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May 2023

HISTORIC EVENTS THIS MONTH





The Canadian Coronation emblem - Canada.ca

The Essex and Kent Scottish



Presentation of Colours

To be held on the Windsor Waterfront at Riverfront Festival Plaza Saturday, 13 May 2023 Guests to be seated by 1:30 p.m.

Dress

Military: DEU #1A (with medals) Civilian: Business Attire

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

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Randy Soulliere Bar Chairman see above Archie Neilson Branch Prop (In/Out) see above **Branch Regulations** Morris Brause see above Bursaries Tom Friesen see above Colour Party Open Entertainment Bob Hart see above Finance Com. Jim McGhie see above Finance Review Com Mathew Beasley 519-551-7615 fireundermywings@yahoo.ca Honours & Awards Konrad Boehler see above Hospital Rev Dr Catherine Collins-Barker see above Kitchen Convener Randy Soulliere / Jim McGhie see above Konrad Boehler Legion Week see above Jim McGhie Liaison to Cadets see above Beth Abson Lottery see above Newsletter Tom Friesen see above Parkwood Institute Archie Neilson see above Pool Tables John Greer Konrad Boehler Remembrance see above Ways & Means Veronica Friesen Webmaster **B** Robinson see above

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BRANCH MEETINGS

TUESDAY
MAY 16th
10:00 AM
EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY
MAY 23rd
12-6 Advance Poll
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING &
ELECTIONS
7PM

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Tom's Humour Page

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My father taught me LOGIC.

" Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me about RECEIVING.

"You are going to get the spanking of your life from your father when he gets home!"

My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My father taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me GENETICS.

"You're just like your father."

My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me WISDOM.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand.

My father taught me about JUSTICE.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!" a tough shot. A large pine tree sits in front of his ball, directly between it and the green.

A young woman walks into a chartered accountant's office and tells him that she needs to file her tax returns.

The accountant says, "Before we begin, I'll need to ask you a few questions."

He gets her name, address, SIN number and other data necessary to file taxes.

He then asks, "What's your occupation?"

"I'm a prostitute," she says.

The accountant is taken aback and says, "That's too gross. Let's try to re-phrase that."

The woman says, "OK, I'm a high-end call girl".

"No, that still won't work.

We need something more acceptable."

They both think for a minute, then the woman says, "I'm an elite poultry farmer."

The accountant asks, "What does poultry farming have to do with being a prostitute?"

"Well, I raised a thousand cocks last year."

The accountant said, "Brilliant!!! Poultry farmer it is!! And agricultural income is tax free!!!

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Comrades:

Comrade Archie Neilson and I had the privilege of representing our members at the District A Convention in Blenheim on the weekend of 14-16 April 2023. At that convention our Branches donated over \$202,000 for agencies that support Veterans, Youth Education, and many other groups. It is such a pleasure to see how vital our Legions continue to be across Canada.

Our nomination meeting was successful with 40 members attending on Tuesday, 25 April 2023. I was honoured to be acclaimed for another year as your President, and these following members have also been acclaimed: First Vice President Jim McGhie, Second Vice President Konrad Boehler, Third Vice President Larry Williams, and Sergeant-at-Arms Janet Ciurysek. We have seven individuals who have been nominated and accepted to run for the five executive



committee positions. The election is 23 May 2023 with ADVANCE POLLS starting at Noon. The meeting and ELECTION start at 7PM, and I hope to see a large number attend. We will also see our new Executive sworn in. As members, you are a critical part of this process.

Due to injuries in Afghanistan, I will be getting another back operation on Tuesday, 2 May 2023. The first one was on my lumbar region in 2016; this next one is on the middle region of the back. Veterans Affairs and the Military have been very supportive of our Veterans, and I am another lucky one to receive good care. While recovering from 2 May for at least three weeks, Comrade Jim McGhie will be your acting President. I know that our Executive, Senior Chairs, and the membership will be very supportive. We are blessed to have such wonderful dedication in our volunteers.

The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday May 6th. Due to the time difference between London and here I recommend that you watch the ceremonies from the comfort of your own home. CBC coverage starts at 4AM!

Keep the Ukrainians in your prayers, and all those around the world who suffer from oppression and the devastating results of war and conflict.

It is a pleasure and honour to be a member of this dynamic group of Legion members!

Comrade Morris President RCL Branch 594

Editor's Note: Morris, we wish you a successful operation and complete and speedy recovery! You have a great team that will look after the Branch until you return!

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.

ELECTION 2023

At the April 25th Membership meeting the following nominations were made:

Senior Executive

- President, Morris Brause. Acclaimed
- 1st VP, Jim McGhie. Acclaimed
- 2nd VP, Konrad Boehler. Acclaimed.
- 3rd VP, Larry Williams. Acclaimed.
- Sgt at Arms, Janet Ciurysek. Acclaimed.

Executive Committee Nominees (5 required)

- Beth Abson, Brian Robinson, Randy Soulliere, Dave Woodman, Matt Beasley, and Archie Neilson.
- Tricia Labelle was also nominated but Provincial & Branch requirements say, "A voting Member will be required to have been a Member of the Branch for a period of one (1) year prior to the date of the election to be eligible for election to the Branch Executive Committee."

Tricia Labelle has not been a member for a year yet.

ELECTION
TUESDAY MAY 23RD
ADVANCE POLL
NOON – 6PM
MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION START
AT 7PM

MEMBERSHIP

As of April 25th, we have a Membership of 445

Consisting of: Life 6, Ordinary 97, Associate 246, Affiliate Voting 94 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 members accepted by membership!

ORDINARY: Henry D Dupuis

ASSOCIATE: Gary G Demmans, Joe Farrugia, Sharon Farrugia,

Colleen Romance, Michael Raymond (Transfer In)

Swearing in NEW MEMBERS at the April 25th Membership Meeting. Left to Right: Com Morris Brause President, Com Colleen Romance, Com Sharon Farrugia, Com Joe Farrugia & Com Brian Robinson Membership Chair



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

Photo of President Morris Brause presenting Membership Award to Membership Chair Brian Robinson.

The award if attaining 100+% branch membership in 2022 as compared to 2021. Congratulations to Brian and his hardworking committee on making this happen!



Brian Robinson, Membership Chair

Changed your address, phone number, email address? Please send changes, by email to: membershipbr594@gmail.com

HONOURS & AWARDS

The Honours and Awards Day will be Sunday May 7, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Lounge. Final preparations will be done on Monday May 1, 2023.

Konrad Boehler, Honours & Awards Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

The month of March 2023 was not a profitable month for the Branch. This wasn't because we didn't make money, but because our expenses were a lot greater.

The revenue from the bar continues to be profitable for the Branch as well as our Kitchen and Hall Rentals as our biggest incomes.

A lot of us look at the Branch as being new and rightly so, I even see it as being new myself. The unfortunate part is that it is not new anymore, and the expense to repair things ever increasing. We have had to repair kitchen equipment, sewage repairs, and now the grease trap problems. This all takes money, and as you know, you the members and the public are the ones that help keep the Branch moving forward through your patronage, and for this I want to Thank You.

Yours in Comradeship, John Antaya, Treasurer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your Finance Committee is working on the final budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024. This will be presented for approval at our May general meeting on May 23rd. Many of our branch expenses have risen dramatically over the past few years. Prices for everything like snow removal, janitorial supplies, repairs and maintenance have gone way up. We are fortunate that our revenue has also risen substantially to keep these rising costs in check.

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

Jim McGhie Finance Committee Chair

REMEMBRANCE

I will be sending out a request for volunteers early in May to assist with putting out flags at both Victoria and Greenlawn Memorial Cemeteries for the June Windsor Veterans Memorial Committee Remembrance

Comrade Konrad Boehler, Chair Legion Week & Remembrance

PROPERTY

KITCHEN GREASE INTERCEPTOR

Our grease interceptor in the kitchen has deteriorated and must be replaced. At the April 25th general meeting membership approved the replacement and a purchase order has been issued on April 28, 2023, to Pronto Plumbing to replace the Kitchen Grease Interceptor (Trap). This work will be done between August 7, 2023, and August 18, 2023.

Another purchase order has been issued to Hurricane Hydrovac to clean out all our underground lines from the kitchen and bar areas to the septic system along with the necessary work needed to remove the old kitchen grease interceptor (trap). This work will be coordinated with the Grease Interceptor replacement.

SEPTIC SYSTEM

EZ Environmental has reset the settings on the discharge pumps for the septic system, so it is properly discharged into the septic bed. They have also ordered some parts to do repairs to one of the aeration pumps.

Konrad Boehler, Waste Systems Subcommittee Chair

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

Youth Education & Bursaries

LITERARY AND POSTER CONTEST

The "District A" and Provincial competition winners were announced at the District "A" convention on April 16th.

Here are the results for Branch 594:

District Award Winners from our Branch:

- a. Junior B&W Poster: 1st Place: Ziqiu Ouyang
- b. Junior Colour Poster: 2nd Place: Eileen Flanagan
- c. Intermediate Colour Poster: 1st Place: Daniella Papia
- d. Intermediate Poetry: 2nd Place: Tazmeen Yekinni
- e. Intermediate Essay: 3rd Place: Daniella Papia
- f. Senior Poetry: 1st Place: Bella Cope

Provincial Award Winners from our Branch:

- a. Junior B&W Poster: 2nd Place: Ziqui Ouyang
- b. Intermediate Colour Poster: 3rd Place: Daniella Papia

Here are the results of the District A Speech Competition:

- a. Primary Division: 1st Place: Gabi Reid
- b. Intermediate Division: 1st Place: Aya Tarhuni

They will be going to the Area A&B Contest on Saturday, April 22, 2023 hosted by Branch #153 Tillsonburg.

In school presentations will be arranged soon.

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.

- a. Primary Division: 1st Place: Gabi Reid
- b. Intermediate Division: 1st Place: Aya Tarhuni

They will be going to the Area A&B Contest on Saturday, April 22, 2023, hosted by Branch #153 Tillsonburg.

BURSARIES

The Ontario Provincial Command / Ladies Auxiliary bursary applications have closed for the year. Applications will reopen at the beginning of 2024 with a deadline of the last Friday in March.

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

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

Track and Field

The "District A" Track and Field Meet will occur at Sandwich Secondary School from June 16-17, 2023. Volunteers will be needed, and the event is only minutes from our Branch. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Branch with details as they become available.

Comrade Jeff Morrell, Chair Track & Field

KITCHEN REPORT

Good Friday was a mostly successful day this year, however we had several issues arise mainly due to taking on too many takeout orders. Too many of our visitors had to wait too long for their meals resulting in several complaints as well as many people leaving the building after waiting way too long for their food. This was not due to a lack of staff or a lack of volunteers. Many thanks go out to all of our volunteers who helped get through the day as well as Billie Jo and the entire staff for the hard work put into getting through the day.

We cannot express how sorry we are to those who had to wait an extended period to pick up their orders or to those that had long waits for their food and to those that left without getting food.

We promise to take our lessons learned and be better in the future.

On the morning of **Easter Sunday**, we had a fire in the kitchen in one of our ovens below our 10-burner gas stove. Thanks to the quick action of Billie and her staff, they were able to extinguish the fire quickly enough to avert the fire suppression system from activating. We are happy to report that nobody was hurt during this incident. We did have Temperate Controls come in and check the entire gas stove and ovens and are happy to report that there was no damage to the stove or ovens. The stove was taken apart and thoroughly cleaned and put back into service on Wednesday April 12th. Our fire extinguisher was also picked up Monday morning and recharged by Troy Life and Fire Safety and returned to the branch.

On May 3rd, we will be celebrating the **62nd Anniversary** of the branch with the following day long specials:

- Legion burger with French fries and choice of any domestic bottled beer, or well drink or glass of wine for \$12.00 plus tax
- Sausage on a bun with French fries and choice of any domestic bottled beer, or well drink or glass of wine for \$10.00 plus tax
- Hot dog on a bun with French fries and choice of any domestic bottled beer, or well drink or glass of wine for \$8.00 plus tax

On Sunday May 14th we will be having a **Mother's Day Brunch** at the branch. Details are in this newsletter. Please contact Trish at the branch for reservations.

On Friday May 19th, we will be hosting a **Pasta fundraiser for Crohn's and Colitis** from 4-7pm and that will be followed up with a free night of music by the **legendary band "Big Wiggle**". A second part to this fundraiser will be a **classic car show held at the branch on Sunday May 21st** from 10 am – 4pm in the rear parking lot and we will have our BBQ going on the patio.

Starting on Monday May 8^{th} and every Monday in May, we will be hosting a group of car enthusiasts from 3pm - 7pm in the rear lot as well. Come and join us for some of these great events in May.

Thanks to all for your support.

Comrades Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie. Co-Kitchen Convenors

Contact Tricia LaBelle at

email: thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com

phone: 519-969-0551





"The Bunker"

Enjoy our Pub Style Menu

Mon-Sat 11am till 7pm Sundays Noon - 4pm

Daily Specials Too!

Come in and enjoy Fine Foods and Friendly Service!

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR 594 5030 HOWARD







WINDSOR QUILTERS' GUILD

45 YEARS SERVING WINDSOR/ESSEX

Seco Lovely 2023 QUILT SHOW



Guild Boutique
Raffles
Prizes
Book Sales
Vendors
Refreshments

Friday, May 5 10 am - 6 pm Saturday, May 6 10 am - 4 pm

Royal Canadian Legion 594 5030 Howard Avenue Tecumseh, ON (Across from Heavenly Rest Cemetery)

> Admission: \$8 adults \$5 children under 12

Prizes!

67"x73" Egret Quilt 60"x75" Redwork Quilt

\$100 voucher for THE KEG Steakhouse and Bar



Raffle Tickets sold to support the Canadian Mental Health Association of Windsor/Essex







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ALL ABOUT BEV

FRIDAY May 5th 4:00-7:00PM

Come for a Great
Dinner
and Stay
for Wonderful
Entertainment

5030 Howard Ave Tecumseh, ON







Mothers Day Brunch

Breakfast

Lunch

Dessert

PANCAKES

FRENCH TOAST

SCRAMBLED EGGS

EGGS BENEDICT

HOME FRIES

BROASTED CHICKEN

ROAST BEEF

GERMAN POTATO SALAD

HOUSE SALAD

COLE SLAW

ASSORTED COOKIES
ASSORTED SQUARES

FRUIT SALAD

SERVING 10-1PM



SUNDAY MAY 14TH ADULTS \$25 CHILDREN (4-10) \$12.50 HST EXTRA









FRIDAY MAY 19TH





Fundraiser for Crohn's & Colitis Canada 4-7pm Tickets \$20, \$8 kids 4-10 Followed by the Bigg Wiggle 7:30-11:30pm







SUNDAY MAY 21st.

Fundraiser for Crohn's & Colitis Canada Registration \$10



WAYS & MEANS

In April 2023, Branch 594 held 2 spaghetti fundraiser dinners. We served 242 guests and had a net revenue for those two events of \$1,624.98 including inventory in stores.

When reviewing past months' financials, you will note that the expenses fluctuate substantially.

We source products when on sale, at various vendors, and stock up to take advantage of the best prices available.

	April 4, 2023	April 18, 2023	April Totals
Numbers Served	129	113	242
Total Sales	\$1,279.00	\$1,098.00	\$2,377.00
Total Expenses	822.05	384.97	\$1,207.02
Net Sales	\$456.95	\$713.03	\$1,169.98
Inventory			\$455.00
Net Revenue for April 2023	\$456.95	\$713.03	\$1,624.98

The next spaghetti dinners are Tuesday May 2nd, May 16th and May 30th and will run right through until June 27th.

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



SPORTS

Branch 594 is hosting **Zone Golf on Saturday June 3, 2023, at the Belleview Golf Course**.

This will be the qualifying round to get to the District Golf event on July 8, 2023, at the Erie Shores Golf Course and hosted by Branch 201 Essex.

The registration sheets are on the sports board next to Dart board #1. Registration deadline & payment is May 19th!

I would like to thank Comrade Tom Friesen for taking care of this Branch Hosting Golf Event for us. Good Luck to all and have a fun day.

In-House sport leagues are coming to a close for another season. I hope to see everyone back in full swing again in the fall.

Summer Luck-of-Draw Darts will be starting up on May 25, 2023, at 7:00 pm. with play to start at 7:30 pm. with Thanks to Nancy Mountain.

Heck! If I'm able to stand, I might try playing again.

I was asked by members of the pool league to talk at the District Sports Meeting with regards to getting 9 ball pool to work the same as 8 ball pool in the lineup of Legion Sports Events.

I did bring this up at that meeting and was politely informed that there is not enough interest yet in the Zones to bring the event to District. There is no problem with having this event within your zone at this time. There are 3 Zones with some branches that do play 9 Ball and they are Zone A-1, Zone A-3, and Zone A-5, but still not enough interest as yet for District to host 9 Ball. Sorry but I tried.

We were also informed that the game of **Cornhole** will be tested at Zone & District. More to follow...

We were also informed that Youth Darts will now be part of Provincial Sports.

Horseshoes are an official Legion sport. There is no Zone A competition so Branch 255, 261, 594 & 644 members can play in the District A tournament, held this year hosted by Belle River Branch 399 on June 24th. A registration sheet will be posted at the Branch with a deadline to be announced. According to the District Sports Officer our Zone is allowed up to five singles and five 2 person teams. If there are more candidates, we may have to have a qualifying mini tournament.

John Antaya, New Branch 594 Sports Officer

WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson, webmaster

2715 RCACC



Congratulations to one of our senior Cadets! Warrant Officer Trepanier was selected to attend the very prestigious Maple Leaf Cadet Exchange in the United Kingdom this summer.

Our Cadets will be celebrating the end of another training year with a trip to Canada's Wonderland on Saturday May 27th.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Cadet Corps.

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

SENIORS COMMITTEE

Dances for the months of March and April have been well attended. The pizza meal that was served on April 10 was very well received.

On April 3, we started back with giving out a free meal ticket worth \$15 to the winner, with a 2-week expiry date.

We will continue doing this every other week, as long as attendance stays high.

A Hawaiian themed dance will happen on April 24 with 2 prizes going to the best dressed. Prizes will come from the Bar Committee chair from donations received by his suppliers. We are also glad to have Joe and Sharon Farrugia back DJing. They go out of their way to make sure that people are happy coming to the Monday dances.

Copies of the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre Bulletin regarding "Grandparent scams" were copied and made available to the Seniors visiting the branch. We are also in the process of sending emails out to seniors about a Webinar on Ontario Credits, Benefits and Supports for low-income seniors.

On May 1st, we will have a speaker in to talk about the Life After Fifty group from Windsor. This group puts together several choices of "things to do" for Seniors in our area.

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.

At the April 25th meeting Membership approved a \$500 donation to the Easter Seals

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 Request for
- 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 Good Friday and thanks to our bar staff for doing a great job on a very busy day.

Our patio is now fully open for everyone to enjoy the beautiful weather.

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 1st, 2023.

On May 3rd, we will be celebrating the 62nd Anniversary of the branch with the following day long specials.

- 1) Legion burger with French fries and choice of any domestic bottled beer, or well drink or glass of wine for \$12.00 plus tax
- 2) Sausage on a bun with French fries and choice of any domestic bottled beer, or well drink or glass of wine for \$10.00 plus tax
- 3) Hot dog on a bun with French fries and choice of any domestic bottled beer, or well drink or glass of wine for \$8.00 plus tax

Starting on May 8th and every Monday in May, we will be hosting a group of car enthusiasts from 3pm – 7pm in the rear lot as well. Come and join us for some of these great events in May.

On Sunday May 14th we will be having a **Mother's Day Brunch** at the branch. Please contact Trish at the branch for reservations.

On May 19th, we will be hosting a pasta fundraiser for Crohn's and Colitis from 4-7pm and that will be followed up with a free night of music by the legendary band "Bigg Wiggle".

A second part to this fundraiser will be a classic car show held at the branch on Sunday May 21^{st} from 10 am -4pm in the rear parking lot and we will have our BBQ going on the patio.

Our annual Legion golf fun day has been booked for Saturday September 10th and will be held at Belleview golf course. We have reserved spots for the first 100 golfers with tee times beginning at 9am. Tee times will be drawn randomly once we have filled all spots. We will return to the branch after golf for the after party and dinner hosted by the Bunker. A signup sheet will be posted on the sports bulletin board shortly with more information as well as the cost per player.

We are also currently **looking for Hole sponsorships** (\$ 50.00) per hole as well as donations to our prize table.

For more information, please contact Randy Soulliere, Tom Friesen or Tom Boroski

Comrade Randy Soulliere, Bar Officer

Branch Members Celebrating MAY Birthdays

Michael E Akpata, William E Anderson, Thomas Barr, John E Bell, Daniel Boynton, Marilyn Rose Boynton, Paul Bradford, Marilyn A Brown, Danny E Curtis, Jacob S Dressler REV, Richard Dumala, Daniel J Dumouchelle, Kenneth Fader, Ken Friesen, Marc Godin, Robert Gordon, Colette Harrison, Tricia Labelle, Larry Lefaive, Darrin Lewis, Charles Loeper, Ernest Malyon, Joe Menna, Cori Morency, Catherine O'Brien-Hart, Mike Ramirez, Raymond Redmile, Lynn Roberts, Colleen Romance, Richard Rousseau, Leonard Stott, Robert Sukarukoff, Robert Sumner, Joanne Thompson, Allen Murray Topliffe, Janna Topliffe, Donald Wiley and Yvonne Winand, Jaquie Winand-Bacon AND David Woodman

Hope your birthdays are great!

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ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM

Com Bob Hart, Entertainment Chair

This will be another great month at our Legion.

Wednesday May 3rd is our 62nd Anniversary, Food & Drink specials and music by Joe & Sharon too.

Friday Saturday May 5th & 6th, Windsor Quilters Guild "Sew Lovely, 2023 Quilt Show"

Friday May 5th "All About Bev" will be playing in the Lounge.

Monday May 8th "Classic Car Group meets in the rear parking lot. Weekly event!

Friday May 12th, "Joe Graham" will be playing in the Lounge.

Sunday May 14th, Mothers Day Brunch 10am-1pm

Friday May 19th is the Crohn's & Colitis fundraiser from 4-7pm followed by the Bigg Wiggle 7:30 till 11:30

Saturday May 20th is a "Murder Mystery" Fundraiser

Sunday May 21st, Crohn's & Colitis fundraiser Car Show

Saturday May 27th Legion Crawl, starting at Br 594 and heading to Belle River, Comber, Kingsville, Harrow and back to Br 594

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^{st,} 2022, until April 25th, we have lost: 85 Veterans, 64 Comrades & have performed at 24 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.

The annual "Bell Service" will be held at 11AM on Sunday June 4th at the Windsor Cenotaph. This service recognizes the Veterans and Legionnaires that have passes away since June 1st of 2022. The 97th Anniversary Banquet will be held after the service, at Branch 644 on Marentette. Cocktails at 1-2pm the n Dinner. Tickets \$20 available at Branch 644. Cash Bar

Next meeting is scheduled at 7:30pm on Wednesday May 17th at Br 644.

Ron Bisnaire, Branch 594 Liaison to WVMSC

PARKWOOD INSTITUTE

A long- standing Legion tradition has been to arrange for members of our Branches in southwestern Ontario to visit Parkwood Institute at least once per year.

Parkwood Institute (formerly Westminster Hospital) provides wonderful support to Veterans and serving members of our military. The support ranges from PTSD counselling and support to full time care in the hospital for Veterans who cannot live without this help.

The Royal Canadian Legion has provided support to Veterans Hospitals across this nation, and we proudly continue to provide financial support to our Veterans Hospital in London. Unfortunately, COVID affected us being able to attend and support Parkwood Hospital over the last three years. Thank goodness the restrictions were lifted recently.

Our team of six people left our Branch on Saturday, 29 April 2023, and went to Parkwood to support their Spring Fling. Upon arrival we were divided up amongst the Veterans.

We had the privilege of chatting with our Veterans, watching a great musical presentation, and then playing bingo with the veterans. Many other members of other Legion Branches in southwestern Ontario were there. The staff and volunteers of the hospital greeted us and thanked us for coming to assist. You could see it in the Veterans eyes, just how much they also appreciated our comradeship.

A wonderful day that made us all, who could participate, thoroughly enjoy this simple gesture of kindness.

LEST WE FORGET – LEST WE FORGET Comrade Morris Brause



Branch 594 Parkwood Delegation Dave Woodman, Brian Robinson, Veronica Friesen, Sue Robinson, and Morris Brause

POPPY

March 31st WFCU Poppy Trust Fund statement, we have a balance of \$126, 747.43 plus interest of \$7.08. (Note the donation cheques presented at the District A Spring Convention have not yet been cashed.)

A donation of \$50, 000.00 was given to the Poppy Trust Fund from the estates of George M Henderson and Verna F Henderson who were both former Branch 594 members.

We are grateful for all donations to the Poppy Trust fund and this one is extremely generous.

Thank you to the Henderson family!

Essex & Kent Regiment "Trooping of the Colours"

The Trooping of the Colours is a significant event in the life of any regiment. For the Essex and Kent Scottish this is scheduled to occur on 11 May 2023 to 14 May 2023. We will be honoured by the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent.

It will be a busy weekend, so a few words of explanation are appropriate. The Presentation and Trooping of the new King's and Regimental Colours will take place in the Riverfront Plaza in the City of Windsor while the lay-up of the old Colours and a Freedom of the City will take place in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

These are very special occasions. The new Regimental Colours will bear new battle honours of Detroit, Maumee, Niagara (War of 1812) and Afghanistan.

While the Trooping of the Colours is usually a public event, the displaying of Colours to the general public is a secondary consideration.

The Essex and Kent Scottish



Presentation of Colours

To be held on the Windsor Waterfront at Riverfront Festival Plaza Saturday, 13 May 2023 Guests to be seated by 1:30 p.m.

Dress Military: DEU #1A (with medals) Civilian: Business Attire

The Presentations of the Colours are in front of Caesars and it is open to the public. I would recommend people arrive NLT 1:00 pm as the parade starts at 1:30 pm and will be done by 3:00 pm. Appropriate Dress: Blues and Grays with medals.

Com Morris Brause Pres RCL

The Colours of a Regiment have an important place as the traditional rallying point of soldiers in time of battle. The primary reason for the Trooping is to allow the members of the Regiment to connect with their Colours a very personal way. To achieve this, rather than parading the Colours in front of the parade, the Colours will be trooped, i.e., marched through the ranks of the Regiment as it stands on parade. The Colours will pass before every member of the Regiment equally regardless of rank or appointment.

The attendance of the public at this occasion is important because it honours both the Regiment and its Colours.

During the weekend, the old Colours will be laid-up in Christ Church Anglican Church in Chatham which is one of two Regimental churches. This will be the first time that Colours will be laid up in this church since 1954 when the Colours of the Kent Regiment were deposited there for safekeeping.

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