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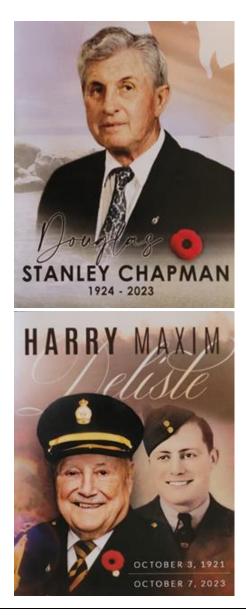
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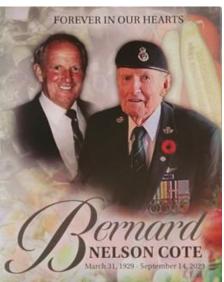
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# Remembrance Edition Veterans Passed since Nov 11, 2022







**Teddy Seagull** 

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

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| 2023-2024 Executive and Key Chair and Appointed positions |  |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Bar   | Randy Soulliere                            | see above                    | see above                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Branch Property (In/Out)                                  | Larry Williams                             | see above                    | see above                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Branch Regulations  | Konrad Boehler                             | see above                    | see above                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Face Book Page Coordinator                                | David Woodman                              | see above                    | see above                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Kitchen Convenor(s)                                       | Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie             | see above                    | see above                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Legion Week   | Konrad Boehler                             | see above                    | see above                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lottery   | Beth Abson                                 | see above                    | see above                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Remembrance Branch Coordinator                            | Konrad Boehler                             | see above                    | see above                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Newsletter Editor   | Tom Friesen                                | see above                    | see above                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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### PRESIDENTS REPORT

#### **Dear Comrades:**

Our most important duty of the year as members of our Legion Branch is to support the Poppy Campaign. We kicked it off on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, and will be completed on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I would once again encourage all of you to sign up for at least one shift or consider a donation to our Poppy Fund. I want to thank all of those working on the Poppy committee, and those who are volunteering, for doing a great job!

This is a significant month where we remember those who fought for our freedom, and who continue to represent us in our Country and around the world while serving in our Canadian



Forces. We have such a proud national history for service to those around the world. Lest We Forget!

Our Branch will have our Branch service at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Branch followed by a free lunch.

Please plan to attend a service or watch the TV on 11 November.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will open our Branch at 10:00 am for those who would like to watch the National ceremony in Ottawa, or the local ones here in Windsor, on our TVs. We will host another free lunch around 12:30 pm that day for those in attendance.

Support your Branch; attend functions; enjoy our kitchen; and recruit more members. We all should be proud of our "Legion at the Crossroads – Branch 594". Please pay your 2024 membership dues before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our goal is to have 594 members, to match our Branch number.

Always remember those serving, our Veterans, and our First Responders!

Lest We Forget – Lest We Forget!

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 Oct 31st, we have a Membership of 504

Consisting of: Life 5, Ordinary 103, Associate 282, Affiliate Voting 111 and Affiliate Non-Voting 3

### EARLY BIRD DRAW

The official start of the 2024 Early Bird Draw is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

All those who have paid their 2024 dues will have their names entered into a draw for their 2025 membership. Draws will be early October, November, and December.

DRAW WINNER #1 Richard Rousseau (114 entries)
DRAW WINNER #2 Gerald McMahon (216 entries)

2024 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 the executive and our membership!

Ordinary: Michael Casey & Carmelo Paonessa.

**Associate**: Robert Adair Leo Bondy Lori Brown Sue Desjarlais Lynn Gillis Suzan Hamdon, Allissa Hearn, Linda Hewson, Gwen Kadar, Emma Petry, Greg Shepley & Pat Westfall.

**Affiliate V** Cathy Azzopardi, John Azzopardi, Randall Campbell, Don Collard, Martin Cyrenne, Michelle Durocher, Sarah Jinkerson, Tom Milanis, Bryon Towns & Rob Whitter.

Affiliate NV Laura DePaola



#### Sworn in at the October Membership meeting



Suzan Hamdon, Linda Hewson, Greg Shepley, Pat Westfall, Don Collard, Sarah Jinkerson, Bryon Towns, Rob Whitter.

# 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: <a href="mailto:membershipbr594@gmail.com">membershipbr594@gmail.com</a>

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The month of September was a prosperous month for the Branch.

Our Repairs and Maintenance costs were down contributing to our profits.

The Bar did well also after expenses and wages.

Our Bank balance is in good shape.

Now we need to put money away for expected future expenses that will be arriving, like someday a new roof, and someday down the road for sewers. We don't know when, but I will say that it will not be cheap, and it is part of our future budget.

Your continued patronage really helps to keep the Branch operating, and along with the kitchen, "The Bunker by Billie" we're doing good.

Yours in Comradeship, John Antaya, Treasurer

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

We have applied for another "New Horizons for Seniors" grant from the federal government. There are several projects around the branch that we would like to have completed so we are hopeful for a successful application. Grant recipients will be announced in January 2024.

Jim McGhie, Finance Committee Chair

# Legion Week, Veterans Annual Dinner, and Remembrance

Canadian Flags will be placed at Veterans gravesites at Greenlawn and Victoria Memorial Cemeteries on Friday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am. If you wish to help, please come to the branch at 9:30am.

#### Our Branch Remembrance Day will be held at 1pm on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will have representatives from each of our three levels of government, the Essex Kent Regimental Association, Legion Branch and Zone, RCACC #2715, 55<sup>th</sup> Guide Group and 45<sup>th</sup> Scout Group. A complimentary light luncheon will be served following the service for those in attendance.

#### The National Remembrance Service is Saturday November 11th.

Our Branch will be open at 10am with our TV's tuned into the local and National services.

We offer a warm, dry, and accessible option to pay your respects.

This option is for those cannot attend one of the LaSalle, Windsor, Tecumseh, Amherstburg... or other community service.

A light luncheon will be provided following the services.

Comrade Konrad Boehler, Chair of: Legion Week, Veterans Appreciation Dinner & Remembrance

# **PROPERTY**

#### **OUTDOOR**

The Gardening and Weeding party at the Branch assembled on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and did a great job. Thanks to all who participated. If you missed out there will be more opportunities in the future!

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.

#### **SNOW & SALTING**

We thank Hampton Landscaping for the work they have done for us in the past.

This Winter we have a one-year contract with **Precedence Landscaping** who will be plowing and salting our parking lot and sidewalks.

#### INDOOR ADDITIONS

See if you can find where I hung the Pictures & Trophies

Note: Two Solar powered lights will be installed covering the sidewalk on the south side of the building.

#### Com Larry Williams, Property Chair



# **Youth Education & Bursaries**

#### **Poster & Literary**

The 2023 Poster and Literary contest information has been emailed and a hard copy delivered to all our 28 schools. Most details are available on the Provincial Command website, <u>Youth Education Kit (legion.ca)</u>. See the next page for additional details.

Deadline for entries is Nov 15th, 2023.

Note this competition is open to ALL elementary and secondary school students! The program is open to Home Schooled students this year as well.

**Provincial Bursary** The 2024 details are now on the www.legion.on.ca website.

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



#### THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

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Date September 29th, 2023.

The Royal Canadian Legion will never forget the sacrifices of our men and women who answered the call made by our government.

To ensure that our youth learn Canadian and World history the Legion sponsors annual Poster and Literary, Video, and Public Speaking contests for ALL primary and secondary school students.

This year "Home School" students are welcome to compete too!

#### **Poster and Literary Contest**

The theme of both poster and literary contests are "Remembrance".

The competition starts at the Branch level. The schools our Branch 594 are responsible for are in LaSalle, South Windsor and Western Tecumseh.

Cash prizes are awarded to the top three entrants in each category and age group.

The first-place winners have their submissions entered in the "Zone" competition (Windsor LaSalle & Tecumseh) then the first-place zone winners get judged at the "District" level (Southwestern Ontario). The "District" winners proceed to "Provincial", and the "Provincial" winners are entered into the "National" contest. There are cash prizes that increase in value at each step.

We request that your school accept this challenge and encourage your students to enter by our **November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline** (many schools post the students creations around November 11<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day).

Note there are two (2) entry forms to be signed by the students and their parents to cover National and Provincial requirements. The Provincial Contest Entry Registration form is on the back of this page.

The Video Contest is offered by our Provincial Command and the online entry the deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Details regarding the **Public Speaking Competition** will be sent out in January.

A wide variety of contest information is available at

Link: Youth Programs (legion.ca)

Webb address: <a href="https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs">https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs</a> **Look under NATIONAL YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTESTS** 

If you have questions, please email me and we will get you answers.

Tom Friesen (tomfriesen57@gmail.com) Chair, Youth Education Committee

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Serving Veterans & the Communities of
Tecumseh, LaSalle, Windsor & Amherstburg!
We will remember them!



# KITCHEN REPORT

The kitchen is open on Sundays again. Their operating hours will be from 12 noon -6 pm on Sundays. They will be offering specials on Sundays to coincide with the beer specials during the NFL Sunday season. Come and join us for the NFL games.

Join us On Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup> for American Thanksgiving Football games all day on our screens. The kitchen has a football style menu planned for that day. (see attached flyer for food options and pricing). Please see the bar report for drink pricing for this event also. Come and join us.

Now that the fall weather has come, we are seeing many event bookings taking place. We also have many upcoming Legion events coming up including our Annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance with the band "The Stiff Joints.

Tickets for our New Year's Eve dinner and dance will be on sale shortly. Last year we sold out nearly 200 tickets for the dinner and dance and we expect to match that this year. I encourage those that would like to ring in the New Year with us to purchase your tickets early. Details will be released shortly.

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 email: thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com phone: 519-9 69-0551



"The Bunker"

Enjoy our Pub Style Menu

Mon-Wed & Sat: Noon till 7pm Thurs & Fri Noon - 8pm

Sundays Noon till 6pm Please Call for Special Events

Daily Specials Too!

Come in and enjoy Fine Foods and Friendly Service!

# WAYS & MEANS

The Branch hosted two very successful spaghetti dinners in October, on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> earning the Branch \$2,175.00 for the month!

We have a great group of volunteers to help make, serve, set up, clean up, and sell tickets, who, together, make these spaghetti dinner fundraisers so successful and fun for our Branch. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Thanks to all who support these fundraising dinners along with the volunteers who make them successful.

The next spaghetti dinner is Tuesday November 7, 2023.

Please mark your calendars and bring your friends.

NOTE "The Bunker" will be closed on Spaghetti Tuesdays (they deserve a day off now and then).

Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair



# WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson, webmaster

# **SPORTS**

**Note:** Anybody can play our Branch Sports

Note: We Have Cornhole at the Branch every Tuesday night so come on out and

Join us. If you want to learn, feel free to join us as well. It is a fun activity.

For those winter evenings. Bring a friend.

Darts: Wednesday Night Men's League Thursday Night Luck of the Draw Friday Night Mixed League Saturday Night 1 League Saturday Night 2 League

**Pool: Monday League** 

Thursday Night Luck of the Draw Play

Cards: Monday Night Euchre Every other Monday – Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>
Monday Night Cribbage Every other Monday – Oct.16th
- Show up between 6:30 and 6:45 so play can begin by 7:00.

Cornhole: Every Tuesday Night Luck Of Draw

- Show up between 6:30 and 6:45 so play can begin by 7:00.

### **ZoneA1 Sports**

There are still a couple of Zone A1 sports that you can still sign up for. See the Sports Board for details. Only Legion Members are eligible to play, and you represent our Branch. Each sport has a deadline to Register. You must sign up on the sheets on the Sports Board to enter a sport.

Zone A1 8Ball was held last week at Branch 644. We had 12 players in the Teams Division and 13 players in the Singles Division. Three teams move on to district competition. Brad McLellan and Don Collard took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Bill Anderson and Lou Driessen placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will move on and represent Branch. Good luck to them.

#### **District Sports**

We have one team moving on to District Cribbage. It will be held on Jan.  $6^{th}$ , 2024, at Branch 116 in Strathroy Ontario.

Please visit the SPORTS board periodically to see upcoming events here at the Branch. Also posted on the board is a list of contact people for all the events here at the Branch should you be interested in joining. The list will be updated as contacts change.

Wayne Fortin, Branch 594 Sports Officer.

# **2715 RCACC**



The Cadet Corps will be participating in our Poppy campaign this year once again by pinning Poppies at the Devonshire Mall on Friday Nov 3rd and Saturday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. They will also parade at our Remembrance service at the branch on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 dances.

Attendance at the last two week's dances has been 103 and 98.

The dinners draw tickets are now being given out to all paying customers whether they stay for the dinner or not.

There has been more compliments and lass complaints and positive comments instead of negative ones.

Dietary concerns are being addressed as they come up. The committee agreed that we should have these joint meetings a few times a year.

We have Sponsors scheduled from Kensington Court for the Halloween Dance, the Christmas Dance December 18th, Seasons for two November dances the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and Oak Park at a date to be determined.

The **Halloween dance** was a huge success with over 120 attendees. There were three door prizes for best costume, one for best couple, one for best male and one for best female.

The date for the **Christmas dinner dance** has been set for December 18<sup>th</sup>. The price for this dance will be \$20. This is only for this dance and all proceeds go to The Bunker as costs are higher than normal for this event.



The **Legion's Senior Literary Contest** was discussed and the fact that it is online only is a drawback for a lot of seniors. If anyone knows of a person that needs help with the online part it was felt that assistance could be found.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

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 Oct membership meeting two donations were requested and approved.

#### **Beth Abson Lottery Chair**

## **BAR REPORT**

On November 11<sup>th</sup>. The bar will be open at 9:30 am for those that would like to watch the National as well as local Remembrance Day Services on TV in the lounge. We will provide complimentary coffee and Tea during the services, as the bar will not be serving any alcohol until the services are over.

A full review of all products and pricing of all products is well underway and a report and any recommendations will be presented at our November executive meeting. All of the products we currently sell have gone up in price over the last year as well as the services that our suppliers provide to us. This in turn has raised our costs overall and thus the need for this review.

On Thursday November 23rd, you and your friends can join us in the lounge for a full day of NFL football, starting at 12 noon with the Detroit Lions hosting the Green Bay Packers. The Bunker Kitchen will be serving a football menu that day (please see flyer for food and prices). The bar will also have all Domestic pints for \$5.00 all day as well as \$4.00 well drinks, glasses of wine and Domestic bottles all day.

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Thanks
Randy Soulliere

# **Branch Members Celebrating NOVEMBER Birthdays**

Chris Belair, Natan Caratanasov, Ron Carder, Laura DePaola, Margo DesRosiers-Shanklin, Larry Duffield, Michelle Durocher, Daniel Fenton, Mary Louise Gallagher, Audrey Hazael,

David Herdman, Henry (Hanc) Hofsteteris, Yvonne Hollinsky, Fredrick Hussey, Jordan Kelly, Tom Lesperance, Peter Marrocco, Leonard Meloche, Tom Milanis, Cathy Moncur, Frank Parco, Emma Petry, Paul Poonia, John Pyne, Bernie Renaud, James Ross, Linda Sider Audrey Sharon Tomes, Roderick Van Buskirk, Charie Virga, Michael Walker, Dave Wardell, Gabe Yacoub and Linda Yacoub.

Hope your birthdays are great!

## ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM

Com Bob Hart, Entertainment Chair

A GREAT LINEUP has been planned for November!!!

Friday November 7<sup>th</sup> is "Dan Knight". Friday November 10th "Back 2 Back" Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> is "Al Fazio" Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> is "Adam Butcher"





Royal Canadian Legion Br 594 Presents

Friday Nov 17th 6-9pm









# **AL FAZIO**

Come for our Great Food and Stay for Terrific Entertainment Metropolitan Branch 594, 5030 Howard Ave, Tecumseh

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Football Platter \$25 Nacho Platter \$22 Wings & Fries \$14 Chili Dog & Fries \$8 Bowl of Chili & Bun \$8 PIZZA Meat Lover \$13 Cheese \$ 10 Hawaiian \$12 Pepperoni \$11

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YEAR'S

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 Dinner

Scalloped Potatoes, **Broasted Chicken**, Corn Medley, Smashed Brussel Spr Garden Salad, Beef Brisket,

Charcuterie Board at 10:30

Special Dessert too

Dinner Rolls &

\$60

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5030 Howard Ave

Doors Open 6PM

Dinner 7PM

Music 8-12:30

PER PERSON

Lounge Bar or contact Randy Soulliere at Advance Tickets Available at the randysoulliere64@gmail.com Deadline Dec 17th

For More Information www.rcl594.com



# Join the

# **Colour Party**

A chance to represent your Legion.

Join the team, maybe meet some new friends, learn a new skill, and have some fun.

Contact Dave Woodman, <u>dfwoodman@gmail.com</u> 519-566-8745

All are welcome. No experience required.

# **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

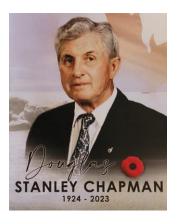
Branch Events, Membership, Provincial & Dominion are now posted in the foyer in the 3 glass doored cases where the "library" was located.

The Lending Library is still in the foyer but across the hall.

Matt Beasley, Public Relations Officer

# LAST POST



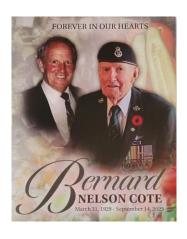


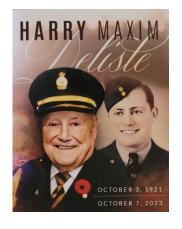
## **CHAPMAN**, Douglas Stanley

August 8th, 2023, 98 years. WWII R.C.A.F. Flight Lieutenant & Fighter pilot Royal Canadian Legion 594 member for 36 years.

# **COTE, Bernard Nelson**

August 10, 2023. 94 years. Korean War Veteran 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Royal Canadian Legion 594 member for 31 years.





# **DELISLE, Harry Maxim**

Oct 7, 2023. 102 years WWII, Royal Canadian Air Force Royal Canadian Legion 594 member for 42 years.



Feb. 13, 2023, 86 years Royal Canadian Navy Royal Canadian Legion 594 member for 20 years.



# We Will Remember Them



# IN MEMORIUM



BRIDGE, William Oct 10, 2023, 76 years Member for 9 years

CLARK, Wayne. Feb 13, 2023. 81 years Member for 20 years





SIMKINS, June. Feb 17, 2022. 95 years Legion Member for many years

#### WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Funeral Services are being performed at the request of the Veteran's family through the funeral homes.

From June 1<sup>st,</sup> 2023, until Oct. 30th, we have lost: 34 Veterans, 27 Comrades & have performed at 8 funeral services.

Next meeting is Wednesday Nov 15th at Legion Branch 644. No meeting in December. Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at will be the first meeting of 2024.



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

Information provided by Roger & Dot Deguire
Check out Roger's CTV story by clicking here Veteran sets up
Remembrance Day display | CTV News or use the QR code >>>>





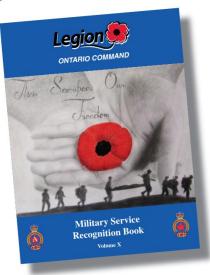
The image on this Introductory Poster is from a poster that was entered in a recent Ontario Provincial Command Youth Education Poem, Poster and Essay Competition. The Poster was the third-place winner in the Senior Black and White Poster category at the Provincial level. It was designed by student Mariane Shved of the Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga, Ontario. She represented the Colonel Tom Kennedy Branch #582 in Mississauga, Ontario in District B in the Legion Branch competitions.

# Military Service Recognition Book

#### The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command

We are proud to be introducing year eleven of our annual publication that will help identify and recognize many of Ontario's Veterans who have served their country so well during times of war and peace.

- Our eleventh book will be available at all Legion Branches by October 2024.
- Books are gifted to Branches, Veterans, Schools, Libraries, Military Bases, Museums, local Municipal Buildings and Community Resource Centres.
- We invite you to submit stories of Veterans and Military Service Personnel who have touched your life. Submission forms and guidelines are available from your local Legion Branch or at <a href="https://www.on.legion.ca">www.on.legion.ca</a> for those wishing to submit a Veteran story and photo.
- A provincial telephone appeal is underway to private citizens and businesses requesting support to publish this book each year and to support our Veterans.





Remember, share, donate today.

For more information:

## **POPPY**

Friday Oct. 27, 2023, was the beginning of this year's Poppy Campaign.

The day started at LaSalle Civic Centre where Mayor Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mike Mayor Akpata, Chief of Police Duncan Davies and Deputy Fire Marshall Mark Seguin were "pinned" by Legion Br 594 Past President Tom Friesen (assisted by 6 year old grandson Luc), Legion Br 594 Poppy Chair Gerry Ciurysek (assisted by grandsons Nikolas and Alexander).

Sign-up Sheets for pinning Poppies at Costco & Walmart are up on the easels just outside of the door by Hall "A". Please look it over & sign up.



Costco has a table set-up & Walmart has a traditional Poppy Pinning area at the entrance.

This year we will try "Signing up Online" on our website, <u>www.rcl594.com</u> & follow the online instructions.

Any concerns please contact Gerry Ciurysek @ 519-817-3604; if there's no answer, please leave a message. Regards

#### Gerry Ciurysek, Br 594 Poppy Chair



| NOVEMBER  |   |   |   |  | Logion  |   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| Sun   | Mon   | Tues  | We  | Thu  | Fri Legion  |   |
|   |   |   | 1 Respect Forum Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts | 2 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS                      | 3 Open 1-10 "The Bunker" Open 11-8pm  Entertainment Dan Knight 6-9pm Mixed Darts 7-10pm | 4 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 2                |
| 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9  | 10  | 11  |
| OPEN 12-7  Branch Remembrance Service 1pm  "The Bunker" OPEN 12-6PM | Open 12-10 Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Euchre                  | Open 12-10  "The Bunker" CLOSED  Pepper ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI | Open 12-10  "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm  CADETS  Mens Darts              | Open 12-10  "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS                       | Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm  Entertainment Back 2 Back 6-9pm                    | Remembrance Day Open 10-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm  DART NIGHT 1 |
| FOOTBALL  |   | 4:30-6:30   |   |  |   |   |
| SUNDAY<br>12  | 13  | Cornhole 14   | 15  | 16   | 17  | 18  |
| OPEN 12-7   | Open 12-10  |   | Open 12-10  | Open 12-10   | Open 12-10  | Open 12-10  |
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| FOOTBALL<br>SUNDAY  | Sr Dinner<br>Dance 3-7<br>POOL League<br>Cribbage               | Pepper  Cornhole  | CADETS Mens Darts  WVMSC Meeting Br 644 7:30                          | Luck of Draw<br>POOL &<br>DARTS  | Entertainment Al Fazio 6-9pm Mixed Darts 7-10pm   | DART NIGHT 2  |
| 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23   | 24  | 25  |
| <b>OPEN 12-7</b>  | <b>Open 12-10</b>   | Exec Mtg  | <b>Open 12-10</b>   | Open 12-10   | <b>Open 12-10</b>   | <b>Open 12-10</b>   |
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|   |   | SPAGHETTI<br>4:30-6:30<br>Cornhole                                |   | POOL &<br>DARTS  |   |   |
| 26<br>OPEN 12-7   | 27<br>Open 12-10  | 28  | 29<br>Open 12-10  | 30<br>Open 12-10   | Dec 1   | 2<br>Open 12-10   |
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