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Happy New Year!
*from the Executive and Members
of Branch 594*

2024 anniversaries include:

*50 years at Br 594 for
RCACC 2715 Cadet Corp*



100-year anniversary of the RCAF



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Royal Canadian Legion Metropolitan Branch 594
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Tom's Humour Page

What did a police officer ask a suspect in the Arctic? Where were you the night of September to March?

Cold weather is here. Had to scrape ice of my windscreen this morning. Used my supermarket loyalty card. Only got 10% off.

Winters are fierce in Manitoba where he lives, so the owner of a construction project felt he was doing a good deed when he bought earmuffs for his foreman. Noticing, however, that the foreman wasn't wearing the earmuffs even on the bitterest day, the project manager asked, "Didn't you like the muffs?" The Foreman said, "They're a thing of beauty." "Why don't you wear them?" The Project Manager said. The Foreman explained, "I was wearing them the first day, and somebody offered to buy me lunch, but I didn't hear him! Never again, never again!"

My husband and I purchased an old home in Northern Ontario from two elderly sisters. Winter was fast approaching, and I was concerned about the house's lack of insulation. "If they could live here all those years, so can we!" my husband confidently declared. One November night the temperature plunged to below zero, and we woke up to find interior walls covered with frost. My husband called the sisters to ask how they had kept the house warm. After a rather brief conversation, he hung up. "For the past 30 years," he muttered, "they've gone to Florida for the winter."

There have been many times in 2023, when I have annoyed you, disturbed you, irritated you, and bugged the hell out of you....today I just wanna tell you I plan to continue in 2024!

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up at the Legion and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck, the bartender was almost crushed to death.

Q: How many Detroit Lions does it take to win a Super Bowl?

A: Nobody knows, and we may never find out!
(Maybe this is the year???)

Q: What do the Detroit Pistons and possums have in common?

A: Both play dead at home and get killed on the road!

Two Canadians die and go to hell.

Satan puts them in their own cell and turns up the heat to 49C, figuring that's a good temperature to start newcomers. He comes back a while later to find the Canadians shirtless but smiling.

"It never gets this warm in Canada we're enjoying while it lasts." One of them explains when a mystified Satan asks why they aren't miserable.

Angry, Satan turns up the heat to 60C figuring nobody could ever enjoy that. But low and behold he returns to their cell and sees that a bunch of other Canadians have turned up and are having a cookout. Furious, Satan decides to try a different tactic and instead turns the thermostat all the way down to -20C, and all of hell freezes over.

Cackling, Satan visits their cell and finds the Canadians having a roaring party.

"HOW CAN YOU BE HAPPY!?" He demands.

"The Maple Leafs just won the Stanley Cup!" The Canadians shout triumphantly.

How do you stop bacon from curling in the frying pan? Take away its broom!

How did the beaver bid farewell to the maple leaf tree? He said, "It really has been nice gnawing you!"

A little boy was staring in wonder at the names on a plaque in an old church. The pastor noticed him and asked, "What are you looking at, my son?"

The boy replied, "All those names up there. Who are they?"

The pastor smiled and said, "Why, they are the names of people from this congregation who died in the service." The little boy thought for a moment and then asked very quietly, "Which one? The 9:00 or the 11:00 service?"

Happy New Year!

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Happy New Year!

We have had another wonderful year in our Branch. We have seen growth in our membership, the best financial year in memory, and we have done many wonderful things to support Veterans, our youth in our community, our Seniors, and the LaSalle Food bank in our recent December food drive.

Our members, loyal patrons, and local community have indeed made this Legion not only successful, but a great place to meet and greet. Our thanks to the Bar Stewards, our wonderful kitchen staff, and our custodian for their great work. A special thanks also goes to our wonderful bookkeeper, Linda Ross.



Each year we thank our full and part-time staff for their hard work. We conducted a very successful and fun evening on Sunday, 17 December 2023, commencing at 5:00 pm. It has become a tradition to plan a Christmas Staff Christmas party. Unfortunately, even though this was advertised on our website and in our monthly newsletter, we as an executive forgot to get signs posted and thus a few members were surprised that we were closing a few hours early that evening. As the President, I take full responsibility for that oversight. Having stated that, our staff deserve one evening a year where we serve and thank them. We will ensure this is better advertised next year.

I continue to be very grateful for the numerous volunteers that assist in our Branch.

Once again, we plan to further expand our marketing of our Branch. Increasing our visibility in this fine Legion ensures that we can successfully continue to run this business, while providing great service to our community. We can only achieve this through our dedicated Executive members and Chairs of our different organizations. Are you looking for a role in our Branch? Please contact me, or any of our Executive, and let us know what your interests are and how you could be a valuable volunteer for our Branch.

May this year richly bless you! May we continue to pray for peace and be cognizant of those around us who need our help and support. We are blessed with a great membership and our goal is to grow to 594 members this year!

Sincerely yours, Comrade Morris Brause, President RCL Branch 594

PS: January 24th is Mental Health Day sponsored by Bell with their "Let's Talk".

If you are distressed this may be an opportunity to get some support in addition to your normal channels. Try the link [Learn how Bell Let's Talk is creating positive change in Canada](https://letstalk.bell.ca/). Or type in <https://letstalk.bell.ca/>.

PPS: January 27th is National Holocaust Remembrance Day. More information to follow on our website.



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 Dec 19th, we had a 2023 Membership of 510

Consisting of: Life 5, Ordinary 105, Associate 285, Affiliate Voting 112 and Affiliate Non-Voting 3

As of Dec 19th 372 members have renewed for 2024, 138 to come.

Reminders

Emails were sent to those whom I had emails for.

Phone Calls were made to those I did not have emails for.

Thank you to Liz Burrill and Sue Desjarlais for making phone calls.

Deceased:

William Sloan 95 yrs., (May 2023). Legion Member for 26 years.

Bill passed away in Michigan, and we were not aware earlier.

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 Sean Hamdon

Associate: Marilyn Catania

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am happy to say that the Branch was once again into profits for November 2023.

The kitchen, The Bunker by Billie, continues to be a good revenue maker for us, so Thank You.

Our bar income in November was the best it has ever been, and a Thank You to the Bar Committee for your hard work.

Our Ways n Means committee continues to do a great job in helping us keep our heads above water, and they deserve a big Thanks for their hard work.

I know I've not mentioned all the different committees that keep this Branch afloat, but through your attendance, you make it all worthwhile for these committees to continue volunteering their time.

One of the biggest Thanks I have is for the members and non-members who come out to the Branch and support the many events that we have. It is through you that we can stay alive financially.,

I would like to Wish Everyone a Happy and safe New Year.

Yours in Comradeship, John Antaya, Treasurer

PROPERTY

Our Christmas decorations have been restored/upgraded and hung. Many thanks to the gang of volunteers who handled this task. The decorations will remain up until Sunday January 7th.

A minor gas leak at the main isolation valve has been repaired.

The dish washer sink has been repaired.

Kitchen door insulation strips have been replaced.

Troy has finished the upgrade of the fire alarm system to ULC certification. The fire inspector has been advised.

Motion detection solar light units have been installed on the southern wall of the building.

I would like to discuss the formation of a committee to advise as to the decoration of the Branch. (J McGhie has expressed an interest. Please let us know if you would like to be on this committee!)

The septic system has been pumped out, is working well and is on a 6-week schedule.

The TV in the main hall failed and has been replaced taking advantage of Boxing week specials.

The Transient Voltage Surge Suppression System (TVSS) operated minimizing downstream device problems and has been replaced.

Com Larry Williams, Property Chair

YOUTH EDUCATION & BURSARIES

Poster & Literary

The 2023 Poster and Literary contest certificates and prizes for Branch level and Zone level have been presented (except Glenwood Public School has requested their presentation at the end of January).

Refer to the chart on the next page which shows Branch 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners plus how they made out at the Zone level.

The Zone First Place winners have been sent to District A (Southwestern Ontario). Typically, the winners are announced at the Spring District Convention April 12-14 and awards presented when delegate return. *Note the winning entries are then sent for Provincial judging...*

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Mike Willson

Royal Canadian Legion						
Poster and Literary Contest 2023						
		Branch		Zone A1		
Student Name	Grade Level	Category	Place	Place	School	Teacher
McAuliffe, Quinn	Primary	Colour	1	3	Monseigneur Augustin Caron	Chantelle Pizzala
Harb, Lilia-Zia	Primary	Colour	2	1	Monseigneur Augustin Caron	Chantelle Pizzala
Rogers, Mariah	Primary	Colour	3	2	Monseigneur Augustin Caron	Chantelle Pizzala
Adam, Samia	Junior	B&W	1		Glenwood PS	Frank Rosati
Shi, Selena	Junior	B&W	2		Glenwood PS	Frank Rosati
Siderous, Giorgio	Junior	B&W	3		Glenwood PS	Emily Diotte
Siebenmorgen, Mackenzie	Junior	Colour	1		Notre Dame	Mrs Angela Bavetta
Aggarwal, Himank	Junior	Colour	2		Glenwood PS	Mrs Meyers
Nalli, Julia	Junior	Colour	3	3	Notre Dame	Mrs Angela Bavetta
Anees, Aleeza	Junior	Poem	1	2	Academie Ste Cecile	Ms Savoni
Anees, Aariz	Junior	Poem	2	3	Academie Ste Cecile	Ms Savoni
Bal, Geet	Junior	Poem	3		Talbot Trail PS	Alison Shanks
Yeo, Ahyeon	Intermediate	B&W	1		Glenwood PS	Frank Rosati
Hido, Anthony	Intermediate	B&W	2		Notre Dame	Ken Tumak
Blair-McGuin, Brayden Lee	Intermediate	B&W	3	3	Glenwood PS	Frank Rosati
Parent, Ema	Intermediate	Colour	1	1	Monseigneur Augustin Caron	Chantelle Pizzala
Laforet, Lelaina	Intermediate	Colour	2	2	LaSalle PS	Odessa Lussier
Gajda, Nadia	Intermediate	Colour	3		Glenwood PS	Frank Rosati
Vandelinder, Chloe	Intermediate	Essay	1	1	Monseigneur Augustin Caron	Chantelle Pizzala
Yekinni, Tazmeen	Intermediate	Poem	1	1	Vincent Massey	Heather Kirincic
LeBrasceur, Lindy	Senior	B&W	1	3	St Thomas of Villanova	Gina Smith
Panzica, Victoria	Senior	Colour	1	2	St Thomas of Villanova	Paula Brownlee
Robbins, Ella	Senior	Colour	2	3	St Thomas of Villanova	Gina Smith
Sloan, Delaney	Senior	Colour	3		St Thomas of Villanova	Gina Smith
Luckino, Alexa	Senior	Poem	1	1	St Thomas of Villanova	Paula Brownlee
Aris, Cadence	Senior	Poem	2	3	St Thomas of Villanova	Paula Brownlee

Public Speaking

The Zone A1 Public Speaking competition contest will be introduced to our 28 schools this month. The competition will be held at our Branch (594) and is scheduled for Saturday March 2nd, 2024. Divisions are Gr 1-3, Gr 4-6, Gr 7-9 and Gr 10-12.

The speakers may select their own topics. All speeches are to be the original work of the speaker. The topics chosen by the individual speakers do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the Royal Canadian Legion. The speaker will credit authors and sources of material, if referring to another person's work. Speeches that repeat verbatim another person's original work will not be accepted.



Provincial Bursary The 2024 details are posted on the corkboard between the washrooms and can also be obtained 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.

KITCHEN REPORT

The kitchen is open on Sundays again. Their operating hours will be from 12 noon – 5pm 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.

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 are on sale at the bar. There are still some available at this time. I encourage those that would like to ring in the New Year with us to purchase your tickets this week.

The Kitchen staff is also currently experimenting with recipes for our Broasted Chicken and we hope to have this back on the menu very shortly.

NOTES

The Bunker Kitchen will be closed from December 24th through January 1st and will reopen on January 2nd. The Bunker Kitchen will also be closed from January 17th through January 24th and will reopen on January 25th.

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.

Respectfully Submitted by: Comrades Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie. Co-Kitchen Convenors

Bunker Kitchen Contact

Tricia LaBelle at

email: thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com phone: 519-969-0551



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WAYS & MEANS

The Branch hosted two very successful spaghetti dinners in December on the 5th and the 19th and keeping with tradition, cake and coffee was served as well. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

The following is a chart with the financial results from the December spaghetti dinners:

	December 5	December 19	DEC.Totals
Numbers Served	147	166	313
Total Sales	\$1,430.00	\$1,643.00	\$3,073.00
Total Expenses	377.85	499.13	\$876.98
Net Sales	\$1,052.15	\$1,143.87	\$2,196.02
Inventory			\$250.00
Net Revenue for Dec. 2023	\$1,052.15	\$1,143.87	\$2,446.02

The following chart shows the trending and the season to date totals for the spaghetti dinner fund raisers:

	SEPT. Totals	OCT. Totals	NOV.Totals	DEC. Totals	To Date
Numbers Served	255	280	324	313	1172
Total Sales	\$2,501.00	\$2,743.00	\$3,116.00	\$3,073.00	\$11,433.00
Total Expenses	\$1,026.89	\$817.39	\$856.69	\$876.98	\$3,577.95
Net Sales	\$1,474.11	\$1,925.61	\$2,259.31	\$2,196.02	\$7,855.05
Inventory	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$410.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Net Revenue per Month	\$1,724.11	\$2,175.61	\$2,669.31	\$2,446.02	\$8,105.05

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

Our spaghetti dinners are becoming more popular and seems to be the place to be every other Tuesday of the month. Please mark your calendars and bring your friends out to the next spaghetti dinner being held on Tuesday January 9.

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

Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair



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WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson, webmaster

SPORTS

Anybody can play our In-House Branch Sports

Note: We Have Cornhole at the Branch every Tuesday night so come on out.
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* Play
Friday Night Mixed League
Saturday Night 1 League
Saturday Night 2 League

Pool: Monday Night Mixed 8Ball League
Thursday Night *Luck of the Draw* Play

Cards: Monday Night Euchre Every other Monday - Starting at 7PM
Monday Night Cribbage Every other Monday – Starting at 7PM

Cornhole: Every Tuesday Night – Starting at 7PM

ZoneA-1 Sports (Legion Members Only)

All Zone Sports have taken place for 2023. District play begins in January for those who qualified.

District Sports (Members who qualify at Zone)

Len Drouillard is our new District A Sports officer. Len is from Br 18, Wallaceburg.

John Antaya, Beth Abson, Shirley Jinkerson, and Wayne Fortin qualified for District Cribbage in Strathroy on January 6th.

Brad McLellan, Don Collard, Bill Anderson, and Lou Driessen qualified for District 8-Ball at Br 635 in Bridgen on January 20th.

Nancy Mountain, Jay Mountain, Beth Abson, and John Antaya have qualified for District Mixed Team Darts at Br. 317 in London on March 23rd.

Phil Magri and Raegan Dennis qualified for Mixed Doubles Darts at Br. 317 in London on March 23rd.

Beth Abson and John Antaya have qualified for District Senior Darts at Br 317 in London on January 27th.

Provincial Sports (Members who qualify at District)

Provincial Sports begin in March 2024.

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



2024 is a significant milestone in the history of our Cadet Corps. Back in 1974 the Windsor Board of Education decided to discontinue the sponsorship of the Cadet Corps at Vincent Massey Secondary School. This would mean that the young people of the South Windsor area would no longer have a Cadet Corps in their neighbourhood to belong to and benefit from its training and activities.

Thankfully, Branch 594 Royal Canadian Legion opened its doors to this Cadet Corps in 1974 and it has been here ever since. In the past 50 years, thousands of teenagers have participated in our program here.

Happy 50th anniversary to #2715 Metropolitan Legion Cadet Corps!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Cadet Corps.

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

SENIORS COMMITTEE

Our Christmas dance was held on Monday December 18th. A wonderful Turkey dinner was served to the 136 guests and Santa made an appearance too! (check the website for pictures)

The kitchen has also been very accommodating with dietary issues. We agreed to visit the menu options in January and make changes, if needed.

The Bunker Kitchen will be closed January 17-24, and the decision was made to cancel the January 22nd dance.

Joe and Sharon will be away for the January 29th, Feb 5th, and Feb 12th dances. Dan Alice will be there for the first two and Daryl for Feb the 12th.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18'24 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.

BINGO

There is a new Bingo Hall in our area. Power Play Gaming Centre, located at 446 Advance Blvd., Lakeshore opened late 2023. The town of Tecumseh referred us to the town of Lakeshore to apply as a charity / non-profit organization. *According to Power Play's website “...charities, organizations, and non-profits across Windsor and Essex County have raised over \$50,000,000 at our cGaming (electronic bingo and gaming) centers.”*

We have been told that our application has been approved and are now on a waiting list. Existing Bingo Halls/Gaming centers have very long waiting lists but we are hoping Power Play will have openings for us someday not too far away.

Beth Abson Lottery Chair

BAR REPORT

Changes will be made to our draft beer lineup soon. We will be removing Coors Banquet and Alexander Keith's from our taps and moving Walkerville onto our main bar and adding Landshark onto the bar in our halls. We will also be adding Laker Lager on our taps at both bars. These changes will take effect as soon as we wind down our existing stock and will also allow us to maintain lower pricing on these three draft beers as this will allow us to actually lower our prices on these. There will be a few other minor price adjustments in the New Year which will only affect several drinks.

It should be noted that our government will be adding another 4.7% tax increase soon and we will again have to review some pricing at that time.

We will continue to look at ways to stay competitive in today's ever-changing market. Thanks in advance for your understanding and your continued loyalty in our branch.

Randy Soulliere

LOUNGE NAME

At the last membership meetings, a request was made to rename our Lounge. The current name is “The Glen Dessario Room”. Glen was a past president (2007 and 2009-2012) including during the expropriation and building of the facility.

A survey is being taken on names to be considered, one of which is the "Harry Delisle Room". Harry was a WWII RCAF veteran and longtime branch 594 member who passed away in October days after his 102nd birthday.

Survey Forms will be in the main foyer.

Please put your completed form in the CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS box.

Branch Members Celebrating JANUARY Birthdays

Elizabeth Abson, Kenneth Balkwill, Susan Baxter, Linda Belair, David Beneteau, Joseph Bernard Jr, Brian Bobbie, Gerald Bondy, Carol (Sweets) Boroski, Catherine Collins-Barker, Maria Colucci, Raegan Dennis, Louis Driessen, Kenneth Ferguson, Leo Gallant, Gordon Geauvreau, Brenda Hernandez, Barbara Hooper, Michael Robert Kales, John Kennedy, Shawn Killop, Yvette Lamoureux, Gary Levi, Ruthann Lumb, Daniel MacDonald, Michael Magarrey, Gary Marshall, David Masse, David Moncur, Robert Morency, Jason Mountain, John Quenneville, Don Semande, Robin Lynn Shepherd, Rodney Skill, Allan Smith, Katherine Soulliere, John Stafford, Carey Trepanier, Linda Urquhart and Billie Jo Zacher.

Hope your birthdays are great!

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM

Com Bob Hart, Entertainment Chair

A GREAT LINEUP has been planned for January!!!

Note entertainers will be starting at 4:30 and playing until 7:30pm

Friday January 5th	"Acoustics Unlimited".
Friday January 12th	"Shirl Neuman"
Friday January 19 th	Kitchen closed, no entertainment.
Friday January 26 th	"Abbey Neves"
Saturday January 27 th	"The Delvitos"
Saturday Feb 10 th	Valentines Day Dinner & Dance
Sunday Feb 11 th	Superbowl Party in the Lounge

Royal Canadian
Legion Br 594
Presents
Friday
Jan 5th
4:30 - 7:30 pm

*Acoustics
Unlimited*

Mark Bartlett
&
Glenn Garant

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Jan 12th
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Shirl Neuman

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Royal Canadian
Legion Br 594
Spring Fling
Saturday
January
27th







DELVITOS 7-11pm

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Legion 

 **Valentine's**
Saturday February 10th
Four Course Dinner

First Course
Freshly Shucked Oysters
or
Cajun Beef Tips

Second Course
Billies House Salad
or
Caesar Salad

Third Course
Freshly Stuffed Chicken Breast with Cream
Cheese, Spinach & Sun Dried Tomatoes
or
A Golden Honey Baked Salmon, Creamy
Stacked Potato with Cheese & Roasted Carrots
& Parsnips
or
Juicy Medium Prime Rib with Slow Roasted
Potato with Grilled to Perfection Veggies

Forth Course
Strawberry Cheesecake
or
Bananas Foster

 **Royal Canadian Legion
Metropolitan Br 594
5030 Howard Ave
519-969-0551**

\$60.00 per person.

**Valentines Dinner
Entertainment**

SATURDAY, Feb 10th

**Entertainment 7-11
British Beat 66**

Branch 594

**FOOD SPECIALS
DRINK SPECIALS
DOOR PRIZES**

**FOOTBALL
2024 SUPER BOWL**

**Sunday
FEB 11th
Game Time
6:30PM?**



rcl594.com



2023 Colour Party: Dave Woodman (Commander), Flag bearer Sue Whitehead, Colour Guards; Pat Westfall, Gerry Ciurysek, Dan Leonard, and Flag bearer Bob Hart.

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. *Drill training Jan 9th, 15th, 22nd & 29th.*

Contact Dave Woodman, dfwoodman@gmail.com

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



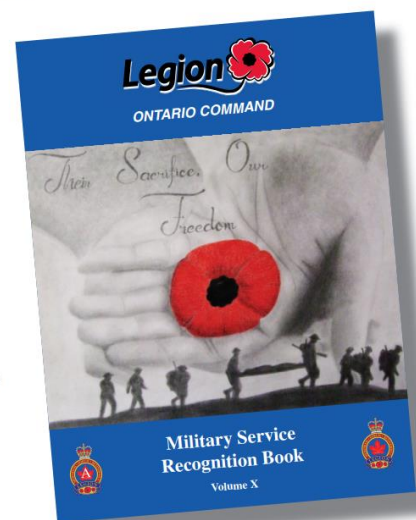
The image on this Introductory Poster is from a poster that was entered in a recent Ontario Provincial Command Youth Education Poem, Poster and Essay Competition. The Poster was the third-place winner in the Senior Black and White Poster category at the Provincial level. It was designed by student Mariane 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 www.on.legion.ca 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:



Ontario Provincial Command
Military Service Recognition Book – Submission Form
Downloadable at www.on.legion.ca

Information Required for Story Submission		Please ensure all information is accurate	
Name of Military Person being recognized			
Last name		First name	Middle Name
Place of Birth	Date of Birth (m/d/y)	Date of Death (m/d/y) (if applicable)	
Resides/Resided in which Ont. Community		Date of Residency	
Service: <input type="radio"/> Regular Force <input type="radio"/> Reserve Force <input type="radio"/> Primary Reserve <input type="radio"/> Cadet Instructor Cadre Officer <input type="radio"/> Canadian Rangers <input type="radio"/> RCMP (Tick applicable area)			
Branch of Service: <input type="radio"/> Navy <input type="radio"/> Army <input type="radio"/> Air Force <input type="radio"/> Merchant Navy <input type="radio"/> Ferry Command <input type="radio"/> Other (Tick applicable area)			
Service Unit: <i>e.g. - North Shore, Carleton York, CWAC, names of Ships, Squadrons, etc.</i>		Date of Enrollment	Date of Release
Deployments (Mission, Area/Region or Conflict) <i>e.g. - WWI, WWII, Afghanistan, Canada, High Seas, England, etc.</i>			
Killed in Service? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Date of Death	Where Killed
(Tick applicable area)			
Was/Is a Member of Legion (Name & #):		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Branch
(Tick applicable area)			How many years?

This Section MUST be completed.

Submitted by (Name)	Date:	Tel #
Email	Branch Name & #	
Was permission given by individual or family to use submission? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
(Tick applicable area)		(Signature of Veteran or Family Member)

Additional Information: Please attach a paragraph if you wish, **maximum 200 words. Should there be more than 200 words of information, the submission could be edited and reduced for inclusion into one of the books.**

Include, for example: special things the veteran did in the service, was he/she wounded, POW, special unusual awards, awards for bravery, e.g., VC, OM, SC, SM, MMV, MB, MSM, etc., or perhaps what the veteran did upon return to civilian life.

Please submit entries to Tom Friesen, Branch 594 MSRB Chair for review and submission.

Only actual and digital photos will be accepted. Please see Fact Sheet for further information regarding photograph submissions.

If including actual photograph, please do not use staples, paper clips or tape. Also, do not write on the back of the photograph as this could damage the photo.

Please return your completed Submission Form and photograph to your local Legion Branch if you are not sending it electronically as indicated in the Fact Sheet.

If you indicated 'other' in the Branch of Service above, please explain as additional information and attach to your submission form.

**PLEASE NOTE:
WE DO NOT RETURN PHOTOGRAPHS THAT ARE SENT TO US.**



LAST POST

Great News! NOTHING TO REPORT!

WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

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

From June 1st, 2023, until Dec. 31st, we have lost:
52 Veterans, 29 Comrades & have performed at 14 funeral services.

The next meeting will be January 17th at Branch 255.

*Note that Legionnaires are welcomed / encouraged to attend funeral services.
Most service dates and times are included in obituaries in Windsor Star and online at
www.windsorveteransmemorial.com*

Ron Bisnaire, Branch 594 Liaison to WVMSC

Information provided by Roger & Dot Deguire



POPPY

As of November 30th, 2023, our WFCU Poppy Trust Fund Balance is \$91,926.87 plus \$7.21 interest for a total of \$91,934.08.

Donation total from Oct. 1st, 2023, to date is \$68,673, surpassing last years total of \$64,322.

Thank you to all our generous donors, we could not have done this without your support.

A big thank you again to all our volunteers that help make our campaign such a success (see the November newsletter to see a comprehensive list).

The money raised will be donated under the strict rules published in the Poppy Manual.

We hope you have a wonderful 2024!

Gerry Ciurysek, Br 594 Poppy Chair



JANUARY



Sun	Mon	Tues	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 31st OPEN 12-5 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Closed FOOTBALL SUNDAY NYE Party Doors open at 6pm	Jan 1st 2024 BRANCH CLOSED	2 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm	3 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Mens Darts	4 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	5 Open 1-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 11-8pm Entertainment Acoustics Unltd 4:30-7:30 Mixed Darts 7-10pm	6 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 1
7 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-5PM FOOTBALL SUNDAY	8 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Euchre	9 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 4:30-6:30 <i>Cornhole</i>	10 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts	11 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	12 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Entertainment Shirl Neuman 4:30-7:30	13 Open 10-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 2
14 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-5PM FOOTBALL SUNDAY	15 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Cribbage	16 Exec Mtg 10am Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper <i>Cornhole</i>	17 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED CADETS Mens Darts	18 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	19 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED Mixed Darts 7-10pm	20 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED DART NIGHT 1
21 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED FOOTBALL SUNDAY	22 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED Seniors Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Euchre	23 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED Pepper ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 4:30-6:30 Membership Meeting 7pm <i>Cornhole</i>	24 Bell's Let's Talk Day (Mental Health) Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED CADETS Mens Darts	25 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	26 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Entertainment Abbey Neves 4:30-7:30	27 Holocaust Remembrance Day Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Entertainment "Delvitos" DART NIGHT 2
28 OPEN 12-5 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-5PM FOOTBALL SUNDAY	29 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Seniors Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Cribbage	30 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper <i>Cornhole</i>	31 Open 12-7 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts	Feb 1 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	2 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm	3 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm DART NIGHT 1