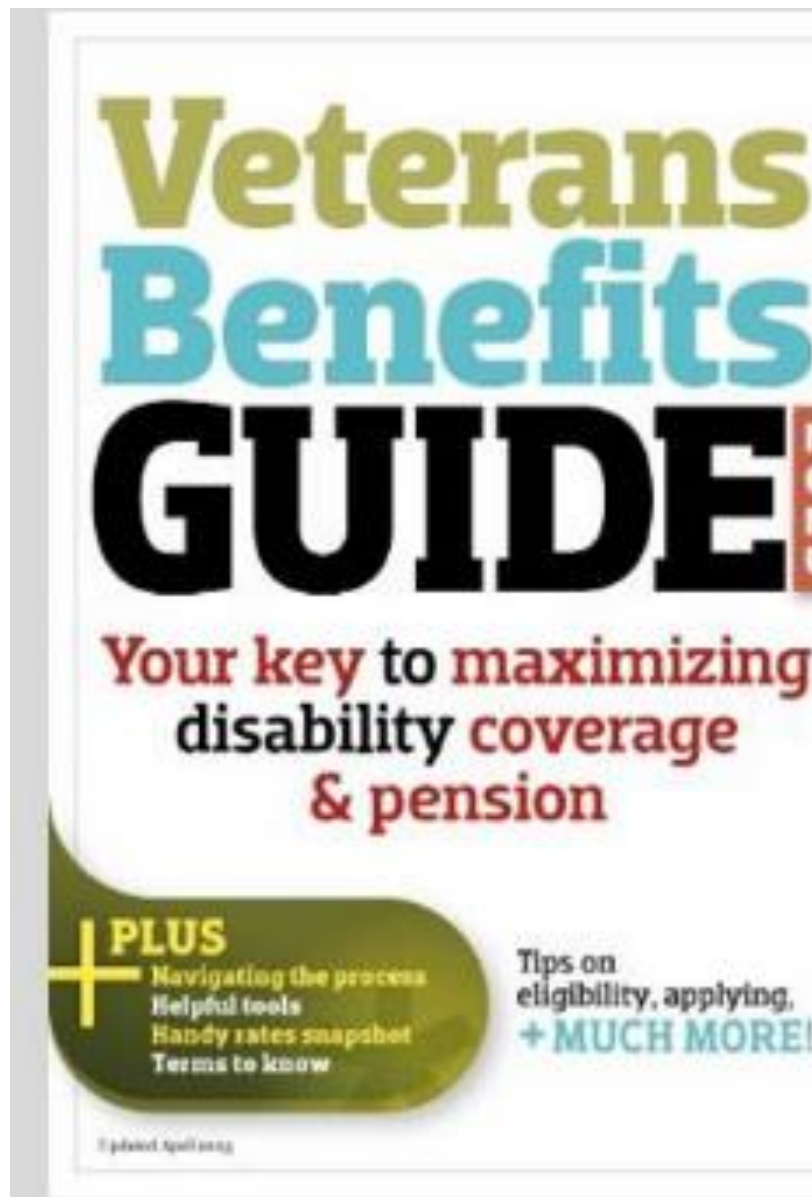




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2023-2024 Executive and Key Chair and Appointed positions

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Summer Job

For her summer job, my 18-year-old daughter arranged interviews at several day-care centers. At one meeting, she sat down on one of the kiddie seats, no simple task for most people. The interview went well, and at the end, the day-care center director asked the standard question, "Can you give me one good reason we should hire you?"

"Because I fit in the chairs." She got the job.

Two Year Old

My two-year-old cousin scared us one summer by disappearing during our lakeside vacation. More than a dozen relatives searched the forest and shoreline, and everyone was relieved when we found Alex playing calmly in the woods." Listen to me, Alex," his mother said sharply. "From now on when you want to go someplace, you tell Mommy first, okay?" Alex thought about that for a moment and said, "Okay. Disney World."

Forecast

Vacationing in Vermont, I picked up the local paper to check out the forecast.

It read:

Today: Sunny, 76.

Tonight: Not so sunny, 55.

The Beach

Our first day at a resort my wife and I decided to hit the beach. When I went back to our room to get something to drink, one of the hotel maids was making our bed. I grabbed my cooler and was on my way out when I paused and asked, "Can we drink beer on the beach?" "Sure," she said, "but I have to finish the rest of the rooms beforehand."

Canadian Summer

Ian American asked his Canadian friend "Did you have a good Summer? He replied "Yes indeed, we had a great picnic that afternoon!"

Daddy is Going to War - True Story

During the Persian Gulf War, I was assigned to go to Saudi Arabia. As I was saying good-bye to my family, my three-year-old son, Christopher, was holding on to my leg and pleading with me not to leave. "No, Daddy, please don't go!" he kept repeating. We were beginning to make a scene when my wife, desperate to calm him, said, "Let Daddy go and I'll take you to get a pizza." Immediately, Christopher loosened his death grip, stepped back and in a calm voice said, "Bye, Daddy."

Strangers on a train

Four strangers traveled together in the same compartment of a European train. Two men and two women faced each other. One woman was a very wealthy and sophisticated 70 year old lady who was decked out in the finest of furs and jewelry. Next to her Sat a beautiful young woman, nineteen years old--who looked like something right off the cover of a fashion magazine. Across from the older lady was a very mature looking man in his mid-forties who was a highly decorated Sergeant Major in the Army. Next to the Sergeant Major sat a young private fresh out of boot camp.

As these four strangers traveled, they talked and chatted about trivial things until they entered an unlighted tunnel, and there they sat in complete darkness and total silence, until the sound of a distinct kiss broke the silence; following the kiss a loud slap could be heard throughout the cabin.

In the ensuing period of silence the four strangers sat quietly with their own thoughts.

The older lady was thinking, "Isn't it wonderful that even in this permissive day and age there are still young women who have a little self-respect and dignity?"

The young woman, shaking her head and greatly puzzled, asked herself, "Why in the world would any man in his right mind want to kiss an old fossil like that when I'm sitting here?"

The Sergeant Major, rubbing his sore face, was outraged that any woman could ever think that a man in his position would try to sneak a kiss in the dark. The private, grinning from ear to ear, was thinking, "What a wonderful world this is when a private can kiss the back of his hand and then smack a Sergeant Major in the face and get away with it!"

Sergeant's philosophy

The Company Commander and the First Sergeant were in the field. As they hit the sack for the night, the First Sergeant said, "Sir, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

The CO said, "I see millions of stars."

1st Sgt.: "And what does that tell you, sir?"

CO: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Top?"

1st Sgt.: "Well sir, it tells me that somebody stole our tent."

Please keep sending your humour to me at
tomfriesen57@gmail.com

Tom Friesen, Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Comrades:

The hazy, warm, wonderful days of summer are here. As we enjoy our summer, I encourage you all to remember that we are open seven days a week, we have a great pub style restaurant from Monday to Saturday, and that groups are still enjoying pool, darts, cards, and many other activities. We are also going to prepare a horseshoe pit and build some cornhole game boards for the membership to enjoy.



I want to thank those who have volunteered to help with our gardening and cutting the lawn. We still need to cut down a few dead trees and offer, for free, the wood from those trees for your summer fire pits. We would request that you make the arrangement to haul away the wood. We need a couple of people to step forward and assist with some trimming around the parking lot with the weed whackers every couple of weeks. We also hope to clean out our ditches at the front of the property.

I wish to recognize the wonderful Ways and Means volunteers, under the leadership of Veronica Friesen, for another successful year planning our spaghetti dinners. These dinners are totally run by our Ways and Means volunteers from September to June and provide outstanding all-you-can-eat dinners. Over this last year, after costs, they cleared close to \$18,000. Well done indeed!

At the June membership meet a slate of committee chairs were presented and passed unanimously. See the following page for a complete list and contact information.

We have a small committee under the leadership of our Second Vice President, Comrade Konrad Boehler, who over the summer will prepare our updated Branch regulations. The Notice of Motion to review them will occur at the September Membership meeting, and then the Membership will review and approve in the October Membership meeting. Your participation in those meetings is crucial.

I have been honoured to be sworn in as the new Deputy Commander for Zone A-1. I will also continue to be the Zone A-1 Youth Ed Chair. It is a privilege to work with our other three Branches in our Zone to enhance the work we do on behalf of The Royal Canadian Legion.

Have a safe summer and please continue to enjoy the entertainment that we provide at this wonderful Branch.

Comrade Morris
President RCL Branch 594

HOSPITAL

We request that members or their families contact Linda Ross at the branch if you are hospitalized and would like us to post your name and possible visitation or flowers.

Branch Pastor, Rev. *Catherine (Cathy) Collins*-Barker our Branch Chaplain 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.

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 June 27th we have a Membership of 460

Consisting of: Life 6, Ordinary 100, Associate 257, Affiliate Voting 95 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: Roger Kelly

ASSOCIATE: Suzette Clark, Jordan Kelly, Jim McDowall (on-line), Christine Ryan

AFFILIATE VOTING: James Brunelle



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NEW MEMBERS sworn in at the June 27th
Membership Meeting.

Left to Right: Com Brian Robinson
Membership Chair, Suzette Clark, Henry
Dupuis, Roger Kelly, Jim McDowall, Christine
Ryan and Com Morris Brause President

The Legion is pleased to extend our 1-year Free Membership for Veterans AND their Families.

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

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



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

Brian Robinson, Membership Chair

Changed your address, phone number, email address?

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

HONOURS & AWARDS

We have two members that were awarded their 50-year medals and pins.
Congratulations to Associate Members Mike Soulliere and Tom Soulliere

TREASURER'S REPORT

The end of Branch 594 fiscal year was May 31, 2023.

At the end of our fiscal year our revenue exceeded our expenses by approx. \$32,000.00.

I am happy to report that the month of May showed a \$3,500.00 profit for the Branch after expenses.

Repairs and Maintenance still seem to be a big issue for the Branch. There are still some repairs to take care of and maintenance is something that we need to keep up with daily. For Branch Utilities, with the A/C working through the summer, our hydro usage will be high but needed. Water usage stays steady. Gas usage is higher during the winter months, but the kitchen use can also determine our costs.

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 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 to keep our expenses under control this year.

We were recently advised that our yearly insurance premiums would be increasing over 77% from our previous year. Your Finance Committee decided that this increase was unacceptable and decided to get some insurance quotes locally. We selected the Co-Operators Insurance on Malden Road in LaSalle as our new insurance provider for 2023-24. Their quote was less than 20% higher than our previous rate for identical insurance that we currently have. This will be a substantial savings over the proposed increases from our previous insurer.

I am pleased to report that our long- term investments are doing well. For this past fiscal year (June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023) we increased the value of our portfolio from interest earned. Our long- term investments are the Branch Property fund which is money that we have put aside for known upcoming major expenditures that will be required on our building and property in the future. Some examples are connecting to the Town of Tecumseh sewage system, roofing repairs/replacement, heating & air conditioning replacement, kitchen equipment replacement and parking lot repaving.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

At the June 27th membership meeting Com James Sparrow was accepted as the Chair of our Financial Review Committee.

Editor's Note: The last two chairs of this committee have been elected to executive positions! I take this as a sign they wish to continue the work that has been done in the past and make even greater contributions.

Legion Week, Veterans Annual Dinner, and Remembrance

Legion week is Sept 17th - 24th. A full schedule of events will be posted in the upcoming Newsletters and in our website & Facebook.

The 2023 Veterans Appreciation Dinner is planned for 24 September 2023. Branch Veterans will be contacted by mail. (Note every year Canada Post returns some of the invitations when people change addresses. Please don't forget to let us know)

I would like to thank all those who assisted with the placing and picking up of the flags at Victoria and Greenlawn Memorial Cemeteries for June 4th. It was nice to see new volunteers coming out to join us.

Comrade Konrad Boehler, Chair of: Legion Week, Veterans Appreciation Dinner & 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. *Still on schedule.*

SEPTIC SYSTEM

One day we will have sewers and we won't have to run and maintain a septic system. Our system has been operating much better recently but it's always a work in progress.

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.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

One of our two gas convections failed and the cost to fix was over 60% of a new one. Membership agreed to get a new unit to avoid the ever-increasing repair costs.

Com Larry Williams, Property Chair

Youth Education & Bursaries

Poster & Literary

The 2022 competition is complete.

Br 594 entrants that placed first, second or third for the District and Provincial have received their awards. .

The 2023 Poster and Literary contest packages are expected (hoped for) from the Provincial Youth Education Committee early in July.

A Zone A1 meeting with our Zone Youth Education Chair (Morris Brause) to coordinate our approach to schools is recommended again this year.

Youth Education training session Aug 27 at Br 355 in Highgate ON. Branch Representatives Com T Friesen and Com G Ciurysek will attend.

Branch Bursary

Up to twenty-five \$750 branch bursaries have been approved at the June 27th membership meeting.

The 2023 Branch bursary packages are available at the bar and on our website as well.

(Note the 2021 information inadvertently left on our website but has now been removed)

Application deadline is Monday July 31st. Committee to review, Coms T Friesen, J McGhie, P Brause, G Ciurysek, and the President can also sit on the Committee, if required.

Awards to be presented Tuesday Aug 29th, 2023, at a ceremony commencing at 5:30 pm.

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

Track and Field

The “District A” Track and Field Meet was cancelled as the renovations at Sandwich Secondary School were not completed in time.

Comrade Jeff Morrell (Sr), Chair Track & Field

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. Come and join us for some of these great events every Monday.

The kitchen will be closed on Sundays through the summer for food service except for any functions booked into our halls on those days.

On Saturday July 1st, the kitchen will be having BBQ specials to go along with our bar specials to celebrate Canada Day. Wear your red and come and join us.

Saturday July 1st marks the One-Year Anniversary of The Bunker Kitchen taking over the kitchen operations at the branch. To celebrate the anniversary, on Sunday July 9th, Billie and her staff are going to celebrate it by offering up free burgers, and sausages, served with a bag of chips, baked beans, and potato salad. There will be no cost to our customers, however a donation to our Poppy Fund would be greatly appreciated.

With the one-year anniversary upon us, the branch has renewed the kitchen contract with Billie Jo to keep our kitchen service running uninterrupted for the foreseeable future. We have agreed on a 3-year contract that runs from July 1, 2023 until June 30th, 2026. It has been a great year and congratulations to Billie Jo and her amazing staff for all the successes so far. We are only going to improve on our services and offerings going forward.

Just a reminder that the bunker does offer takeout services as well as catering services for your outside events. Give Billie or Tricia a call and see what they can do for you.

Thanks to all for your support.

Comrades Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie. Co-Kitchen Convenors

Bunker Kitchen Contact Tricia LaBelle at
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WAYS & MEANS

For the final two months of the spaghetti season, May and June 2023, Branch 594 held 5 dinners and served 832 guests. June 27th was the last dinner of the season, and as tradition has it, to thank all our wonderful supporters, diners, and volunteers alike, complimentary cake and coffee was served and enjoyed by all.

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.

Wishing all our volunteers and supporters an enjoyable summer and we hope you have **Tuesday September 12** marked on your calendars for the next spaghetti dinner of the 2023-2024 season.

Over the summer, The Bunker will be open for business on Tuesdays.

Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair



WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson, webmaster

SPORTS

We have 11 teams playing the Legion District Golf event on July 8, at the Erie Shores Golf Club in Leamington and the host branch is 201 Essex. Let's wish them well and hope they can bring this event back to us for next year.

Our Branches Fun-Day Golf Event (Sept 10th) has been posted. If interested in playing, sign up and the cost is listed.

I want to thank Comrades Tom Friesen and Randy Soulliere for taking care of golf for the Branch. Registration and cheque have been sent in.

On Thursday, June 15, a meeting was held with different people from the different sports within the branch. This was a Newly Formed Sports Committee Meeting with opening remarks by President Morris Brause.

Com Wayne Fortin has been approved by membership to be Branch 594 Sports Officer. The plan is have Com Wayne as Chairman and he will select a Deputy and committee for the Branch. The committee function is to arrive at ideas of how we may be able to increase sports attendance within the Branch, plus help within their own sport that they may participate in as well as keeping Sports running smooth. The plan is to meet quarterly, and any suggestions would come to the Sports Chairman to be brought up before the Executive of the Branch, then the General Meeting. Most important to realize is that this is not one-sided, but all sports are to be treated equally. At the present time we are looking to put into action one set of horseshoe pits as a tryout to gauge how much anticipation this game will have since this sport does belong in the Legion Family.

Also, we are looking at building a couple of sets of **Cornhole** boards as this is now also part of the Legion Family through Command. The only thing about cornhole, it can be played outdoors, but we would need somewhere besides outdoors to play this sport, especially during the winter months. Having said that, only time will tell.

Being Sports Chairman at the present time, we are looking for the donation of 2 pieces of 4 feet x 8 feet, ¾- inch thick plywood sheets, good one side. This way, we will build our own Cornhole boards.

Will also need to get some bean bags for the game but first things first.

NOTE DONATIONS OF CORNHOLE BOARDS WOULD BE WELCOMED!

We would also like to start up both the **Cribbage and Euchre** games. Want to have a Cribbage league playing on one night of the week and a Euchre league playing on a different night of the week.

If you're interested in any of these sports, please let us know, as this will help us tremendously.

Our annual Legion golf fun day has been booked for Saturday September 10th and will be held at Bellevue golf course. This is being organized by Com Randy Soulliere. 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 sign-up 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.

I have provided a recommendation to the Executive that our next Sports Officer should be Wayne Fortin. That will be decided later in the meeting when the membership review the proposal for Chairs and key appointment.

John Antaya reporting for Wayne Fortin, New Branch 594 Sports Officer

2715 RCACC



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

The Annual Review of the Cadet Corps took place on Wednesday June 7th at 645 pm here at the branch. Major Sean Wilkins, Deputy Commanding Officer the Essex and Kent Scottish was the Reviewing Officer. The ceremonial parade featured demonstrations of the skills that our Cadets have learned over the past year as well as award presentations to our top Cadets.

On Wednesday June 21st, we held 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 and CWO Brooke MacLean will be taking over from CWO Olivia O'Connor as the new RSM 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

The first item for discussion was the senior's dinner dance.

Attendance has remained high for the last few weeks. Last week was 113.

There was a discussion about the meals, whether we should set a schedule of three different meals and just repeat the same meals. After much debate we decided to leave it for now.

We have Sponsors scheduled from Kensington Court and Seasons for June through August.

The kitchen will be closed from August 7th-18th due to kitchen renovations and the committee decided to cancel the dances on August 7th and 14th.

Next, we discussed the Beach Party Dance on June 26th. There will be some raffle prizes donated from Randy as well as the dinner ticket raffle.

Due to safety concerns no games were planned.

Going with the beach party theme the menu will be burgers, potato salad, and beans and the drink special will be \$4. Margaritas.

(Editor's note: From the photo to the right, it looks like the event was a great success!)



The date for the Christmas in July dance has been set for July 24th and Santa along with his Christmas Elf will be in attendance. Also as is fitting turkey is on the menu that day.

The committee will decorate the hall, similar to last year.

We discussed the poor attendance we get for the presentations we work so hard to bring to our seniors. It was decided to forgo any further presentations at this time.

Morris requested that we check our inventory, and it was decided to do that immediately after our next meeting.

Next meeting will be July 20th at 10:00 a.m.

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.

The Lottery License for the above draws was renewed for one year starting July 1, 2023

Beth Abson Lottery Chair



SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

If you know of a Veteran in need, please let me know!
Archie Neilson, Branch Service Officer

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**** * NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT *****

Miss Brittany Campbell
Acting Provincial Service Officer
London Service Bureau

Will be visiting Branch No. 594, Tecumseh, ON
On Friday August 18, 2023
At approximately 1:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance, regarding:

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

Are requested to contact the Branch Service Officer (Archie Neilson) or Secretary (John Antaya) of Branch 594 to arrange an interview.

BAR REPORT

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

We are happy to announce that all 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 was to be completed prior to July 1st, 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. Saturday July 1st is Canada Day. Come and join us for drink and BBQ specials on this day and wear your red.

Our annual Legion golf fun day has been booked for Saturday September 10th and will be held at Bellevue 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 with regards to the golf tournament, please contact

Randy Soulliere or Tom Friesen or Tom Boroski

Comrade Randy Soulliere, Bar Officer

BRANCH **MEETINGS**

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY

JULY 18th

10:00 AM

MEMBERSHIP

TUESDAY

SEPT 26th

7PM

Branch Members Celebrating JULY Birthdays

Harold Bissonnette, William Boomer, Delaney Louisa Brause, Margaret Caradonna, Jason Carder , Gerald Ciurysek , John Copland, Jeff J Doan, Michael Ferrari, Robert Fraser, Steve Friesen, Veronica Friesen, Lisa Friesen-Stroud, Frank Gauvreau, Gerald Greggs, Cheryl Ann Hannigan, Russell Hazael, John Herdman , Ronald Hunter, Doug Jeffery, Stephen Kales, Sharon Kring, Garry Loeper, Gerald McMahon, Lenard J Meloche, Ken Nantais, Rick Nicoll, Margaret Pinard, Roger Pinard, Erin Beth Purdy, Michael Raymond, Dan Reiner, Jeremy Souchuk, Barbara Stafford, Sara Watson and Mari-Jo Zuefle

Hope your birthdays are great!

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Branch 594

Fun Golf Day



Sunday Sept 10th, 2023

Bellevue Golf Club

TEXAS SCRAMBLE. MENS, WOMENS & MIXED

\$120 per person

\$110 for Legion Members,

Veterans or Current Serving CAF

Incl. Golf, Power Cart (shared)

Prizes &

Dinner at Branch 594.

Prizes - Food - Social - Fun

Register & Pay at the Branch.

5030 Howard Ave



ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM

Com Bob Hart, Entertainment Chair

After a bit of a bumpy start to having the CAR MEET here on Mondays, I believe all issues have been resolved, but an issue does pop up, it's dealt with ASAP. Thank you to Randy Soulliere for being a huge assistance in getting this event up and running. I believe they will be here till almost Thanksgiving helping our bottom line. To my understanding, food and bar sales are way up due to Monday's extra patron traffic.

After a 2- year break due to the pandemic, 2022/23 Friday nights have been (for the most part) successful with supporting our region's local entertainers playing vary of types of music. I was able to stay under budget for this past fiscal year as end of May.

Entertainment will take a break for the months of July and August but some of the entertainers are already booked Sept through to Christmas.

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

British Beat 66 will be playing Sept. 23 from 7-11 and dinner will be 5-6:30

Tickets will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Choice of Steak, chicken or vegetarian with baked potato, corn, baked beans and salad.



The Committee is looking forward to building on our success with the bigger events. (Some of these events are free, for our customers).

Thank you to our members and the public for a successful year.

Please keep checking the Legions website for upcoming events!

WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

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

From June 1st, 2022, until May 31st, we have lost:
99 Veterans, 70 Comrades & have performed at 27 funeral services.

From June 1st, 2023, until June 27th, 2023, we have lost:
1 Veterans 3 Comrades & have performed at 0 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.*

Ron Bisnaire, Branch 594 Liaison to WVMSC

IN MEMORIUM

SEGUIN, (Larry) LAWRENCE

June 24, 2023. 80 Yrs.

Larry was an Associate Legion Branch 594 member for 46 years
He will be missed by all!

[Lawrence "Larry" Seguin Obituary - Windsor, ON | Families First](#)

POPPY

Our Poppy Trust Fund Bank Statement shows a healthy balance.

A motion was made at the June 27th Membership meeting that we donate to the following five (5) Charities, from the Poppy Trust Fund, in the amount of \$4,000 each for a total of \$20,000.

The recipients are as follows: MFRC/Military Family Resource Centre, Warriors Adventures Canada, Veterans Transition Network, Quilts of Valour, & R2R/Ruck to Remember.

The motion was passed and approvals from Provincial Command are imminent.

Gerry Ciurysek, Br 594 Poppy Chair

COLOUR PARTY

My name is David Woodman. I have been appointed as the new commander of Branch 594's resurrected colour party. I am currently looking for volunteers to join the colour party. Members will be required to attend a few drill practices. When we are formed as a colour party we will be wearing blues and greys. To start with we will be marching the colours on and off for the Legion's membership meetings. More parades may follow. I hope to get enough volunteers to form two parties. Hope to hear from you.
Please contact me at dfwoodman@gmail.com.



JULY



Sun	Mon	Tues	We	Thu	Fr	
July 30 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED	July 31 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7					1 CANADA DAY <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-4pm</i>
2 OPEN 12-7 NORTH WALL RIDERS <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED	3 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 CAR SHOW 3:30-7:30PM POOL League	4 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Pepper	5 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i>	6 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	7 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-8pm</i>	8 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i>
9 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-4pm</i> CELEBRATING ONE YEAR AT OUR LEGION	10 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 CAR SHOW 3:30-7:30PM POOL League	11 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Pepper	12 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i>	13 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	14 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-8pm</i>	15 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i>
16 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED	17 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 CAR SHOW 3:30-7:30PM POOL League	18 Exec Mtg 10am <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Pepper	19 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> WVMSC Meeting Br 255 7:30	20 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	21 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-8pm</i>	22 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i>
23 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED	24 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> CHRISTMAS IN JULY Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 CAR SHOW 3:30-7:30PM POOL League	25 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Pepper	26 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i>	27 Open 11-10 Korean War Memorial Service, Dieppe Park 11am <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i> Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	28 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-8pm</i>	29 Open 11-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-7pm</i>