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DID YOU KNOW? Legion Charitable Foundation

The Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation, a registered charity, is a partnership of the branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and their Auxiliaries in Ontario Command.

Branches and auxiliaries, through poppy tagging and activities such as bingo, break open tickets, raffles, and clubhouse operations, fund the foundation. Through our collective strength, we are able to fund projects, which are normally beyond the means of individual branches.

The foundation funds are used for the following:

- Operation of the Ontario Command Service Bureau
- Veterans welfare
- Programs for Aging Veterans
- Medical Research
- Medical Equipment
- Bursaries
- Other purposes of a charitable or benevolent nature, as approved from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Hospitals, clinics, long term care facilities, fire departments, and other not-for-profit organizations involved in health care may make applications for funding to the foundation.

[Community - Ontario Command \(legion.ca\)](http://legion.ca)

**Complete Submission Deadline is the last Friday of April
2024 is now Open for Submissions**

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

Royal Canadian Legion Metropolitan Branch 594
2023-2024 Executive and Key Chair and Appointed positions

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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?"

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Through the support of our dedicated members and patrons of this Branch, we continue to enjoy great success in our revenue to support one of the nicest Legions in Canada. Our bar staff, dedicated kitchen staff, our custodian, our bookkeeper, and our volunteers have diligently worked “as a team” in planning and conducting events. We have a brilliant and dedicated Executive. Our Sports Chair and his committee of volunteers continue to develop and run wonderful programs. Our Entertainment Committee have planned many successful events. Our Marketing team works hard with all Branch agencies to promote this great Legion. Our Ways and Means team plan great spaghetti nights, where not only the local community, but comrades from other Legion Branches, come out and enjoy this evening. I am humbled and honoured to work with such great volunteers.



Our silent but active support to Veterans and their families continues. We play a vital role in supporting the Windsor Memorial Committee by attending Veteran’s funerals. We proudly support our local Military units in their parades and ceremonies. We once again have a dedicated Colour Party. We continue to run one of the most effective Poppy Campaigns in our region – thanks to the dedication of the Poppy Chair and the volunteers.

We are a Legion family. We need volunteers to assist in many areas. Please keep this in mind and contact our Membership Chair if there is an area you would like to assist in our Branch. In April, we will once again be asking for comrades to think about running for a position in our Branch Executive, or to take on a Chair of one of our committees. New people result in fresh ideas. I encourage you to think about what you can do for this great branch.

Many great social events are coming up, especially our annual Valentine’s dinner and dance on February 10, 2024. Last year’s Valentine’s event was one of the best events of the year. Please buy tickets and support your Legion. You cannot get a better deal to support the one you love for Valentine’s Day.

Always keep in mind those who serve in our Military, our Veterans, and all our First responders. We honour their current and past service! 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 Jan 31st, we had a 2023 Membership of 511
2024 Members having paid by Jan 31, 2024: 460**

Consisting of: Life 5, OR 101, Associate 254, Affiliate Voting 98, Affiliate-Non-Voting 2
Not renewed for 2024: 58 (still time to renew and become a member in good standing)

NEW MEMBERS

**A Big Legion WELCOME to our newest members accepted by the
executive and our membership!**

Ordinary:

Matthew Gee, Sean Hamdon,
Terry Hayes, Shawn Howard,
Denise Pillon and Carl Simard.

Associate:

Hayden M J Fox, Michael J Miehl,
and Peter Szabo (Transferred in)

Affiliate Voting

David J Black, Thomas Desjarlais,
and Dennis Pare.



Brian Terry Matt Carl Denise Dave Tom Morris
Robinson Hayes Gee Simard Pillon Black Desjarlais Brause

Members welcomed / sworn in Jan 23rd.

***2024 Dues: \$55.00 per person at Branch or Online.
Retired Members \$50 per person, at Branch Only!***

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>

It's been a busy year for 2023 continuing into 2024.

Membership can use the help. So, if you, as a member, is comfortable using a computer for data entry and / or helping to prepare application kits and welcome kits let me know.

There is a position open for Volunteer committee person too.

Brian Robinson, Membership Chair

Changed your address, phone number, email address?

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The month of December 2023 saw a drop in revenue for the Branch. It was a slower month for us with some close times for the holidays. We, unfortunately, had a small loss for the month, mainly due to repairs that needed to be taken care of.

The bar revenue was also down, but profitable. We also needed to purchase extra inventory because of the holidays. Our kitchen was also down in revenue, but with people needing to shop for the holidays, I can understand the lower numbers of members and patrons attending the Branch.

January 2024 has been an exciting month here at the Branch. We have a lot of events taking place and look forward to seeing your attendance and as you know this helps pay the bills.

Unfortunately, there have been more repairs, costing the Branch money that takes away from any revenue. Hopefully, these repairs will finally be behind us.

Thank You All for helping to keep Branch 594 going in a forward motion.

Yours in Comradeship, John Antaya, Treasurer

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The Town of Tecumseh has recently advised us that our portion of the sanitary sewer connection project will be approx. \$132,000.00. This does not include costs associated with connecting to our Legion building and decommissioning our existing septic system. Your Finance Committee is currently working to determine the best way to finance this upcoming project.

Jim McGhie Finance Committee Chair

PROPERTY

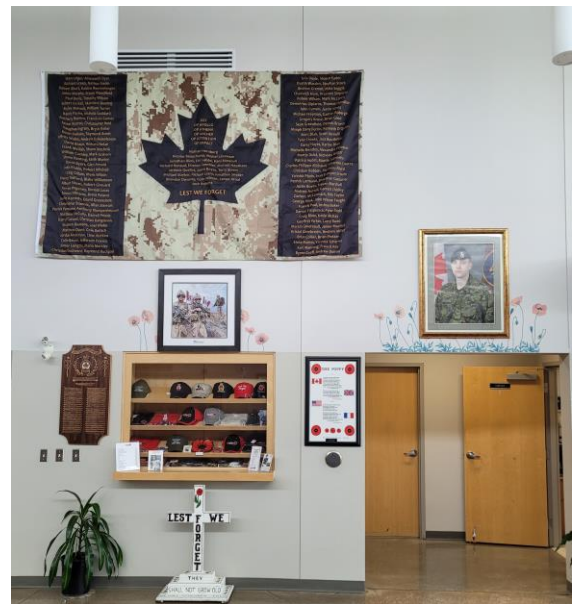
2024 started with vandalism at our branch! In the pre-dawn hours on Jan 1st the underground wiring between our lighting poles was stolen! The vandals got a hundred dollars' worth of copper and it cost over \$4,000 to replace. Our outdoor lighting will now be on from sunset till sunrise.

In the main foyer we are setting up an **Afghanistan memorial**.

So far, we have a large Canadian flag with the names of our Canadian Forces members killed in action in Afghanistan, a framed photo of Cpl. Andrew Grennon, provide by his mother Theresa Charbeneau, and a framed picture of 3 Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. We are also creating a storyboard, describing Canada's involvement in Afghanistan, and will be hanging it on this wall along with the memorial poster, presently hung in the lounge, that holds the names and pictures of our Canadian Forces members killed in action in Afghanistan.

DIEPPE ROOM. A meeting was held on Jan 24th to consolidate input on the mural that will be over the entrance door to the Dieppe Room (Hall B). Part of the plan will include new lighting to bring it to life.

Our **Audio and Visual systems** are being adjusted to give us better control. Our requirements evolve based on different customer needs and we have adjustments made as needed.



Com Larry Williams, Property Chair

YOUTH EDUCATION & BURSARIES

Poster & Literary

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...*

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

We are happy to announce the return of our Broasted Chicken Dinners

Super Bowl Party specials

Pitcher of Landshark, 14 chicken wings and fries for \$30.00.

Pitcher of Landshark and a 12-inch pizza for \$28.00

A 20oz pint of Landshark and a Billie Burger for \$15.00

Valentine's dinner and dance tickets are now available by directly contacting the kitchen staff. These are purchased in advance only and your meal selection is to be made at the same time.

Note we have Priced Dropped from \$60 per person to \$100 per couple (\$50 per person)!

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.

Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie. Co-Kitchen Convenors



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BR 594
5030 HOWARD**

"The Bunker"

Enjoy our Pub Style Menu

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Thurs & Fri Noon - 8pm**

**Sundays Noon till 5pm
(Later for Special Events)**

Please Call for Special Events

Daily Specials Too!

Come in and enjoy Fine Foods and Friendly Service!

Bunker Kitchen Contact
Tricia LaBelle at
email: thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com phone: 519-969-0551

WAYS & MEANS

The Branch hosted two very successful spaghetti dinners in January on the 9th and 23rd. The following is a chart with the financial results from the January spaghetti dinners:

	January 9	January 23	JAN. Totals
Numbers Served	124	179	303
Total Sales	\$1,212.00	\$1,775.00	\$2,987.00
Total Expenses	588.93	499.99	\$1,088.92
Net Sales	\$623.07	\$1,275.01	\$1,898.08
Inventory			\$250.00
Net Revenue for Dec. 2023	\$623.07		\$2,148.08

We have been working with Paul Wilson and Beth Abson of the LaSalle Friendship Club (LFC) to bring some of their folks into enjoy our spaghetti dinners in the coming months. The LFC members pay \$7 per ticket and their Club picks up the balance of \$3 per ticket so the Legion receives the normal \$10 per ticket for each LFC member who brings in a specially designed ticket for the occasion.

The LFC will be attending on the following spaghetti dinner dates:

February 20, March 19, April 30, May 28, and June 25

The LFC used to run these specials for their members prior to Covid and it really helped boost our spaghetti attendance numbers. A big thank you to Paul and his group for setting this up again for everyone.

And, thanks to all of our regular supporters of these fundraising dinners along with the volunteers who make them successful.

Our spaghetti dinners are becoming more popular and seem 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 February 6.**



Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair

WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson, webmaster

SPORTS

Anybody can play our In-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 L.O.D. Play
Friday Night Mixed League
Saturday Night 1 League
Saturday Night 2 League

Pool: Monday Night Mixed 8Ball League
Thursday Night L.O.D. Play

Cards: Monday Night Euchre Every other Monday (see last page calendar) - Starting at 7PM
Monday Night Cribbage Every other Monday (see last page calendar) – Starting at 7PM

Cornhole: Every Tuesday Night – Starting at 7PM

LOD means Luck of the Draw. Teams are made from those who show up.

ZoneA1 Sports (Legion Members Only)

Zone **9BALL** is expected to take place in March at BR644. When the date is confirmed, we will post a signup form on the Sports Board.

District Sports (Members who qualify at Zone)

District Cribbage took place in Strathroy on January 6th. Sadly, our team did not qualify for Provincial play which will be north of Sudbury in March. 30 teams took place with the top 6 teams qualifying.

8 Ball: Congratulations to Brad McLellan, Don Collard, Bill Anderson, and Lou Driessen. They placed third and fourth at the District competition in Brigen and will now move on to the Provincials in Oshawa March 16th.

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

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

Senior Darts: Beth Abson and John Antaya played in the District Senior Darts at Br317 in London on January 27th. They had a great time but did not qualify for the Provincials.

Provincial Sports (Members who qualify at District)

Provincial Sports begin in March 2024. Use link [Member Sports \(legion.ca\)](https://legion.ca) for complete schedule. We have two 8 Ball Teams who qualified for this tournament. (see above)

District A Sports Meeting will be held March 23rd.

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.

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The Cadets are practicing hard for two upcoming area competitions. The first one is the Zone Sports Competition to be held on Feb 10th at Holy Names High School and the second one is the Zone Marksmanship Competition to be held on Feb 24 at the Windsor Air Cadet Hangar. Good luck to both of our teams!

On the weekend of March 22-24, the Cadet Corps will be hold a field training exercise at Camp Henry inside Point Pelee National Park.

The Cadet Corps is still accepting new members between the ages of 12 and 18 in case that you know anyone that might be interested. The Corps parades at Branch 594 on Wednesday evenings between 6-9 pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Cadet Corps.

SENIORS COMMITTEE

On January 8 we had 106 patrons and January 15 saw 72. We can predict that attendance will be low for the next month or two due to many snowbirds who have gone south for an extended period.

The next item for discussion was an addition to the menu to replace the pineapple chicken meal that not many people cared for. After speaking to Tricia, we are going to offer a chicken breast with rice with vegetables. The other 4 items will remain the same.

We will be celebrating Valentine's day on February 12th. We have several pieces of décor to put out. A flyer has been put together and will be distributed this Monday.

We spoke of other themed dances, St Patrick's Day in March, a Caribbean dance on April 29, a Senior Prom on May 20 and a Beach party on June 24.

These will also have a drink special as part of the day's festivities!

We have several sponsorships booked by Kensington Court for the next few months and am waiting for a response back from Seasons and Chartwell. The Free dinner draw is still in progress every 2 weeks.

Our next meeting will be February 29/24

Our December 18/23 Senior's Dinner/Dance was a huge success. 140 tickets were sold at \$20. each, most of which were advance sales. All monies went to the Bunker kitchen. This procedure for special occasion dances will be used in the future. There were several door prizes raffled off, some of which were purchased by the Senior Committee, donations by Joe and Sharon (DJ) and some donated by patrons of the dance. A huge thank you to All.

Sylvia from Kensington Court (who sponsored the DJ) also participated in the activities. She also brought a beautiful basket for the raffle.

The dinner served was a full turkey dinner with all the fixings followed by a delicious dessert. Thank you to the kitchen for the delicious meal.

The music went on after dinner with some Christmas tunes mixed in with the usual sounds of Celebrity Music. At this time, I would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Joe and Sharon Farrugia (DJ) for taking the time to photograph all patrons willing to participate and then follow up with a hard copy of their photo, at no charge to us.

The dance on January 22 was cancelled due to the kitchen closure. Flyers have been distributed stating same. Joe and Sharon will also be away for 3 weeks, and other DJ's will be taking their places.

Several sponsorships have also come forward for this New Year.

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 Jan 23rd membership meeting the 35th Tecumseh Scout Troop received a \$500 donation from our Lottery Fund as approved by membership.

Branch 594 has been approved to work BINGOs beginning in April

The Lottery Committee and the Executive have been working closely with the Town of Lakeshore to gain approval to work bingos at the brand-new Power Play Gaming Centre (PPGC) located at 446 Advance Blvd., Lakeshore. (near EC Row and Patillo Road). The revenue from bingos goes into a special bingo bank account and can only be used for specified and approved purposes that comply with the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) guidelines which could include using some funds towards maintenance of the Branch.

The application for the bingo license for the April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 term has now been submitted to the PPGC. We will be hearing from the representative in charge of all charities in mid-

February to explain the next steps in getting Br. 594 scheduled and details of required training for our volunteers. Beth Abson, Chair of the Lottery Committee & Veronica Friesen, Lottery Committee Member, will be leading the Bingo Committee, recruiting volunteers, verifying that all volunteers are trained according to AGCO and PPGC rules, and ensuring that the schedule is filled to meet the Branch's obligations. They will also be responsible for completing monthly and year-end reports to the Town of Lakeshore and the AGCO.

To prepare for the next step, we are now recruiting volunteers. When the schedule comes out it will provide 2- hour shifts on specified dates and times for Legion Branch 594. Two (2) volunteers representing our Branch are required at each 2-hour shift. **If you are interested in volunteering to work Bingos for our Branch, please contact Veronica at vlfriesen59@gmail.com.**

What does a Bingo Volunteer do?

In "the old days" volunteers sold Bingo cards, did cleanup and most anything the players asked. Today all money, setup and major cleaning is handled by the Bingo operator staff.

Volunteers welcome players as they arrive, remove discarded Bingo sheets (ask player first if its ok to remove) and remove empty food and beverage containers. The Bingo hall also has a slot machine gaming area and volunteers wipe down games after customers are done and straighten chairs for the next customer.

Beth Abson Lottery Chair

BAR REPORT

Changes have been made to our draft beer system.

All of our beer lines and taps were professionally cleaned, as we do several times a year.

We have replaced Coors Banquet and Alexander Keith's with Walkerville Honest Lager and Carlsberg Laker Lager. Lack of sales led us to these changes as well as the ever-increasing prices.

The new additions to our draft lineup have allowed us to actually lower our prices on these 2 new beers as well as reducing the price of our Landshark.

We have also recently hired 2 new part-time bartenders and they are currently doing their necessary training. We would like to welcome them to our staff and please welcome them when you see them.

We are hosting a Super Bowl party again this year on Sunday February 11th.

Drink and Food Specials for Superbowl Sunday

14 chicken wings and fries and a 60oz pitcher of
Landshark for \$30.00

12-inch pizza and a 60oz pitcher of Landshark
for \$28.00

20oz pint of Landshark with a Billie Burger for
\$15.00



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, Bar Chair

LOUNGE NAME

At the November membership meeting, 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.

This is your chance to pick a name. Survey Forms (Yellow coloured) are in the main foyer. Names brought forward so far: Harry Delisle Room, Vimy Ridge Room, Maj Fred Tilston VC Room, Hyena Road Room...

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

Branch Members Celebrating FEBRUARY Birthdays

John Bakos, Vicki Baumert, Matthew Beasley, Christine Brown, Todd C Brown, Chester S Brudz, E J Brunett, Richard R Carder, Mark Cesare, Georges B Chenier, Michael Cichon, Catherine Collins-Fulea, Candice Fader, Alex Friesen, Stevan Garrett, Kim Gauvreau, Earline W Graszat, Garry Hawco, Gayle Hutter, Rhonda J Kavanaugh-Kehl, Antonio Libardi, Erik Matthew Lobzun, D Scott Martin, Carmen Maurice, Josephine McCoy, Stewart R McEwen, Denis Meloche, Robert R Mercer, Jeannie Murphy, Gerald Pongratz, John G Robinson, Catherine Rocheleau, Glenn Ross, Linda Ross, Irene Schen, Ron Shaw, Carl Simard, Donald Spafford, Norval R Tourangeau, and Mark Woolson

Hope your birthdays are great!

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM

Com Bob Hart, Entertainment Chair

A GREAT LINEUP has been planned for February!!!

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

Friday Feb 2nd

Dan Knight

Friday Feb 9th

Back 2 Back

Saturday Feb 10th

Valentines Day Dinner & Dance with **British Beat 66**

Note to encourage you to join us we have dropped the price to only \$50 per person, taxes and gratuities included!

Sunday Feb 11th

Superbowl Party in the Lounge

Friday Feb 16th

Acoustic Classics

Friday Feb 23rd

All About Bev

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Metropolitan Branch 594

Serving Tecumseh, LaSalle, Windsor & Amherstburg

First Course

Freshly Shucked Oysters

or

Cajun Beef Tips

Second Course

Billies House Salad

or

Caesar Salad



Valentine's

Saturday February 10th

Four Course Dinner

Third Course

Freshly Stuffed Chicken Breast with Cream Cheese, Spinach & Sun Dried Tomatoes with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Bacon Wrapper

Asparagus

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

Fourth Course

Strawberry Cheesecake

or

Bananas Foster



After Dinner Entertainment by
British Beat 66

Royal Canadian Legion

Metropolitan Br 594

5030 Howard Ave

519-969-0551

Price Drop! \$100 per couple \$50 per person
Advance Sales Only!

Feb 10th Dinner Menu \$50 per person tax & tip incl'd

Select ☐ one from each.

Appetizer

☐ Freshly Shucked Oysters

☐ Cajun Beef Tips

Salad

☐ Billie's House Salad

☐ Caesar Salad

Main Course

☐ Freshly Stuffed Chicken Breast with Cream Cheese, Spinach & Sun-Dried Tomatoes with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Bacon Wrapper Asparagus.

Main Course (Cont'd)

☐ A Golden Honey Baked Salmon, Creamy Stacked Potato with Cheese & Roasted Carrots & Parsnips

☐ Juicy Medium Prime Rib with Slow Roasted Potato with Grilled to Perfection Veggies

Dessert

☐ Strawberry Cheesecake

☐ Bananas Foster

To book come into the Branch or call 519-969-0551, ask for the Kitchen and they will take your information, meal selection & payment.

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Dan Knight

FRIDAY
Feb 2nd
4:30-7:30PM

Come for a Great
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for Wonderful
Entertainment

DAN KNIGHT
PERFORMING
LIVE ONE MAN BAND

THE BUNKER
KITCHEN BY BULL

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Royal Canadian
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Friday
Feb 9th
4:30 - 7:30 pm

Back 2 Back

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THE BUNKER
KITCHEN BY BULL

Valentines Day Saturday Feb 10th Dinner then British Beat 66

Introducing
BRITISH BEAT 66
www.britishbeat66.com

About Us

If you love the music of the The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Dave Clark Five, Rod Stewart, Herman's Hermits, The Kinks, The Moody Blues, Tom Jones, Yardbirds, Hollies, Searchers, Bee Gees, Zombies, Eric Burdon & The Animals, The Who and many other great British Bands then you'll love "British Beat 66".

Complete with a sixties look, musical equipment and especially all those great songs. Be entertained by Sir Michael, Johnny Bo, Ricky Domino, Larry C & Brian Bee. British-Beat 66 is a fun-filled musical tribute of the British Invasion Music of the Sixties.

\$5.00 BRITISH BEAT 66 PIN

*Thank You
for supporting*

BRITISH BEAT 66

Contact us at BB66@mdirect.net

TOP MADNESS

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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 Mondays 7pm (after Sr Dinner Dance)

Contact Dave Woodman, dfwoodman@gmail.com

519-566-8745

All are welcome. No experience required.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Branch Events, Membership, Provincial & Dominion information are now posted in the foyer in the 3 glass doored cases below the monitor.

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

Matt Beasley, Public Relations Officer

Military Service Recognition Book

MSRB

As the “Keepers of Remembrance”, Ontario Command is proud to publish an annual Military Service Recognition Book to identify and recognize many of our Veterans in Ontario, who have either served or are still serving in our Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or Allied Forces.

To date we have 14 entries in the 10 editions published so far.

Veterans who have identified as 594 members as follows (number behind the name is the MSRB Edition)
Konrad Boehler (10), Richard Dawson (10) Dan Leonard (10) Jim Mitchell (10) Yvette Montague (10) Archie Neilson (10) Doug Nevin (10) Mike Akpata (9) Cliff Capnerhurst (9) Lawrence Evoy (8) Bill Greaves (7) Armand Rock (7) Ron Bisnaire (6) and Henry Bow (6)

Thanks for these submissions and we look forward to many more.

The following page is the form required for submission.

I would be pleased to assist with entries.

Tom Friesen

Link below:

[Military Service Recognition Book \(legion.ca\)](https://www.legion.ca/Military-Service-Recognition-Book)



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.

Parkwood Hospital

Spring Fling

27 April 2024

Please Join us when we visit Parkwood hospital to celebrate the arrival of spring. Visit with and enjoy the company of our veterans.

Transportation to be arranged depending on the number of people going.

Either a bus or carpool.

Contact David Woodman

dfwoodman@gmail.com

if you can come.





LAST POST

Great News! NOTHING TO REPORT!

Condolences

Joyce Elizabeth Holden,

Jan 21, 2024, 91 yrs.

Our condolences to Ron Holden on the passing of his wife Elizabeth
Elizabeth was a RCAF nursing sister. [Joyce Holden Obituary - Windsor, ON | Families First](#)

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 Jan 17th, we have lost:
58 Veterans, 29 Comrades & have performed at 14 funeral services.

The next meeting will be February 21st at Branch 644.

*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



POPPY

As of December 31st, 2023, our WFCU Poppy Trust Fund Balance is \$94,421.64 plus \$7.91 interest for a total of \$94,429.55.

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



FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tues	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	2 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 11-8pm Entertainment Dan Knight 4:30-7:30 Mixed Darts	3 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 1
4 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-5PM FOOTBALL SUNDAY Pro Bowl	5 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Euchre	6 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 4:30-6:30 Cornhole	7 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts	8 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	9 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Entertainment Back 3 Back 4:30-7:30	10 Open 10-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Valentines Dinner Dance British Beat 66 DART NIGHT 2
11 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-end of Halftime FOOTBALL SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	12 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Cribbage	13 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper Cornhole	14 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts	15 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	16 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Entertainment Acoustic Classics 4:30-7:30 Mixed Darts	17 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 1
18 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-5PM	19 FAMILY DAY Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Seniors Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Euchre	20 Exec Mtg 10am Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 4:30-6:30 Cornhole	21 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts WVMSC mtg. Br 644	22 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	23 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Entertainment All About Bev 4:30-7:30	24 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 2
25 OPEN 12-7 "The Bunker" OPEN 12-5PM	26 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Seniors Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Cribbage	27 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper Membership Meeting 7pm Cornhole	28 Open 12-7 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts	29 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	March 1 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Entertainment TBA 4:30-7:30 Mixed Darts	2 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm DART NIGHT 1