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April 2023



***Happy Easter to our Legion Members, your families, and our communities.***

***We invite you to enjoy the hospitality of the season and the many events we have for you this month!***

***Your Branch Executive Team & the Bunker Kitchen***

**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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Newsletter	Tom Friesen	see above	
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Remembrance	Konrad Boehler	see above	
Ways & Means	Veronica Friesen		
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Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee: Ron Bisnaire 226-340-9611			

## **BRANCH MEETINGS**

**EXECUTIVE  
TUESDAY  
APR 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM**

**MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING &  
NOMINATIONS  
TUESDAY  
APR 25<sup>th</sup>  
7PM**

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## Tom's Humour Page

A Canadian is vacationing on his own in Ireland. He decides to play a round and is paired with three locals. He takes a few practice swings, steps up to the first tee, and proceeds to hook the ball out of bounds. He shakes his head, reaches in his pocket, and re-tees another ball. He tells his playing partners that he is taking a mulligan. He pounds one down the center of the fairway. With a big smile, he asks the others, "In Canada, we call that a mulligan. What do you call it here in Ireland?" After a moment of silence, one of the locals replies, "Hitting three."

John and Bob were two of the bitterest rivals at the club. Neither man trusted the other's scorekeeping. One day they were playing a heated match and watching each other like hawks. After holing out on the fourth green and marking his six on the scorecard, John asked Bob, "What'd you have?" Bob went through the motions of mentally counting up. "Six!" he said and then hastily corrected himself – "No, no.... a five." Calmly John marked the scorecard, saying out loud "Eight!" "Eight?" Bob said, "I couldn't have had eight." John said, "Nope, you claimed six, then changed it to five, but actually you had seven." "Then why did you mark down eight?" asked Bob. John told him, "One stroke penalty, for improving your lie."

A golfer sliced a ball into a field of chickens, striking one of the hens and killing it instantly. He was understandably upset and sought out the farmer. "I'm sorry," he said, "my terrible tee-shot hit one of your hens and killed it. Can I replace the hen?" "I don't know about that," replied the farmer, mulling it over. "How many eggs a day do you lay?"

A young man with a few hours to spare one afternoon figures that if he hurries and plays very fast, he can get in nine holes before he has to head home. As he is about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffles onto the tee and asks if he can join him. Although worried this will slow him up, the younger man says, "Of course." To his surprise, the old man plays quickly. He doesn't hit the ball very far, but it goes straight. Furthermore, the old man moves along without wasting any time. When they reach the 9th fairway, the young man is facing a tough shot. A large pine tree sits in front of his ball, directly between it and the green. After several minutes of pondering how to hit the shot, the old man says, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree." With the challenge before him,

the young man swings hard, hits the ball, watches it fly into the branches, rattle around, and land with a thud a foot from where it had started. "Of course," says the old man, "when I was your age, that tree was only three feet tall."

A golfer was having a terrible round — 20-over par for the front nine with a bunch of balls lost in the water or rough. When his caddie then coughed as he steadied himself over a 12-inch putt on the 10th, he lost it. "You've got to be the worst caddie in the world!" he yelled. "I doubt it," replied the caddie, dead pan. "That would be too much of a coincidence."

Martin and his wife Debbie walk into a dentist's office. Martin says to the dentist, "Doc, I'm in one heck of a hurry. I have three buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to play golf, so forget about the anesthetic, I don't have time for the gums to get numb. I just want you to pull the tooth, and be done with it! Today's Friday and we have a 10:00 AM tee time at the best golf course in town and it's 9:15 already..." The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness, this is surely a very brave man asking to have a tooth pulled without using anything to kill the pain." So the dentist asks Martin, "Which tooth is it, Sir?" Martin turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth and show him, dear....."

Matt and Jimmy were playing their home course. Matt putted out and walked back to the cart. As Jimmy sank his putt, Matt suddenly jumped out of the cart and dropped his pants. He had just sat on a bee and got a nasty sting and desperately asked his partner to get the stinger out. The scene of a man kneeling next to his playing partner's bare rear end was too much for the group playing behind the twosome. The group raced up to the two golfers and asked a single question: "What was the bet?"

Steve had tried to be particularly careful about his language as he played golf with his preacher. But on the twelfth hole, when he twice failed to hit out of a sand trap, he lost his resolve and let fly with a string of expletives. The preacher felt obliged to respond. "I have observed," he said in a calm voice, "that the best golfers do not use foul language." "I guess not," said Steve, "what the hell do they have to bitch about?"



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Comrades:

Patti and I took a month off during March and visited Spain and Portugal.

While in Spain, our First Vice President, Comrade Jim McGhie, took the helm and continued to ensure that our Branch operated in a professional manner. Thanks, Jim, for your leadership. I also want to thank all the Executive, Bar Stewards, and the wonderful staff in Billie Jo's Kitchen for the great month we have had.



I wish I could have been here for St Patrick's Day – what an awesome experience for those who attended.

While in Spain, I was an honoured guest at a Spanish Legionnaires monthly meeting on Saturday, 18 March. I passed on to the assembled comrades just how wonderful it was to recognize all Veterans from around the world. They asked many questions and highly admire what Canadians have achieved over our history in helping others around the world who have suffered from conflict.

Please keep in your prayers and thoughts those wonderful men and women from our Country who are providing support in training and in other means to support the Ukrainian people against the tyranny of the Russian dictator. A recognized war criminal, we can only hope that he will face appropriate justice for the horrors he has put upon the Ukrainians, and also on the Russian people.

We are coming up to the month of April where we need members to identify if they are interested in running for an executive position. Our "Nomination Meeting" is on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Position terms of reference are available in the Branch. If you cannot attend the meeting but would stand for an elected position, please let me know in a simple letter format so if nominated your name will stand for election. - It is always good to get new people to stand for a position on the Executive, or to apply to be a Chair of one of our Committees. Your valued experience and desire to serve enhances our Legion. The saying is so true: Fresh blood bring new ideas! Please consider if you could be one of those members.

The Election is on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm. This is your Legion, you must make the decision on leadership. We need your attendance at these two critical meetings, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We are also getting our Lawn and Garden plans put together for this year – we need continued support to maintain these wonderful grounds that we all proudly own.

Keep supporting all our First Responders in the wonderful work they do for our communities!

Please continue your great support of our Legion Branch 594 – where all are welcome as members and guests!

*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 March 28th, we have a Membership of 436**

**Consisting of: Life 6, Ordinary 96, Associate 240, Affiliate Voting 92 and Affiliate Non-Voting 2**

***2023 Dues: \$55.00 per person at Branch or Online.  
Retired Members \$50 per person, at Branch Only!***

## **New Members**

A Big Legion WELCOME to our newest member accepted by membership!

**Ordinary: Larry Duffield**

**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.



**Free one-year  
Legion membership  
for Veterans**

**Legion** 



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)

## **HONOURS & AWARDS**

The Committee met on March 15, 2023, again to review the status of preparations for our May 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Day.

Invitations will be going out on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Shirley Jinkerson has made arrangements for volunteers to stuff the envelopes for mailing.

Brian Robinson has finalized the list of 67 individuals eligible to receive their continuous service pins.

Will finalize with the kitchen the light lunch menu after April 19<sup>th</sup> this is the RSVP date to reply if you are attending or not.

Konrad Boehler, Honours & Awards Chair

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

February 2023 was good month for income but a many expenses were incurred making our expenses larger than our income by approx. \$5600.00.

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 will eventually 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 continues to be very strong these past few months. We have been extremely busy lately with many special events, hall bookings, sports leagues and fund raisers happening. Our kitchen continues to be popular with our patrons now that we are offering food services every day.

Just like everything else these days, most of our branch expenses have also gone up considerably from our historical numbers. As such, our expenses for utilities, supplies and especially repairs and maintenance are extremely high in comparison to previous years. Your finance committee is endeavoring to keep all of our costs under control.

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

Jim McGhie  
Finance Committee Chair

## **PROPERTY**

### **OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE**

We are looking for a few members to assist with the Gardening and Weeding at the Branch.

We have

the tools. Also looking for some Members to operate our Riding Lawn Mower to cut the Grass when necessary. Please contact Archie Neilson or put your name on a piece of Paper and give it one of our Bartenders who will forward it to me.

Archie Neilson  
Outside Property

**Road Sign:** our electric sign has been upgraded and is working great! The front parking lot light was repaired at the same time at no additional cost! Thanks Dow Signs!

### **Septic system and grease trap.**

Our systems are now on a 6-week schedule to pumped out.

**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 has been done 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**

Smart Serve Re-Certification requirements and the e-Workplace Learning refresher courses that need to be completed.

Due to AGCO mandates our Bar staff and some of the executive team will be required to complete the Smart Serve training/ recertification on/or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Com Konrad Boehler, Training & Development Chair**

## **Youth Education & Bursaries**

### **LITERARY AND POSTER CONTEST**

The “District A” and Provincial competition winners will be announced at the District A convention on April 16th. When our delegates return with the information the results the winners will be contacted and presentations arranged.

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** was held on March 4th at branch 261. There were no senior competitors. The three winners were invited to compete in the District A competition held on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at our branch.

**THE DISTRICT A** competition invited the winners from the 6 Zones in Southwest Ontario. We expected 18-20 competitors but only 6 made the trip including the 3 from our Zone. Winners and runner ups are as follows:

1. **Primary (Grades 1-3):**
2. **Juniors (Grades 4-6):**
3. **Intermediate (Grades 7-9):**

**The winners are invited to compete at the AREA competition (District A vs District B) that will be held on \_\_\_\_ at Branch \_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. The Area winners will be invited to compete at the Provincial competition.**

### **BURSARIES**

**The Ontario Provincial Command / Ladies Auxiliary bursary applications** had to be received at Legion Provincial Command by Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The Branch Bursary information will be on the website in May.**

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



# KITCHEN REPORT

St Patrick's Day was a huge success this year and a big thank you goes out to Billie Jo and the entire staff for the hard work put into making this a very successful day for our branch.

Sunday morning brunches continue weekly between 10 am and 1pm.

Join us for the Detroit Tigers Home opener on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> for some Ballpark food and enjoy the game on one of our 6 big screens.

Be sure to join us for our fish dinner on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday as well as our Easter Sunday Brunch on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>.

We have many events booked in our halls for the month of April, so we expect it to be a very busy month here at the Legion.


Thanks to all for your support.

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

Contact Tricia LaBelle at  
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phone: 519-969-0551



**"The Bunker"**  
Open for a Pub Style menu Every Day  
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Thursday - Saturday Noon - 8pm  
Daily Specials Too!  
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# GOOD FRIDAY

## APRIL 7TH



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### Dinners

Served with Fries Cole Slaw & Dinner Roll

2 pcs Haddock \$16.95  
Halibut 1 pcs \$15.95  
Halibut 2 pcs \$26.95  
5 pcs Perch \$15.95



### Other

Chicken Fingers & Fries \$9.95

Poutine \$9.00

Sweet Potato Fries \$8.00

Basket of Fries \$7.00

Side of Gravy \$1.00

Serving Noon till 7pm  
No Substitutions today  
HST Extra



# Easter Brunch



## Breakfast

PANCAKES

FRENCH TOAST

SCRAMBLED EGGS

EGGS BENEDICT

HOME FRIES

## Lunch

BROASTED CHICKEN

ROAST BEEF

GERMAN POTATO SALAD

HOUSE SALAD

COLE SLAW

## Dessert

ASSORTED COOKIES

ASSORTED SQUARES

FRUIT SALAD

**SERVING 10-1PM**

**ADULTS \$20**  
**CHILDREN \$10**  
**HST EXTRA**





People are just dying to attend

# MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Benefit for Mike Lambier & Family

RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZES

Saturday, May 20th

Doors Open at 5:00

Dinner at 6:00

Show - 7:00PM

Tickets \$50 (2 for \$75)

(Tickets sold at the Lounge Bar)



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Billies "Bunker"  
Kitchen

Adults \$13.95

Children 10 and under \$7.00

Children 3 and under

Free with paying adult.  
HST extra

## Sunday Brunch

Typical Menu\*

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

\*Subject to change

Reservations suggested for groups 6 or more



EVERY SUNDAY

Except April 9th  
Easter Brunch

Served 10AM  
TILL 1PM

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# WAYS & MEANS

In March 2023, Branch 594 held 2 spaghetti fundraiser dinners. We served 272 guests and had a net revenue for those two events of \$2,728.14 including inventory in stores.

When reviewing past months' financials, you will note that the expenses fluctuate substantially. We source product when on sale, at various vendors, and stock up to take advantage of the best prices available. In the early part of this season the price of lettuce was about \$5 and \$6 per head of lettuce when in March the price has dropped back down to \$2 per head. Unfortunately, lettuce is not a product we can store so we are subjected to the fluctuating prices.

	<b>March 7, 2023</b>	<b>Mar. 21, 2023</b>	<b>March Totals</b>
<b>Numbers Served</b>	125	147	272
<b>Total Sales</b>	\$1,209.25	\$1,430.00	\$2,639.25
<b>Total Expenses</b>	121.95	164.16	\$286.11
<b>Net Sales</b>	\$1,087.30	\$1,265.84	\$2,353.14
<b>Inventory</b>			\$375.00
<b>Net Revenue for March 2023</b>	<b>\$1,087.30</b>	<b>\$1,265.84</b>	<b>\$2,728.14</b>

As noted last month, the attendance has been trending upwards, which can be attributed to some parties coming in to celebrate group birthdays and other events, which we welcome. Most often it's our regular supporters of the Branch who help these spaghetti dinner fundraisers succeed. It is so nice to see everyone, and especially our regulars.

The next spaghetti dinners are Tuesday April 4th and 18<sup>th</sup> and will run right through until June 27<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair



# **BRANCH SPORTS**

## **Dart Leagues**

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

## **Pool**

Mondays mixed	Bill Anderson.	ph. 519 817-4430.	<a href="mailto:andersonboyz@hotmail.com">andersonboyz@hotmail.com</a>
Thursday luck of draw	Jim Collard.	ph. 519 250-0549.	<a href="mailto:jcollard@cogeco.ca">jcollard@cogeco.ca</a>
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. Date is Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. and we will be playing at Belleview Golf Course. The registration sheet is posted on the Sports board. Cost per player is \$50 BUT branch 594 members have half their fees paid by the branch! (Thank you Branch members) Note there are limited number of entries so sign up and pay early (\$25 per golfer, pay at the bar.)

**Provincial 8 Ball:** The team of Harry Bissonette & Don Semande competed at the Provincial tourney hosted by Hamilton March 25th but played in Burlington. There were 30 teams competing divided into 4 divisions. Our team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division but only the winners continued the competition!

*John Antaya, New Branch 594 Sports Officer*

## **WEBSITE**

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

**Brian Robinson, webmaster**

## **2715 RCACC**





Our Cadet Corps will be holding a tag day weekend on Apr 15-16 at area businesses in order to raise funds for Corps operations.

The Cadets will be delivering our new Legion Marketing Flyer to 2,000 homes in the neighbourhood on Saturday morning Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a test run to see what kind of reaction that we get prior to expanding this program further.

Cadet Expedition training will be conducted on Apr 21-23 for all Silver and Gold Star Cadets at the Wildwood Conservation area in St. Mary's Ontario.

Congratulations to Warrant Officer Skurvidas who successfully completed the Pre-Para course and has now qualified to attend the Canadian Forces Parachute course this summer.

The Cadet Corps will be holding an adventure field training exercise on Apr 28-30 at Camp Attawanderon which is near Sarnia.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Cadet Corps.

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

## **SENIORS COMMITTEE**

The Seniors Committee met on March 23, 2023, and the Minutes are covered below:

Senior's dinner dances review: The dance on March 20 had 51 for dinner and 43 for dance only. A lot of new faces in the crowd. Joe and Sharon are back to DJ and reduced their price to a flat \$200.

We have asked the kitchen to omit pork chops from the menu as we have had them a few times already. We have also asked that we have a choice of 2 salad dressings instead of only one.

We also discussed the possibility of bringing back the door prizes to the dance, since our attendance is increasing, and the Snowbirds will be returning soon. In the past, we used to give out 4 prizes, one being a free dinner. (That was when our attendance was 100+) Therefore, we have decided to start small and give away 1 free \$15 dinner twice per month. We are also still being supported by our sponsors Kensington Court and Chartwell Seniors.

On Easter Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> the Senior's dance on will start at 4pm with dinner at 5:30 and ending at 8pm. We have decided to have a Hawaiian themed dance on April 24. We have several decorations for this theme and will ask Randy about door prizes for best dressed. We will also talk to the kitchen about a Hawaiian themed dinner.

Life After 50 group will do a presentation to the seniors on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm.

A bulletin from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Center was sent to the committee regarding grandparent schemes. This bulletin will be distributed to the Seniors in attendance, and we are hoping to contact the OPP to have a speaker come in to talk about this.

Future presentations will be tabled until our next meeting on April 20 at 10:00am.

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
- 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**

Thank you to all that came out on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate with us and thanks to our bar staff for doing a great job on a very busy day.

We have a busy month coming up starting with the Detroit Tigers home opening game on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us for the game and some good old ballpark food during the game.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> be sure to join us for Good Friday Fish dinners and drinks.

We have removed Labatt's Blue draft from our draft beer selection due to lack of sales and we have replaced it with Honest Lager from Walkerville Brewery. This is our first try at selling Walkerville Beer and it is very popular at a few other local branches. Our first Keg was given to us at no cost as a promotion and Walkerville also supplied us with signage, bar glasses, and tap handles at no cost to us. We have already purchased our first keg as the promotional one has sold fairly quickly as is nearly empty.

Our bar staff will soon be continuing their required training for their smart serve recertification as well as refresher training in WHMIS, Violence and Harassment in the workplace and Disabilities in the workplace. All of the training is to be completed prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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 APRIL Birthdays**

Donald Balkwill, Justin Barker, Len Bedal, Spike Bell, David Beyer, Andrew Boroski, Tom Boroski, Teresa Boutet, Bryan Carder, David Carder, Michael Coffin, Howard Ellis, Dan Friesen, Randolph Groundwater, Zane Handysides, Lawrence Hannigan, Mary Hutter, Mathew Hutter, William Kielly, Joseph Langlois, MacKenzie McEwen, Irene McFarlane, James Meloche, Gerald Morden, Jeff Moss, Michael Nedin, Rose Nesbitt, Duane Noakes, Glenna Pepper, Robert Pepper, Marc Renaud, Brian Robinson, Cathy Schmidt, Theresa Sims, Ken Stroud, Laura Stroud, Brian Urquhart and Tina Vinten.

**A belated Birthday wish to Dave Ross that we missed in March!**

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

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# **ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM**

**Com Bob Hart, Chair**

**a. St. Patrick's Day:** was another huge success this March, probably around 400 people attended with line up even before the doors were open. We had 3 entertainer groups for the day starting with Murphy Boys, Ardan Irish Dancers and with Al Fazio who had the lounge rocking to closing time. A big thank you to the Entertainment Committee Sue Robinson, Shirley Jinkerson & Randy Soulliere with guidance from Morris Brause and Jim McGhie for making this day happen. A big shout to the bar and kitchen who kept our patrons happy. The committee has a big decision in regards next year as St. Patty's is on a Sunday, do we have it on March 17 or on the Saturday, the 16? Keep St Patrick's Day on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> but consider extra events for Sat Mar 16<sup>th</sup> also.

**b. Tiger Home Opener Thursday April 6th**

**c. Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> Fish dinners from noon till 7pm (or when the fish runs out)**

**d. Easter Sunday Brunch April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**e. Friday April 21st Al Fazio is back (he was amazing on St Patrick's Day in the lounge!)**

**f. Spring Fling Dance April 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Delvitos:** Admission is a non-perishable food items which will be donated to LaSalle food bank.

**g. Classic Car Group:** The Branch was able to put together a deal with a classic car group on a trial bases for the month of May, to meet here on Mondays in the back lot (at no cost to us). They were meeting at Brews and Cues but part of the property was sold, we offered the Branch to meet. This is a win, win, win; the Branch will benefit from bar sales and any spin offs from having them here, kitchen – food sales, and the car meet has a place to meet.

**h. Fundraiser:** There is a fundraiser at our branch May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM followed by **Big Wiggle** from 7:30 – 11:30 pm)

We had such a great time the evening of St Patrick's day, so we are back at it again!

The entertainment committee is working in conjunction with Billie's Kitchen to have a dance just after the fundraiser in Halls A and B.

More information to follow.

Check out our website [www.rcl594.com](http://www.rcl594.com) for the latest information.

**i. Wine Tour** has been cancelled to the high cost involved, so we will try to put together another Legion Pub Crawl for the same date (Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>) please keep checking the Newsletter and the website.

**j.** We are in talks with a group to host an annual event at the Branch with the proceeds going us.

**k. Roadside sign:** we are currently renting the road sign and we are not looking at purchasing as the cost it too prohibitive.

**l. Additional entertainment on Friday nights:** Billie is booking entertainment for the Fridays we are not covering at her expense. We'll book our Friday night entertainment from 6-9PM on a trial basis.

Royal Canadian  
Legion Br 594  
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Friday  
April  
21st  
6 - 9pm



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Saturday  
April  
22nd



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# 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 March 28<sup>th</sup>, we have lost:

79 Veterans, 57 Comrades & have performed at 23 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 April 19<sup>th</sup> at Br 255.

*Ron Bisnaire, Branch 594 Liaison to WVMSC*

## PARKWOOD INSTITUTE

The Veterans Care Program located at Parkwood Institute in London ON (formerly Westminster Hospital) provides complex continuing and long-term care for Canadian war Veterans. The program has 192 inpatient beds. Eligibility for admission is established according to Veterans Affairs Canada criteria.

Currently there are 130 Veterans at Parkwood.

**On Saturday April 29th is the annual Spring Fling. Veterans will be treated to an afternoon of music, Bingo, and camaraderie.** Years ago, bus loads were Legionnaires from our area went to help make the day a success but sadly the organizers were unable keep it going.

We are looking to get the program started again and would like to know how many Legion members are interested in this day long trip.

**A sign-up sheet will be posted in the branch. Depending on numbers we will see what can be done for transportation, carpool, school bus...**

If interested in going, please sign up or send an email to the branch at [metrolegion594@gmail.com](mailto:metrolegion594@gmail.com)

## POPPY

As of the Feb. 2023 WFCU Poppy Fund Statement we have \$77,870.35 in the bank & we received \$5.80 in interest.

We have received the monies in the amount of \$2,307.77 for the Tap Boxes & \$74.40 from Starbucks POS & they have been deposited into the Poppy Fund Account.

Please contact our Service Officer if assistance is needed.

At the March 28<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting \$2,000 donations to Poppy Trust Fund for each of the following were authorized (still need Ont. Command Poppy Trust Fund approval) and will be presented at the "District A" Spring Convention April 14-16.

1. District "A": Hospital Trust Fund
2. District "A" Youth & Education
3. Ontario Command: Leave the Streets Behind
4. Ontario Command: Bursary
5. Ontario Command: Charitable Foundation

6. Ontario Command: Poppy Fund
7. Dominion Command: Royal Commonwealth of Ex-Services League/RCEL
8. Operation Service Dogs Program (Special Use Form required as in the past).

# APRIL



Sun

<b>2</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>3</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>4</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>No Bunker today</i> <b>Pepper 1pm</b> <b>Spaghetti</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>4:30-6:30PM</b>	<b>5</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>6</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <b>TIGER</b> <b>OPENER</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> <b>POOL</b> <b>Luck of Draw</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <b>GOOD</b> <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>FISH 12-7</b>  <b>No Darts</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>  <b>No Darts</b>
<b>9</b> <b>OPEN 10-7</b> <b>EASTER</b> <b>BRUNCH</b> <b>10-1PM</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 10-7pm</i>	<b>10</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> <u><b>Sr Dinner</b></u> <u><b>Dance 4-8</b></u> <b>POOL</b> <b>League</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-3pm</i> <b>Pepper 1pm</b>	<b>12</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>13</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>  <b>POOL</b> <b>Luck of Draw</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>  <b>Mixed Darts</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>  <b>Dart Night 2</b>
<b>16</b> <b>OPEN 10-7</b> <b>BRUNCH</b> <b>10-1PM</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 10-7pm</i> <b>Euchre &amp;</b> <b>Cribbage 1pm</b>	<b>17</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>18</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <b>Exec Mtg</b> <b>10am</b> <i>No Bunker today</i> <b>Pepper 1pm</b> <b>Spaghetti</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>4:30-6:30PM</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> <b>Pepper 1pm</b> <b>Men's Darts</b>  <b>CADETS</b>  WVMS Meeting Br 255 7:30	<b>20</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>  <b>POOL</b> <b>Luck of Draw</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>  <b>Entertainment</b> <b>Al Fazio</b> <b>6-9 pm</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Open 12-10</b> <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>  <b>SPRING</b> <b>FLING</b> <b>Delvitos</b>  <b>Dart Night 1</b>
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