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## BRANCH MEETINGS

TUESDAY
JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>
10:00 AM
EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY
JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>
7PM

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#### Tom's Humour Page

A Tecumseh housewife called the local phone company to report her telephone failed to ring when her friends called - and that on the few occasions, when it did ring, her dog always moaned right before the phone rang. The telephone repairman proceeded to the scene, curious to see this psychic dog and senile lady. He climbed a telephone pole, hooked in his test set, and dialed the subscriber's house. The phone didn't ring right away, but then the dog moaned, and the telephone began to ring. Climbing down from the pole, the telephone repairman found:

- 1. The dog was tied to the telephone system's ground wire with a steel chain and collar.
- 2. The wire connection to the ground rod was loose.
- 3. The dog was receiving 90 volts of signaling power when the number was called.
- 4. After a couple of jolts, the dog would start moaning and then urinate.
- 5. The wet ground would complete the circuit, thus causing the phone to ring.

Which demonstrates that some problems CAN be fixed by pissing and moaning.

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter 'What are you doing?' she asked. 'Hunting Flies' he responded. 'Oh! Killing any?' she asked. 'Yep, 3 males, 2 females,' he replied. Intrigued, she asked. 'How can you tell them apart?' He responded, '3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone.'

Memo to Family Pets I live with one very adorable but grouchy cat who has trained me well over the years and thought the list below was not only funny but oh so true.

- 1. When I say move, it means go someplace else. It does not mean switch positions with each other so there are still two of you in the way.
- 2. The dishes on the floor are yours and contain your food. All other dishes are mine and contain my food. (Please note placing a paw print in the middle of my dinner does not stake your claim on it, nor do I find it aesthetically pleasing in any way.)
- 3. The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.
- 4. I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-size bed. Locate your inner beast and remember that sleeping animals can actually curl up in a ball, so it is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible.
- 5. My compact disc's are not miniature Frisbees.
- 6. For the last time, humans like to use the bathroom alone. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage

to get the door shut, it won't help to claw, whine, meow, bite the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. (Trust me, I have been using the bathroom for years...canine or feline attendance is not mandatory.)

- 7. Dog: Don't think for a minute that making a sad face and whimpering pathetically will get you out of trouble when I find a puddle of pee on the carpet. The face and the whimpering only validate that you knew it was wrong when you did it.
- 8. Cat: My sitting down to bite into a juicy sandwich is not a signal for you to begin gagging loudly and then hocking up the most disgusting hairball in history!
- 9. Dog and Cat: The proper order is kiss me, then go lick yourself. I cannot stress this enough.

To pacify you I have posted the following message on our front door: Rules for Non-Pet Owners Who Visit and Complain About Our Pets:

- 1. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
- 2. To you it's an animal. To me, it's an adopted child who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and is speech-challenged.

"Daddy," a little girl asked her father, "do all fairy tales begin with 'Once upon a time'? "No, sweetheart," he answered. "Some begin with 'If I am elected."

Two privates stationed at Camp Borden were handed shovels and told to bury a large, dead animal. While digging they got into an argument about what they were burying. "This here's a big Elk!" "This ain't no Elk, this here's a Cariboo." "Elk!" "Cariboo!" Well, this went on for a while until the camp chaplain came by. "What are you boys doing?" "We're diggin' a grave for this Elk." "Cariboo, dammit!" The chaplain cut in, "Boys, this isn't either one, it's an ass." An hour later, the CO came up and said, "What are you men doing, digging a foxhole?" "No sir. We're diggin' an asshole."

A new soldier was on sentry duty at the main gate. His orders were clear. No car was to enter unless it had a special sticker on the windshield. A big Army car came up with a general seated in the back. The sentry said, "Halt, who goes there?" The chauffeur, a corporal, says, "General Wheeler." "I'm sorry, I can't let you through. You've got to have a sticker on the windshield." The general said, "Drive on!" The sentry said, "Hold it! You really can't come through. I have orders to shoot if you try driving in without a sticker." The general repeated, "I'm telling you, son, drive on!" The sentry walked up to the rear window and said, "General, I'm new at this. Do I shoot you or the driver?"

#### PRESIDENTS REPORT

#### **Dear Comrades:**

On behalf of the entire membership, I want to thank those members who stood for Executive positions and were voted and sworn in at the Membership meeting on Tuesday, 23 May 2023. I want to thank Comrade Bob Hart for his dedicated work on the executive and as our Chair of the Entertainment Committee for the last five years. He continues to serve as a team member of our Lawn maintenance crew. I would also like to thank Comrade Archie Neilson for his dedicated work for years on the executive. He continues to be our lead in counting sales and handling deposits for the branch; and has agreed to be part of our Branch Regulations review committee, along with sitting as a member of our Seniors Committee.



I want to personally thank you for your support in my standing for another year as your President.

Over the last year we have seen significant growth in our business. We have enjoyed more entertainment activities, seen the largest growth in our kitchen operations, watched our sports program grow even larger, and supported many community groups and family-oriented activities. We continue to proudly support 2715 RCACC (E&K Scot). We have committed our Branch to supporting our Youth Education program that includes the annual Literary and Poster competition, and the Public Speaking program. We once again will kick off our Branch Bursary program and will provide up to twenty \$750 bursaries in August 2023. We will always be focused on supporting our Veterans and serving members in our military. We take great interest and support all of our First Responders who brilliantly serve our community!

I would ask all members to encourage new members to join this dynamic service organization – The Royal Canadian Legion. I would like to see a larger number of young adults join and invigorate our social programs and know that they can call this great Branch their home! I would like to see the younger members volunteer to be part of our Entertainment Committee and plan some focused entertainment for our younger members.

Please continue to plan and attend events here and support your Branch!

Comrade Morris President RCL Branch 594

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting the following were elected and sworn in for the term of June 1, 2023, to May 31 2024

#### Senior Executive

- President, Morris Brause.
- First Vice President, Jim McGhie.
- Second Vice President, Konrad Boehler.
- Third Vice President, Larry Williams.
- Past President, Tom Friesen

Sgt at Arms, Janet Ciurysek.

#### **Executive Committee**

• Beth Abson, Brian Robinson, Randy Soulliere, Dave Woodman, Matt Beasley.

Thanks to Branch 644 for providing scrutineers and running the election and swearing in ceremonies.

## Appointment or Re-Appointment of Chairs and Key Appointments for June 2023 to May 2024

#### Dear Branch Members:

Every year in June our membership is presented with a list of people who will fill specific positions as Chair of our committees or for specific duties. Job descriptions are available in our office "Policies and Procedures" binder for members to review. You will find below the Chairs/ key positions that are being advertised once again this year. People currently serving are of course welcome to let their names stand again, but anyone can apply and be interviewed by the President for a position. I will then brief the

Executive at the Executive meeting on 20 June 2023, and our recommendation for who should fill those positions will be given to the Membership at the Membership meeting on 27 June 2023. Here are the positions to be confirmed/approved on 27 June 2023:

- a. Chair and Vice Chair for The Ways and Means.
- b. Sports Chair and Vice Chair.
- c. Poppy Chair.
- d. Public Relations Officer.
- e. Youth Education and Bursary Chair.
- f. Veterans Services Officer.
- g. Membership Chair.
- h. Colour Party Commander. Members: we are long overdue in getting a Colour Party once again to represent our Branch please seriously consider this opportunity to proudly represent our Branch.
- I. Secretary.
- j. Recording Secretary (if required).
- k. Treasurer.
- 1. Financial Review Committee Chair.
- m. Financial Committee Chair (appointed and will be First Vice President).
- n. Marketing Committee Chair.
- o. Honours and Awards Chair.
- p. Kitchen Conveyor (Chair and Vice Chair).
- q. Entertainment Chair.
- r. Track and Field Chair.
- s. Hospital Liaison.
- t. Branch Regulations Chair.
- u. Chaplain (will remain the same).
- v. Lawn and Gardening Chair.

Please contact the President and let him know if you are interested in remaining in the position, of if you would like to apply for the position. I would like to hear from you NLT 15 June so that I can conduct interviews before briefing the Executive.

Comrade Morris Brause President RCL Branch 594

#### <u>Recruiting for a Branch Secretary –</u> <u>Split the duties for the Secretary/ Treasurer</u>

All Branches must review and resubmit their Branch regulations for approval if they were approved before 2018. We are one of the Branches that will be working on this and providing our recommendations to the membership to approve this fall before forwarding to Provincial Command for approval. We have discussed for years the desire to break down the duties of the Secretary/ Treasurer into two separate volunteer positions. The aspects of what a Treasurer would do will not change. However, we want to break out the duties of a Branch Secretary.

The Proposed General Duties of the Branch Secretary:

a. Produce the Minutes and agendas for Executive and Membership meetings unless we continue to employ a Recording Secretary.

- b. Review the Branch filing system and ensure that all documentation is properly filed. The Bookkeeper provides assistance to the Secretary in the day-to-day filing.
- c. Ensure that all contracts are properly filed.
- d. Ensure that all warranties are properly filed.
- e. Ensure that all convention reports are properly filed.
- f. Ensure that a proper central filing system is maintained for all correspondence coming in and being sent out.
- g. Records are maintained for a minimum of seven years.
- h. The Secretary will be the person to investigate formal complaints and report to the President.
- I. Other duties assigned by the President.

This is a volunteer position. The workload will take a few hours per week. We are looking for someone who may have some office experience and that would be willing to take on these duties.

If you are interested, please contact the President. He will interview potential candidates and then brief the Executive at the June meeting. At the June Membership meeting, along with the other key Chair appointments, he will recommend to the membership who will fill this position and get the membership's approval.

Comrade Morris Brause President RCL Branch 594

## **MEMBERSHIP**

As of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have a Membership of 454

Consisting of: Life 6, Ordinary 99, Associate 253, 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!

ASSOCIATE: Gary Demmans, Cheryl Ann Hannigan and Kaili Horney Mari-Jo Zuefle and Dave Zuefle (Transfer In)

Swearing in NEW MEMBERS at the May 23rd Membership Meeting.

Left to Right: Com Brian Robinson Membership Chair, Com Gary Demmans, Com Morris Brause President, Com Kaili Horney & Com Cheryl Ann Hannigan



## 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 <a href="http://www.legion.ca/welcome">http://www.legion.ca/welcome</a>

#### 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 was Sunday May 7th.

Twenty-six Honorees, twenty-eight Guests and ten Executives & Others attended.

Nine Honorees & six Guests were no shows or cancelled.

Legionnaire of the Year: Randy Soulliere Branch Service Medal: Larry Williams Certificate of Merit: Brian Robinson

Certificate of Appreciation: Tom Boroski, Janet Ciurysek, Bob Hart

Konrad Boehler, Honours & Awards Chair



## TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month of April, we were again able to show a profit over Expenses. The bar continues to show a profit through the hard work of the bar chairman and his staff. The kitchen continues to help us show a

profit, thanks to Billie Jo and her staff. The Ways & Means committee continue to put forth an effort to show a profit monthly. Pool tables also help with profits, which is part of the Branch Sports.

What I am trying to say is that it is not just one thing but instead many things that the Branch needs in order to profit monthly and you the Members, as a big part of this Branch, play a very significant role in the profit making for us to survive.

Unfortunately, with the aging of the Branch, we have had to spend a lot of money on repairs, and we are not done. We still have some big repair Expenses to take care of and of course it takes money.

We do have investments, but at the higher interest rates that we are getting right now, it would not make sense to dig into them and lose the interest, so the more members and people patronizing our Branch, the easier it will be on all of us to pay for these repairs.

I know I talk a lot but, Thank You for listening.

Yours in Comradeship, John Antaya, Treasurer

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024 operating budget for the branch was approved at the May membership meeting. This year will be a particularly challenging one for us as all of our costs to operate the branch have risen substantially. Your finance committee is analyzing each of our cost areas and seeking out alternate suppliers with lower costs in order to keep our expenses under control this year.

We are grateful to the volunteers that we have that cut the grass and maintain the gardens and grounds in such wonderful condition.

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

Jim McGhie Finance Committee Chair

## **REMEMBRANCE**

On Monday May 29th flags were placed at Veterans graves at both Victoria and Greenlawn Memorial Cemeteries for the June 4<sup>th</sup> Windsor Veterans Memorial Committee 11AM Remembrance service at the Windsor downtown Cenotaph. (Note tickets for dinner are still available at Branch 644)

Comrade Konrad Boehler, Chair Legion Week & Remembrance



## **PROPERTY**

#### KITCHEN GREASE INTERCEPTOR

Our grease interceptor in the kitchen has deteriorated and will be replaced between August 7, 2023, and August 18, 2023.

#### **SEPTIC SYSTEM**

One day we will have sewers and we won't have to run and maintain a septic system. We have been working with our original architect, the system supplier, installer, operator and the municipality. Progress is being made but the project is not yet complete.

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 Larry Williams or put your name on a piece of Paper and give it one of our Bartenders who will forward it to me.

#### **PATIOS**

We have purchased and installed three (3) new picnic tables for the Dieppe Room patio (south-east corner of the building).

## Youth Education & Bursaries

#### POSTER & AND LITERARY CONTEST

Provincial Winners Junior Black & White Poster 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ziqiu Ouyang, Intermediate Colour Poster 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Danielle Papia. Medallions, cheques & certificates to be presented by President M Brause & Youth & Education Rep T Friesen at their schools.

#### **BRANCH BURSARIES**

Branch 594 Bursaries may be available for post-secondary students.

Bursary funds come from the Poppy Trust Fund and can only be given to:

**Ordinary Members** 

Current Serving Canadian Armed Forces members and their families.

Veterans, their spouses, children, or grandchildren

**Associate Members and their children** 

Additional information will be on the website later in June.

#### PROVINCIAL 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.

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. Volunteers are needed Friday and Saturday

A sign-up sheet is posted at the Branch.

Comrade Jeff Morrell, Chair Track & Field



## Royal Canadian Legion District A Track & Field 2023

# Sandwich Secondary School 7050 Malden Rd, LaSalle ON N9J 2T5

June 16-17th, 2023

Registration Deadline: Jun 13 at 23:59 (Eastern Time)

#### **OPEN TO EVERYONE**

**Age Divisions** 

17 years and under (as of Dec. 31, 2022)

15 years and under (as of Dec 31. 2022)

13 years and under (as of Dec 31. 2022

## Registration Link

Royal Canadian Legion District A Online Registration | TrackieReg



## **KITCHEN REPORT**

Join us every Monday as we host a group of classic car enthusiasts from 3pm - 7pm in the church parking lot next door and enjoy a cold beer and BBQ on the patio. We had several minor issues to work out with the organizers of the car group and things should go much smoother in the future. Come and join us for some of these great events every Monday.

The kitchen will have reduced hours on Sundays through the summer and those hours will be dependent on if there are other functions happening in the building on those days. Please check our website or call the branch to check the hours for Sundays.

Thanks to all for your support.

Comrades Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie. Co-Kitchen Convenors

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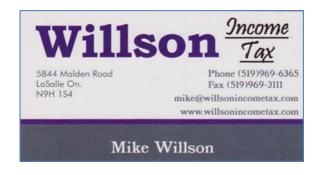
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Royal Canadian Legion Br 594 Presents

Friday

June 30th 6:00-9:00pm



Twisted Sisters



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## WAYS & MEANS

In May 2023, Branch 594 held 3 spaghetti fundraiser dinners and we served over 450 guests!

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

The last two spagnetti dinners for the season are Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>.

On the 27th we will be serving cake for dessert too (while it lasts)

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

PS: There will be no Spaghetti dinners in July or August. We plan to restart on September 12<sup>th</sup>.



## **WEBSITE**Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson, webmaster

## **SPORTS**

Sports continue to play a big role in our Branch along with a lot of other events.

Luck of the Draw Darts started up again for the summer months. This event is done on Thursday evenings, with registration at 7 pm and play at 7:30 pm. Take the burrs off your dart points and join us for an evening of fun.

We also continue to have Luck of the Draw 8 Ball pool every Thursday afternoon and you're welcome to join in.

Zone golf will be played June 3rd. Comrade Tom Friesen is the man in charge.

Will be looking at the prospect of setting up horseshoe pits.

District Horseshoes will be held at the Belle River Branch 399 on June 24th.

The RCL Branch 594 Fun Golf Day is to be held September 10th at Belleview Golf Course. Cost \$120.00 per person and Legion Members \$110.00. There is room for only 100 golfers with a starting tee time at 9:04 am. There will be a meal at Branch 594 afterwards. Sign up as soon as possible to assure your spot for a great fun day event.

I would like to Thank the winter sport leagues for their participation through the winter months. With summer upon us, they take a break, but we will see them again this fall. Yours in Comradeship

John Antaya, New Branch 594 Sports Officer

#### **Sports Committee with Officer and Deputy**

As President, I have tasked our current Sports Officer to arrange a meeting prior to middle of June 2023 with all sports and potential activities being represented by our membership. Instead of appointing the Officer and Deputy at the June 2023 Membership meeting, I would like active members of our golf, pool leagues, dart leagues, corn hole, horseshoes, and any other potential sports activities to get together and discuss the program that they want to see for the forthcoming year. This of course is augmented by the annual events that our Branch, Zone, District and Provincial sports organizations plan and conduct.

I would like to see this committee come up with their recommended Officer and Deputy, and a representative that will sit for each of the key events and sports that we have or will have in our Branch. I will ask the Executive to review and then ask the membership to approve this committee along with their Officer and Deputy at the June Membership Meeting. Please note that these members must be members of our Branch.

Comrade Morris Brause President RCL Branch 594

## **2715 RCACC**



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

The Annual Review of the Cadet Corps will take place on Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 645 pm here at the branch. Major Sean Wilkins, Deputy Commanding Officer the Essex and Kent Scottish will be the Reviewing Officer. The parade will feature demonstrations of the skills that our Cadets have learned over the past year as well as award presentations. All branch members are invited to attend.

On Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding a combined change of Commanding Officer parade and change of RSM. Capt John Demitroff will be taking over from Capt Lisa Hilt as the new Commanding Officer of our Cadet Corps.

Many of our Cadets will be travelling across Canada to attend the various summer camp training courses starting in July.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Cadet Corps.

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



### SENIORS COMMITTEE

"June in Seniors month so do something special for the Senior in your life or in your neighborhood."

Senior dance attendance has increased, once again, with 100+ on Mondays. 70+ are enjoying the dinners while the 30+ choose to eat elsewhere. Meals have been good with less complaints and the kitchen also makes sure that those that have dietary restrictions are taken care of. During the past 2 weeks, with warmer temperatures, we have had to use the ceiling fans (even though they are not working properly). It has been left to the discretion of the bartender when to use and, once again, the people who are not up on the dance floor complain about the fans being on and it being cold. If complaints about the fans continue, I will suggest to them that they bring a sweater to wear or possibly move to a table that is not directly positioned under a fan.

The Hawaiian themed dance went off well. Leis were provided and several people dressed up and 2 prizes were given out (thanks to Randy Soulliere for his donation from his vendors stash). Life after 50 presentation on May 1 had low attendance, however, the presenter set up her display in the foyer afterwards and several more people stopped by to inquire.

The dinner raffle is still ongoing, happening bi-weekly.

Thanks goes out to Sylvia from **Kensington Court Retirement Residence** who sponsored our April 24th dance and will be returning May 15 for another.

On May 1 we had a false fire alarm, at which time we attempted to evacuate the building. We had a few

patrons that were reluctant to leave on both sides of the building, as they were told that it was a "false alarm". The following week, Brian Robinson, the executive spoke to the Seniors and explained how important it is to vacate the building when this happens, for their own safety.

We will be having a presentation on June 5 regarding the use of Nordixx Walking Poles, which help with stability when hiking and walking.

Also, talks are in the works for a June 26 Beach Party, which will be discussed further at our May 26 Senior Committee meeting.



Seasons are interested in sponsoring once in June & once in July.

Sponsorship covers the cost of the DJ.

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

"Our prayers go out to one of our Senior Committee members, Shirley Jinkerson who is battling cancer for the 3rd time."

## **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 May 23rd meeting Membership approved a \$250 donation to Iris Residential Inns and Services (motion Com J Ciurysek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Com W Fortin) and a \$500 donation to the 2715 RCACC (motion by Com J Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Com M Shanklin)

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

## **BAR REPORT**

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

Some of our bar staff have completed 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.

Join us every Monday afternoon from 3pm -7 pm as we host a group of classic car enthusiasts next door in the church parking lot. Come and check out these beautiful cars and enjoy a beer and BBQ on the patio.

A friendly reminder that we have Honest Lager beer on tap from Walkerville Brewery as well as Landshark on tap to go along with our regular draft Beer.

Our annual Legion golf fun day has been booked for Saturday September  $10^{th}$  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 or Tom Friesen or Tom Boroski Comrade Randy Soulliere, Bar Officer

### **Branch Members Celebrating JUNE Birthdays**

Johanna H Belanger Craig Belchuk Michael Boucher Mitchell Boucher Paul J Boyko Heather M Brunelle Ian C Chippett Charles Church Lisa D'Amore Raffaele Del Fiacco Logan Delorey Elizabeth D Dykeman Frances Friesen, Jennifer Gallant, Cynthia Garrett, John Gray, Dan Greaves, Joe C Greaves, Gordon Hadrian, Patrick Howe, Shirley Jinkerson, Robert Johnson, Timothy Klingbile, Jan Kwasnicki, Kimberly Ladouceur, Donald MacPhail, Jaylyn Elizabeth Mannina, Scott R McFarlane, James C McGhie, James Moore, Robert B Pyne, Gar Renaud, Michael Richards, Gary Shaw, Linda Thomas, Darryl Vickers and Larry J Williams

## Hope your birthdays are great!

### ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM

#### Com Bob Hart, Entertainment Chair

This will be another great month at our Legion.

MONDAYS "Classic Car Group meets in the church parking lot next door. Weekly event!

Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Bolister will be playing in the Lounge 6-9pm

Friday June 9th Dan Alice will be playing in the Lounge 6-9pm

Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> Joe Mouawad will be playing in the Lounge 6-9pm

Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> Todd Feriss will be playing in the Lounge 6-9pm

Friday-Sunday June 16-18 Tee2Green Golf Sale will be happening (get Dad something nice!)

Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> Twisted Sisters will be playing in the Lounge 6-9pm

#### 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 May17th, we have lost:
92 Veterans, 66 Comrades & have performed at 26 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 4<sup>th</sup> at the Windsor Cenotaph. This service recognizes the Veterans and Legionnaires that have passes away since June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2022. The 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet will be held after the service, at Branch 644 on Marentette. Cocktails at 1-2pm then 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

## **POPPY**

Our Poppy Trust Fund Bank Statement shows a healthy balance.

We will be reviewing our donor list within the guidelines of the Poppy Trust Fund Manual. At the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership meeting we were instructed to request approval from Ontario Command for repairs for a Veterans Monument

I am hoping to start an inventory soon.

Again, this year I will be looking for volunteers to help fill the Wooden Coin Boxes not sure when I will do this but possibly the end of June beginning of July.

Gerry Ciurysek, Br 594 Poppy Chair

## **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 event occurred 11 May 2023 to 14 May 2023. We were honoured by the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent.

The new Regimental Colours bear new battle honours of Detroit, Maumee, Niagara (War of 1812) and Afghanistan. (See complete Battle Honours below)

The Colours of a Regiment have an important place as the traditional rallying point of soldiers in time of battle. The primary reason the Trooping is to allow the members of the Regiment to connect with their Colours a very personal way.





for

Photo's compliments of Spike Bell



During the weekend, the old Colours were laid-up in Christ Church Anglican Church in Chatham which is one of two Regimental churches. This is 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.

- War of 1812
- DETROIT\*
- MAUMEE\*
- NIAGARA\*
- DEFENCE OF CANADA 1812-1815
- First World War
  - YPRES 1915, '17
  - FESTUBERT 1915
  - MOUNT SORRELL
  - SOMME 1916, '18
  - FLERS-COURCELETTE
  - THIEPVAL
  - ANCRE HEIGHTS

- ARRAS 1917, '18
- VIMY 1917
- HILL 70
- PASSCHENDAELE
- AMIENS
- SCARPE 1918
- HINDENBURG LINE
- CANAL DU NORD
- CAMBRAI 1918
- PURSUIT TO MONS
- FRANCE AND FLANDERS 1915-18
- Second World War
  - DIEPPE

- BOURGUEBUS RIDGE
- ST ANDRE-SUR-ORNE
- FALAISE
- FALAISE ROAD
- CLAIR TIZON
- FORET DE LA LONDE
- THE SCHELDT
- WOENSDRECHT
- SOUTH BEVELAND
- THE RHINELAND
- GOCH-CALCAR ROAD
- THE HOCHWALD

- XANTEN
- TWENTE CANAL
- GRONINGEN
- OLDENBURG
- NORTH-WEST EUROPE 1942, 1944-45

#### Recent Conflicts

AFGHANISTAN\*

**Bolded** Battle Honours are emblazoned on the

Regimental Colour.

\*These four Battle Honours are now emplazoned on the new Regimental Colour.

JUNE					Legion	
Sun	Mon	Tues	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 28	Open 11-10  "The Bunker" Open 12-pm  Sr Dinner Dance 3-7  POOL League	30 Open 11-10 No Bunker today Pepper 1pm Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-	31 Open 11-10 Branch 62 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Pepper 1pm CADETS	1 Open 11-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	2 Open 10-10 Entertainment Chris Bolister 6-9 Mixed Darts	Zone A1 Golf Tourney "The Bunker Open 12-8pn  Dart Night
4 OPEN 12-7 "The Bunker" Open 12-4pm	5 Open 11-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 CAR SHOW	6:30PM 6 Open 11-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-3pm Pepper 1pm	7 Open 11-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Pepper 1pm CADETS	8 Open 11-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	9 Open 11-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Entertainment Dan Alice 6-9	10 Open 11-10 "The Bunker Open 12-8pn
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