped out and inspected visually and with a camera.

**Grease Trap:** the deterioration found earlier has gotten worse. Proposals for the replacement of the kitchen grease trap are now being prepared.

**Septic system** camera inspection has found partial blockages. Cleaning of the underground lines is being planned to allow for better flow and operation.

**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**

Emergency First Aid, CPR & AED training requirements for the remaining staff and Executive was held on Sunday February 19th.

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**

We are still waiting for the “District A” competition winners. Once we know results the winners will be contacted, and entries sent on for the Ontario competition.

Thanks to all students (and their teachers) for your entries!

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.**

The Public Speaking Contest, part of the Legion's Youth and Education program, is meant to give young people an opportunity to speak in public. The individual chooses their own subject matter for the address.

Contestants are divided into four classes: Grades 1-2, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-9, and Grades 10-12.

The speakers may select their own topics. All Speeches are to be the original work of the speaker. The Topics chosen by the individual speakers do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the Royal Canadian Legion. The speaker will credit authors and sources of material, if referring to another person's work. Speeches that repeat verbatim another person's original work will not be accepted.

Complete details are found at [Youth Programs \(legion.ca\)](http://Youth Programs (legion.ca)) in the “Public Speaking Contest” section.

**THE ZONE A1 COMPETITION IS SATURDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> AT BRANCH 261, 12326 Lanoue St, Tecumseh (across from Ste Annes Church).**

### **BURSARIES**

**Refer to the front page. Ontario Provincial Command / Ladies Auxiliary is looking to give money away to support students. \$1,000 bursaries are available to those who qualify!**

**NOTE: YOU MAY NOT NEED TO BE A LEGION MEMBER TO QUALIFY!**

**RCL Br 594 Youth Education & Bursary Committees: Tom Friesen, Patti Brause & Gerry Ciurysek**



# KITCHEN REPORT

Join us for Sunday Brunch every Sunday from 10 am -1pm.

The typical menu includes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Toast, Coffee, Tea, Cottage Cheese, Fruit Salad & House Salad. Adults \$13.95, Children under 10 \$7.00, Children under 3 Free with Adult meal! (*Caesars and adult drinks available, but at additional charge, at the bar starting at 11am*)

The Kitchen has updated their menus and pricing after a review of their first 6 months of operating our kitchen. We look forward to building on the early success of this partnership with the branch.

Plan to arrive early (kitchen opens at noon) for our St. Patrick's Day party this year as last year was a full house for much of the day.

Join us for Friday fish dinners every Friday. (*Note: Good Friday is April 7<sup>th</sup>*)

Follow along in our monthly newsletters, our website and our social media pages for updated information.

*Comrades Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie. Co-Kitchen Convenors*

**Contact Tricia LaBelle at**  
**email: [thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com](mailto:thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com)**  
**phone: 519-969-0551**



## "The Bunker"

**Open for a Pub Style menu Every Day**

**Sunday - Wednesday Noon till 7pm**

**Thursday - Saturday Noon - 8pm**

**Daily Specials Too!**

**Come in and enjoy Fine Foods and  
Friendly Service!**

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR 594  
5030 HOWARD**

# Every Sunday Brunch

Typical Menu includes:  
Ham, Bacon, Sausage,  
Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries,  
Pancakes & Syrup, Toast,  
Cottage Cheese, Fruit Salad,  
Orange Juice, Coffee & Tea

**Served 10AM TILL 1PM**

**Adults \$13.95**  
**Children 10 and under \$7.00**  
**Children 3 and under**  
**Free with paying adult.**  
**HST extra**



**Billies "Bunker"**  
**Kitchen**

**5030 Howard Ave,**  
**Tecumseh**  
**519-969-0551**

Reservations suggested for groups 6 or more

# WAYS & MEANS

From January 1 to Feb 28, there were 3 spaghetti fundraising dinners. The 2<sup>nd</sup> dinner which was supposed to be held in January was cancelled due to the kitchen floor replacement. We served 338 guests and had a net revenue for those three events of \$2,385.82 including inventory in stores.

	Jan. 10, 2023	Feb. 7, 2023	Feb. 21, 2023	Jan & Feb 2023 Totals
<b>Numbers Served</b>	104	139	95	338
<b>Total Sales</b>	\$999.00	\$1,371.00	\$944.00	\$3,314.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	600.32	380.27	322.59	\$1,303.18
<b>Net Sales</b>	\$398.68	\$990.73	\$621.41	\$2,010.82
<b>Inventory</b>				\$375.00
<b>Inventory</b>	\$0.00			
<b>Net Revenue for January &amp; February 2023</b>	<b>\$398.68</b>	<b>\$990.73</b>	<b>\$621.41</b>	<b>\$2,385.82</b>

Recently the attendance has been trending upwards, however, it was down a bit on Feb 21 due to the fact that it was Shrove Tuesday and it's thought that many people attended their church pancake dinners.

The next spaghetti dinner is Tuesday March 7 and then again on March 21.

Please consider bringing your friends and family in to enjoy a great meal and help raise funds for the Branch. Once again, I would like to thank our volunteers and cadets who come out to help make, serve, and clean up. Without you, these spaghetti dinners would not be as successful as they are for our Branch.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Legion!

Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair



# BRANCH SPORTS

## **Dart Leagues**

Saturday NIGHT 1  
Saturday NIGHT 2  
Wednesday men's  
Friday mixed team

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Gary Norman. ph. 266 348-0876. [rosegary@hotmail.com](mailto:rosegary@hotmail.com)

## **Pool**

Mondays mixed

Bill Anderson. ph. 519 817-4430. [andersonboyz@hotmail.com](mailto:andersonboyz@hotmail.com)

Thursday luck of draw Jim Collard. ph. 519 250-0549. [jcollard@cogeco.ca](mailto:jcollard@cogeco.ca)  
Tuesday fun pool. Come & Play

### **Cribbage**

Open Cribbage on Sunday Afternoons from 1 pm to 3 pm. Join us and take part in our refreshments, open kitchen, and great comradeship.

## **Zone-District-Provincial Sports**

**Zone Golf:** Our branch will be hosting the Zone A1 tournament this year. Our committee is Tom Friesen, Tom Boroski, Randy Soulliere, Andrew Sulyok & Andrew Boroski. Tentative date is Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have contacted 4 courses. A committee meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> after the Spaghetti dinner.

**Provincial 8 Ball:** The team of Harry Bissonette & Don Semande competed at the Provincial tourney hosted by Hamilton March 25th but played in Burlington. **Good luck Harry & Don!**

*John Antaya, New Branch 594 Sports Officer*

**Note there is a District A Sports Mtg on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions you wish to me to bring up please do so, in writing, by March 27<sup>th</sup>. John Antaya**

## **WEBSITE**

**Lots of information on [www.rcl594.com](http://www.rcl594.com)**

**Brian Robinson, webmaster**

**2715 RCACC**



### **The Cadet Corps held a weekend field training exercise at Camp Gesstwood on Feb 17-19, 2023.**

Cadets from 2715 and three other Army Cadet units participated in their navigational exercise. This was our first time at Camp Gesstwood, and the accommodations were fantastic! The approximately 65 Cadets enjoyed the training area and were able to practice their navigational skills, with both map and compass exercises, orienteering and geocaching. Navigational and leadership skills were the focus of the weekend, which was successful and fun.

Submitted by: Lt. Tina O'Connor, Training Officer







### **Zone Marksmanship Competition**

Your Branch 594 Cadet Corps marksmanship team came in 1st place out of 10 Cadet Corps from Windsor Essex! The top shooter was our very own Cadet Chief Warrant Officer Olivia O'Connor. Well done to our Cadets for this amazing achievement.

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

## **SENIORS COMMITTEE**

**Seniors' dinner dance.** Attendance has been around 80-85 for the last few weeks.

There was a discussion about a petition regarding the DJ that was circulated at one of the dances. Less than 35% of the attendees signed it. This was done entirely without the committee's knowledge and with the low percentage of signatures we decided to ignore it.

Some seniors are still bringing their own mugs for coffee, and this will be discouraged as these large cups empty the carafes before everyone gets to enjoy a cup.

Clayton has recently been our DJ. Joe is back to on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Kensington Court is sponsoring our March 20th and April 17th dances, and Chartwell is sponsoring the 27th of March dance. We are going to see if The Village of St. Clair is interested in joining our seniors.

### **Speakers for 2023**

Low Vision plus inc. gave a presentation January 23rd at 2p.m. Unfortunately, our senior attendance was poor for this informative presentation.

We discussed possible future speakers including The LaSalle Friendship club, Life After Fifty, a Nutritionist, Pole Walking, CMA, an Optometrist.

**The next committee meeting is the March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m.**

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**

## **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 \$500 donation to the MS Society is in the works.

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

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### **\*\*\* NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT \*\*\***

Miss Brittany Campbell  
Acting Provincial Service Officer  
London Service Bureau

Will be visiting Branch No. 594, Tecumseh, ON  
Town

On Friday March 17, 2023  
Date

At approximately 09:00 a.m.  
Time

Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance, regarding:

1. Disability Benefit Applications, Reassessments, Reviews, and Appeals
2. Referrals for Entitled Veterans to Treatment Benefits, VIP, and Special Awards
3. Information and Assistance with Rehabilitation and Vocational Assistance Applications
4. Applications for Benevolent Funds
5. War Veterans Allowance Applications
6. Information and Assistance for Widows

Are requested to contact the Branch Service Officer or Secretary of the local Branch to arrange an interview.

- 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**

Our newest bartender, Rob Rosati, has now been fully trained and is ready to serve.

The bar opens at noon daily but at 11 am on the days when the bunker is hosting special events such as Sunday brunches to accommodate requests for soft drinks as well as alcoholic drinks and will also have a Caesar bar for these occasions.

The winner of our Landshark cooler was Phil Bradbury, congrats Phil and thanks to our friends at Waterloo Brewing company for the promotion.



We are contemplating removing Labatt's Blue for our taps and replacing it with Honest Lager from Walkerville Brewery. We currently sell very little Labatt's Blue draft beer.

We are looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day with some great entertainment lined up as well as a fantastic menu.

All of our staff have now been trained in emergency first aid in the event it is needed within the branch.

**Comrade Randy Soulliere, Bar Officer**

## **Branch Members Celebrating MARCH Birthdays**

Yvonne Gagnon, Florence Shepley, Jim Collard, John Antaya, Debbie Boehler, Joseph Reidy, Lisette Belanger, Brett Hotham, David Mimmagh, Les Slaght Robert Saul, Lawrence Serre Sr, Wayne Fortin, Cortland Graham, Laurie Callander, Lee Vinten, Gregg Strong, Tom Friesen, John Brooks Pattison, Larry Sequin, Frank Veldhuis, Henry Thomas, Andrew Sulyok, David Damm, Patrick Schaffer, Ashley Poonia, Christopher Gall, Bernard Cote, Edward Noakes, Bradley McLellan, Terry Miller and Margaret Yoell.

## **Hope your birthdays are great!**

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## **ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM**

**Com Bob Hart, Chair**

The Ent. Comm. has been very busy this February, we have had 3 Friday Night entertainers, Valentines Dinner/Dance, Super Bowl; Maris Gras hosted by the Bunker, along with Branch 399 visited our Branch as part of their Legion Pub Crawl.

In **March** we have another busy month, we have **country recording artist Abbey Neves on Friday March 10** and on **Friday March 24** is recording artist **Adam Butcher**.

Our big event for the year is **St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 17th**, with musical entertainment provide by **Murphy's Boys** along with **Arden Irish Dance Academy**. Something new this year, we will have **Al Fazio** performing in the lounge at around 7:15ish. We are looking forward to another packed house!

**Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Tiger Home Opener

**Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>** **Al Fazio** will be performing in the Lounge.

**Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. – **Spring Fling**, admission will be a non-perishable food product. The musical entertainment will be provided by the **Delvitos**.

**Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>**. – a county winery tour of 4 wineries

Other events are in the planning stages. Please checking the website for updates.



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### **HORSESHOES ANYONE?**

At the February Membership meeting Larry Williams asked if there was interest in a set of Horseshoe Pits.

If you would use it, please let us know by email ([metrolegion595@gmail.com](mailto:metrolegion595@gmail.com) or leave a note in our suggestion box in the front entranceway by the bathrooms). If there is enough interest, we will make a proposal to the executive and membership this month. John Antaya

# LAST POST

**SEAGULL, Teddy**

**Died Feb 13, 86 years.**

**Legion member for 20 years**

Teddy Seagull Obituary - Windsor, ON | Families First



**We Will Remember Them**

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, until Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, we have lost:

68 Veterans, 57 Comrades & have performed at 17 funeral services.

*Note that Legionnaires are welcomed / encouraged to attend funeral services.*

*Most service dates and times are included in obituaries in Windsor Star and online.*



Next meeting is scheduled at 7:30pm on Wednesday Mar 15<sup>th</sup> at Br 644.

*Ron Bisnaire, Branch 594 Liaison to WVMSC*

## **POPPY**

Thanks to our community support we have a healthy Branch Poppy Fund.

Please contact our Service Officer if assistance is needed.

Note: The Provincial Service Officer will be at our Branch March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Archie Neilson at 519-890-4959 to schedule your appointment.

At the March 28<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting a discussion regarding donations to Poppy Trust Fund approved groups will be made for presentation at the April 14-16 District A Convention.

# MARCH



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>26</b> <b>OPEN 10-7</b> <b>BRUNCH</b> <b>10-1PM</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 10-7pm</i> <b>Cribbage 1pm</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> <b>Sr Dinner</b> <b>Dance 3-7</b> <b>POOL</b> <b>League</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> <b>Pepper 1pm</b> <b>Members</b> <b>Mtg</b> <b>7PM</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> <b>Pepper 1pm</b> <b>CADETS</b> <b>Men's Darts</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> <b>POOL</b> <b>Luck of Draw</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> <b>Dart Night 1</b>
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