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Serving Tecumseh, LaSalle, Windsor & Amherstburg

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Our Mission

To serve Veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our Communities and our Country.

Our Vision

To be the most highly respected Veteran and Community Service organization.

Our Values

Our core values reflect the people behind the brand: our Members. When someone walks through the doors of a Branch, we want them to feel these values in every interaction.



SERVICE:

We provide dedicated support and compassionate assistance.

INTEGRITY:

We behave in a manner which inspires trust, mutual understanding and confidence.

RESPECT:

We are supportive, inclusive, courteous and fair to all, honouring the dignity and worth of every person.

LOYALTY:

We are steadfast in our patriotic allegiance to the Sovereign, to our Country, to The Royal Canadian Legion and to our Comrades.

TEAMWORK:

We cooperate and work together selflessly to achieve our shared Mission.

These values are reflected in the three pillars of Legion work:

Serving Veterans

Providing important services that have a positive impact on Veterans, families and communities.

Remembrance

Commemorating and memorializing the sacrifices made by Veterans to protect Canadians.

Community

Bringing people together, strengthening support networks and ensuring Veterans and their families never feel alone.

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

Executive

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Seniors Committee Co-Chair	Beth Abson	see above	see above
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Special Committee Chairpersons

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>email address</u>
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Honours and Awards	Konrad Boehler	see above	see above
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
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Tom's Humour Page

Olaf the Norseman is shopping at a supermarket when he comes across an old lady in a wheelchair, almost in tears. "What's the matter?" asks Olaf. "Oh," sobs the old lady. "I want to have a look at the frozen puddings but, as you can see, there are three steps down into the chiller cabinets." "No problem," says Olaf, lifting her onto his back. "I'll take you." Olaf strolls through the chiller cabinets with the old lady on his back. She selects several puddings and puts them in the basket he is carrying for her. At the other end the old lady's husband is waiting with her wheelchair. "I'd really like to thank you," says the old lady as Olaf sets her back down in the chair, "but I don't even know who you are!" Olaf just waves and walks off. "I was really worried about you," says the old lady's husband. "What have you been doing?" She replies, "Well, I've been through the desserts on a Norse with no name."

A man finds a wallet with \$700 in it. A few days later, he reads a notice stating that a wealthy man has lost his wallet and is offering a \$50 reward to anyone who returns it. He soon locates the owner and gives him the wallet and the rich man counts the money and says, "I see you have already taken your reward." The poor old man responds. "What are you talking about?" The wealthy man continues. "This wallet had \$750 in it when I lost it." The two men begin arguing, and eventually, they go to court to sort out their differences. Both men present their case, the poor man first, then the wealthy man who concludes by saying. "Your Honor, I trust you believe me." The elderly Judge says. "Of course." The rich man smiles, and the old poor man is devastated. Then the Judge takes the wallet out of the wealthy man's hands and gives it to the poor old man who found it. "What are you doing?" The rich man yells angrily. The elderly Judge responds. "You are, of course, an honest man and if you say that your missing wallet had \$750 in it, I'm sure it did, but if the man who found this wallet is a liar and a thief, he wouldn't have returned it at all, which means that this wallet must belong to somebody else. If that man steps forward, he'll get the money, otherwise, it stays with the man who found it." "What about

my money?" The rich man asks. "Well, we'll just have to wait until somebody finds your wallet with the \$750 in it."

A vacuum salesman appeared at the door of an old lady's cottage and, without allowing the woman to speak, rushed into the living room and threw a large bag of dirt all over her clean carpet. He said, "If this new vacuum doesn't pick up every bit of dirt then I'll eat all the dirt." The old woman, who by this time was losing her patience, said, "Sir, if I had enough money to buy that thing, I would have paid my electricity bill before they cut it off." "Now, what would you prefer, a spoon or a knife and fork?"

Two older gentlemen, Fred and Sam, went to see a movie. Merely minutes into the movie, Sam heard Fred rustling around. It appeared that he was reaching under all of the seats. "What on earth are you doing, Fred?" asked Sam. Fred indignantly responded, "I had a caramel in my mouth and it dropped out. I'm trying to find it!" Annoyed, Sam told him not to worry about it — they could get him another caramel later since that one was ruined by now. "But I've got to," said Fred, exasperated. "My teeth are in it!"

A woman told her friend, "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising." She said, "So, I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was already over."

A boy with a monkey on his shoulder was walking down the road when he passed a policeman who said, "Now, now young lad, I think you had better take that monkey the zoo." The next day, the boy was walking down the road with the monkey on his shoulder again, when he passed the same policeman. The policeman said, "Hey there, I thought I told you to take that money to the zoo!" The boy answered, "I did! Today I'm taking him to the cinema."

PRESIDENTS REPORT

We have just finished another exciting March in our Branch. Our Friday fish fry's with entertainment have been enjoyed by many. What an exciting St Patrick's Day! Great entertainment and wonderful food. We had huge crowds in our main halls, and in our lounge. Our bartenders did a great job, and the kitchen staff were terrific. I thank all the volunteers that assisted behind the scenes.



Good Friday, in previous years we were overwhelmed with customers and could not provide food in a timely manner.

To have a better dining experience this year we changed to Reservations only between 3:00 and 9:00 this year.

Our seatings were 3:00-4:30 (sold out Mar 27), 4:30-6:00 (sold out Mar 25), 6:00-7:30 (sold out Mar 26). Food was available in the lounge from noon till 3pm and also take out to be picked up by 3pm. This worked out great!

I want to send kudos not only to our Branch, but to the Zone for a successful Youth Ed program. On 2 March 2024, our Branch hosted the Zone A-1 Speech Competition where we had 32 students from four branches present excellent speeches. The largest number came from our Branch. Then on 23 March the District A speech competition was held at RCL Branch 201 (Essex). Zone A-1 won two of the categories (Grades 4-6 and 7-9) and those candidates will be representing us at the area competition.

With the weather warming up, we are now focusing on preparing our patios and lawn furniture, and getting our lawns and gardens prepared for another season. If you have some time to volunteer again this year for grass cutting, trimming of trees, weeding, or general yard maintenance, please let our Third Vice, Larry Williams, know. (contact information is on page 2.

I want to thank our Marketing Committee and the Financial Committee for the excellent business plans they have developed. We are once again experiencing another dynamic fiscal year. Our Seniors and Entertainment Committees have produced some outstanding experiences for our patrons and guests – well done! Our Ways and Means continue to impress hundreds each month who come to our bi-weekly all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners.

We have our Branch Executive nomination meeting on Tuesday, 23 April 2024. I encourage you to attend this meeting. Are you interested in running for an Executive position, or being a Chair of a Committee, or simply being a member of a committee? Your experience is most welcomed and encouraged. With our new Branch Regulations, our actual May Membership meeting will now be on Sunday, 26 May 2024, at 2:00 pm.

No advance polling: if you want to vote, you come out to the meeting and vote for your new executive. This is your Legion; come out and support through your vote.

My thanks to all of you for your continued support of this fine Legion!

Morris W. Brause, President

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

We are pleased to advise everyone that we have been notified by Ontario Command on March 11, 2024 that our Amended Branch Regulations have been approved.

The Newly Amended Branch Regulations are posted in the Main Hallway.

The major changes in the Amended Branch Regulations are:

1. There will be no more Advanced Polls for Branch Elections.
2. The Branch Annual General Meeting and Elections will be held on the 4th Sunday in May starting at 2 pm. (Note: The Date for this year's meeting is May 26, 2024)

I would also like to remind everyone that our Branch Nominations will be held at our General Meeting April 23, 2024, at 7 pm.

In order to be Nominated to Hold Office please see the Qualifications per the General By-Laws:

ARTICLE IV – QUALIFICATION TO VOTE AND HOLD OFFICE

401. Only Ordinary, Life, Associate, and Affiliate-Voting Members in good standing shall have the right to vote and hold Office in their Branch.

402. A voting Member, to be eligible for election to any Branch Office, must be in good standing for the year in which the election is held.

403. A voting member will be required to serve at least one (1) term on a Branch Executive Committee to be eligible to be elected as President or Vice-President.

404. (1) A voting member will be required to have been a member of a Branch for a period for at least one (1) year prior to the date of election to be eligible to be elected to the Branch Executive Committee.

1004. No voting Member may be nominated for an Office unless they are present or have signified in writing their willingness to accept such Office. (The letter must indicate what positions that you are willing to stand for. It must be received by the Branch prior to the April nomination meeting).

PLEASE NOTE THAT NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE REOPENED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/ELECTION MEETING ON MAY 26, 2024.

YOU MUST BE NOMINATED FOR EACH POSITION YOU ARE WILLING TO STAND FOR ELECTION.

YOU CAN ONLY BE ELECTED TO ONE POSITION THAT WILL BE THE MOST SENIOR POSITION YOU WERE ELECTED TO.

Konrad Boehler
Second Vice-President / Chair Constitution and Laws

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 March 26th, we had a 2024 Membership of 478

Consisting of: Life 5, OR 106, Associate 262, Affiliate Voting 103, Affiliate-Non-Voting 2

NEWEST MEMBER

A big welcome to Jennifer Koutsonicolas as an Affiliate Voting Member to Branch 594

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

The Legion is pleased to extend a 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>

Membership can use the help. So, if you, as a member, are 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

HONOURS & AWARDS

Our annual Honours and Awards Day will be on Sunday May 5, 2024 from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Lounge. Our Membership Chair has identified approximately 75 members who are eligible to receive recognition for years of continuous service in the form of a 5, 10, 15 year pin etc.

On April 1st there will be approximately 23 invitations mailed out and another 52 will be sent out by email. We are requesting that if you have received an invitation that you reply back no later than April 26, 2024 so we know how many people will be attending.

Honours and Awards Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thankfully, we recovered a bit from the loss in January, with a profit for the month of February.

The kitchen revenue was down, but lower repair and maintenance costs helped us show a profit. With the holiday season behind us, we hope to see the branch revenue exceed expenses..

Yours in Comradeship, John Antaya, Treasurer

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

New Horizons For Seniors Grant

We were successful in our recent application for funding under the New Horizons for Seniors grant program. We received a total of \$14,482.00 in funding from the federal government to complete five projects at the branch as follows:

1. Re-cover 60 chairs and bar stools that are ripped and in need of repair.
2. Purchase 12 replacement 6' folding tables.
3. Purchase shelving units to store decorations and supplies.
4. Purchase replacement patio furniture and umbrella stands.
5. Upgrade security camera system.

These are not glamorous projects but just regular wear and tear replacement issues that the branch would have to pay for if we didn't get funding from this grant program.

We are very grateful to the New Horizons for Seniors program for once again approving our request for funding.

Jim McGhie Finance Chair

PROPERTY

Spring is here and there are many things to do at the branch.

- Picnic tables have been put on the main lounge patio. Chairs and tables will be put out once we purchase new chairs
- Three toilet seals have been replaced in the lady's washroom.
- A new point of sale cash register system has been installed at both bars and staff are trained and its running smoothly
- There was a problem with a kitchen fan. It has been resolved.
- Our electric floor washer has had its batteries replaced.
- A leak in the men's washroom is being repairs
- The grass over our septic field has been mowed (first grass cutting of the year).
 - We will be looking for volunteers again this year to maintain our gardens, trees and grass.
 - Once we pick a date it will be communicated to all of our members that have email as part of our "Weekly Events"
- We are contracting out pressure washing of the outside of the windows, the patios and main entrance walkway.

Com Larry Williams, Property Chair

YOUTH EDUCATION & BURSARIES

Poster & Literary

District A (Southwestern Ontario) awards have been presented to our Branch winners. Formally the winners are announced at the Spring District Convention April 12-14.

Two of our students won first prize at District and their entries were sent Provincial judging! Names will be in upcoming Newsletters.

Public Speaking

Zone A1 Public Speaking was held on March 2nd. Last year (2023) we had 11 contestants. This year, we had 32 contestants. Branch 594 led the way with 15 contestants, followed by Branch 261 with 9 and Branch 644 with 8. The competition was hosted by Branch 594.

District A Speech competition: was held on Saturday March 23 at Essex Branch 201. Zone A-1 won the Grades 4-6 and 7-9, there were no High School students that attended. Out of the 6 Zones in District A, only three Zones participated in the Speech competition. Well done to Branch 594 Youth Ed Chair, and to the Zone A-1 Branch Youth Ed Chairs.

Bursaries

The Provincial Bursary Deadline for submissions was March 29th.
Branch 594 Bursary applications will be available in June

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

KITCHEN REPORT

We would like to thank everyone who came out for St Patrick's Day celebrations as well as Good Friday for our Fish Fry. Both days were very well attended.

Thanks To Billie and her staff for their hard work in making both of these days very successful.

Join us on Friday April 5th for the Tigers Home opener where we will be serving Ballpark foods from 12 noon- 4 pm that day.

A full menu is offered daily along with Daily Specials. The Daily Specials are emailed to those we have email addresses for. If you don't get them please send an email to metrolegion594@gmail.com and we will add you for future updates.

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

WAYS & MEANS

Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair

The Branch hosted two very successful spaghetti dinners in March, on the 5th and 19th. The following is a chart with the financial results from the February spaghetti dinners:

	March 5	March 19	MAR. Totals
Numbers Served	144	209	353
Total Sales	\$1,418.80	\$2,068.00	\$3,486.80
Total Expenses	\$470.72	347.41	\$818.13
Net Sales	\$948.08	\$1,720.59	\$2,668.67
Inventory			\$400.00
Net Revenue for Mar. 2024	\$948.08	\$1,720.59	\$3,068.67

Our attendance seems to have increased with the help of the LaSalle Friendship Club (LFC) and the many members, friends and families that regularly come out to support our Branch.

To help keep our expenses down and revenue up we purchase many of our products while on sale and stock up as much as possible. Lately, we have had trouble sourcing some of our long-standing products and we've noticed a substantial price increase in some of the products. We will continue to monitor the effect of the product price increases on the financial results. At the present time, with the increased numbers of patrons served, the revenue has not been negatively affected due to the economy of scale. Let's hope this trend continues.

Thanks to all the regular supporters, members, families and friends, including the LaSalle Friendship Club (LFC), and of course the many volunteers and cadets, who together make these events so successful for the Branch. From September to the end of March, we've earned over **\$15,000** for the Branch, a number to be very proud of.

Please mark your calendars and bring your friends out to the April spaghetti dinners being held on Tuesday April 2, Tuesday April 16 & Tuesday April 30th.



WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rc1594.com

Brian Robinson, webmaster

SPORTS

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. 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

L.O.D. (means)
Teams are made from those who show up to play.

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

Cornhole: Every Tuesday Night - Starting at 7PM

ZoneA1 Sports (Legion Members Only)

9Ball - Zone A1 competition took place March 10th at BR644.

Bill Anderson/Don Semande took 1st place, Brad McLellan/Don Collard took 2nd place and Lou Driessen/Harry Bissonnette took 4th place. Congratulations to all.

The 3 teams will now move on to the District.

Golf - May 25th at Roseland Golf Course. Details to follow soon.

District Sports (Members who qualify at Zone)

District Mixed Team Darts – Jay and Nancy Mountain, Beth Abson, and John Antaya have qualified for at Br.317 in London rescheduled for April 27th.

Mixed Doubles Darts Phil Magri and Raegan qualified for at Br.317 in London on April 27th.

9Ball - April 7th at Tilbury Br.206. Registration begins at 10:00am. Play starts at 11:00. We will be sending 3 teams. See above.

Provincial Sports (Members who qualify at District)

8BALL – Congratulations to Brad McLellan, Don Collard, Harry Bissonnette, and Lou Driessen. They placed third in each of their divisions at Provincials which took place at Br43 in Oshawa March 16th.

Zone A1 Sports Meeting will be held April 27th.

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

Our Cadets had a busy weekend on Mar 22-24. The senior Cadets went to the Cedar Springs rifle range with the Essex & Kent Scottish for a familiarization shoot with the C7 rifle. The junior Cadets spent the weekend at Camp Henry, which is located inside Point Pelee, to work on their navigational skills in the bush.

It is summer camp application time and we are waiting to hear how many of our Cadets will be able to attend the various summer camp opportunities located across Canada.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Cadet Corps.

Jim McGhie – Army Cadet Liaison



SENIORS COMMITTEE

The meeting began with a report from Archie regarding attendance of Monday dances. The attendance on March 4 was 64 dinners and 46 dance only for a total of 110. March 18 (St Patrick's) had 107 dinners and 13 dance only totaling 120. All monies for March 18 went to the Bunker due to the special dinner. The drink special of Irish coffee went over well.

The committee members and the Bunker have decided to replace the meatloaf dinner (which did not go over well) with Spaghetti with meat or plain sauce, served with garlic bread and a salad. This new dinner will be served on the opposite week of the Legion spaghetti dinners.

We are having a Caribbean night on April 29 which will be sponsored by Seasons Retirement. They will let us know if some of their residents will accompany them. It will be suggested that people dress up in colorful garments and maybe hula skirts? Our drink special will be a Rum Punch. Dinner will be chicken breast with some type of sauce, rice and vegetables.

Our next themed dances will be a Senior Prom Night on May 20th, a Summer Beach Party on June 24th and Christmas in July on July 22nd.

These items have been tabled for further discussion at our next committee meeting on April 18 at 10:00am

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 "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.

Branch 594 has been approved to work BINGOs beginning in April

Update provided by Comrade Veronica Friesen

I am happy to report that as of March 26th Br. 594 Bingo Volunteer Committee consists of 16 trained people. We have received our first bingo schedule from Power Play Gaming Centre (PPGC) for the months of April, May, and June (7 bingos in all) and despite a few hiccups, a shared google sheets has been created to allow all volunteers to sign up for a date/time, electronically and in real-time, so all participants can see.

Our bingos begin April 12 and the next step in the process is to obtain Legion "uniforms" (golf shirts) for each volunteer to wear while working their shift at the bingo. The cost of these golf shirts will eventually be taken out of bingo revenue but initially will have to be paid for from the general bank

account. Once revenue begins to flow, a transfer of funds will be done to reconcile the general account of this cost. The volunteers will be required to wear their golf shirt, black slacks (no jeans) and black shoes (black running shoes are okay, but not white running shoes and no sandals) while working their shift.

It has been decided to order the same style of black golf shirt and using the same Branch logo stating "PROUDLY SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED" to remain consistent with the current style of golf shirt and logo the Branch uses now. Each shirt will also have the name of the volunteer embroidered on it as required by PPGC.

We continue to recruit volunteers so if anyone is interested, please contact Veronica Friesen 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 typically wipe down games after customers are done and straighten chairs for the next customer.

Beth Abson Lottery Chair

BAR REPORT

We would like to thank everyone who came out for St Patrick's Day celebrations as well as Good Friday for our Fish Fry. Both days were very well attended.

Our Bar staff also is to be commended for their hard work and contributing to a very successful St Patrick's day and Good Friday at the branch.

We will be promoting our Laker Lager starting on April 1st.

Purchase a pint of Laker for \$5.00 and receive 1 ballot or a large pitcher of Laker for \$15.00 and receive 2 ballots to win a beautiful Laker Cooler just in time for summer.

The winner of the cooler will be drawn on Sunday May the 5th during our Honors and Awards Luncheon.

The Detroit Tigers Home opener is On Friday April 5th at 1:10 pm. Join us for some Ballpark foods served from the kitchen from noon – 4 PM.

Randy Soulliere, Bar Chair

WIN A LAKER
COOLER
BUY A PINT FOR \$5.00 AND
GET 1 BALLOT
BUY A LARGE PITCHER
FOR \$15.00 AND GET 2
BALLOTS.
WILL BE DRAWN ON
FRIDAY MAY 3RD AT 6PM

Branch Members Celebrating APRIL Birthdays

Donald Balkwill, Justin Barker, Len Bedal, Spike Bell, David Beyer, Andrew Boroski, Tom Boroski, Teresa Boutet, Bryan Carder, David Carder, Michael Coffin, Howard Ellis, Daniel Friesen, Randolph Groundwater, Zane Handysides, Lawrence Hannigan, Linda Hewson, Mary Hutter, Mathew Hutter, William Kielly, Joseph Langlois, MacKenzie McEwen, Irene McFarlane, James Meloche, Gerald Morden, Jeff Moss, Michael Nedin, Rose Nesbitt, Duane Noakes, Glenna Pepper, Robert Pepper, Marc Renaud, Brian Robinson, Cathy Schmidt, Darryl Sherk, Ken Stroud, Laura Stroud, Brian Urquhart and Tina Vinten.

Hope your birthdays are great!

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM

Com Bob Hart, Entertainment Chair

A GREAT LINEUP has been planned for April!!!

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

Friday April 5 th 1:10pm	Tiger Home Opener
Friday April 5 th	Al Fazio
Saturday April 6 th	Essex and Kent Tartan Night
Monday April 8 th	Blue Jay Home Opener
Friday April 12 th	Abbey Neeves
Friday April 19 th	Back 2 Back
Saturday April 20 th	Spring Fling BIGG WIGGLE.
Friday April 26 th	Acoustic Classics



DETROIT Tigers™™

2024 HOME OPENER PARTY

BALLPARK FOOD
COLD BEVERAGES
LEGION BRANCH 594
5030 HOWARD AVE

**FRIDAY APR. 5TH
OPEN AT NOON
GAME AT 1:10**

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Legion 5030 Howard Ave
Tecumseh 519 969 0551

THE BUNKER
DRIVEN BY BEER



**THE ESSEX AND KENT SCOTTISH REGIMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS...
THE TARTAN DAY FUNDRAISER AND DINNER**

SATURDAY APRIL 6TH, 2024 DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM FOR DINNER AT 6:30PM
AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 594, 5030 HOWARD AVE, OLDCASTLE

35\$ PER TICKET * CASH BAR * RAFFLES * DOOR PRIZES * LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
BUFFET DINNER * FISH * CHICKEN * CHIPS * COLESLAW * DESSERT * HAGGIS

ONLY 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE * CASUAL DRESS, KILTS AND TARTANS ENCOURAGED
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FULL TABLE RESERVATIONS/BOOKINGS AND E-TRANSFER INFO
CONTACT: EKSCOTASSOCIATION@GMAIL.COM

FUNDS RAISED TO SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION'S MISSION TO SUPPORT LOCAL SOLDIERS BOTH HERE AND OVERSEAS

Royal Canadian
Legion Br 594
Presents

Friday
April 5th
4:30 - 7:30 pm



AL FAZIO

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

519-969-0551 rcl594.com4



Royal Canadian
Legion Br 594
Presents

Friday
Apr 12th
4:30 - 7:30 pm



Abbey Neves

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Royal Canadian
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Friday
Apr 19th
4:30 - 7:30 pm



Back 2 Back

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Metropolitan Branch 594
Serving Tecumseh, LaSalle, Windsor & Amherstburg



SATURDAY APRIL 20TH

SPRING FLING BIGG WIGGLE

8-Midnight
Doors Open at 6PM
NO ENTRY FEE

*Bunker kitchen
open till 9pm*





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 Monday Mar 22nd 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)

2 additional submissions will be sent in this month.

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](http://legion.ca)
[\(legion.ca\)](http://legion.ca)



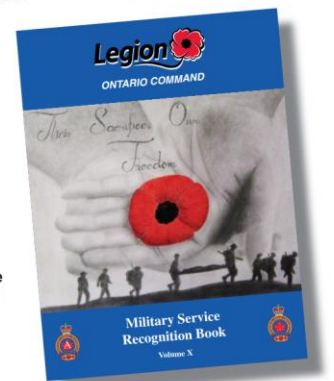
The image on this Introductory Poster is from a poster that was entered in a recent Ontario Provincial Command Youth Education Poem, Poster and Essay Competition. The Poster was the third-place winner in the Senior Black and White Poster category at the Provincial level. It was designed by student Mariane 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			
(Tick applicable area)		Branch _____	How many years? _____

This Section MUST be completed.

Submitted by (Name) _____	Date: _____	Tel # _____
Email _____	(m/d/y)	
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.

**So far, we have the following going:
Dave Woodman, John Antaya, & Bob Hart.**

The signup sheet is on the corkboard between the bathrooms.



Legion Riders

Com K Miller

Thank you for your support in this endeavor. Progress to assemble this group will be slow but steady with the priority that of building the membership. I probably will not be able to plan events for this group during this riding season, but I will learn from my other branch counterparts to be ready when we can stand up this group with our own members.

The crest and other adornments for our Rider's vests have been chosen and implemented.

For the rear of the vest, it's basically the Official RCL Riders patch with our "Metropolitan Br 594" identifying rockers around it.

The Rider's membership status or just "Veteran" will appear below the crest.

The front will have the Rider's Nation's Flag attached over the wearer's heart with nothing attached above that patch.

The rest of the vest can be filled with personal remembrance type patches and/or pins such as past units, etc.

Our guidance for this "uniform" will be per Dominion guidelines with respect to honouring our veterans and their families.

The next set of efforts will be toward building the Riders membership.



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 Mar 20th we have lost:
67 Veterans, 38 Comrades & have performed at 16 funeral services.

Tuesday April 9th will be our annual Memorial Service for World War 1.
Cenotaph is located at Optimist Memorial Park beginning at 11AM.

1075 Ypres Blvd, Windsor, ON N8W, Canada

All are welcomed rain or shine.

The next meeting will be Wednesday April 17th 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

For the month of Feb. 2024, we have accumulated \$7.97 interest in the Poppy Trust Fund for a WFCU Bank balance of \$100,412.80. (before donations listed below)

The Feb. 2024 monthly Poppy Reconciliation Report was completed & both the WFCU & Poppy Financial Ledger balanced.

The Special Use Forms (SUF's) for the Cadets, Service Dogs, & Veteran Initiative have been completed, signed, and approved.

TRADITIONAL DONATION WE WILL AGAIN SUPPORT

DISTRICT A HOSPITAL FUND	\$3,500.00
DISTRICT A YOUTH EDUCATION	\$3,500.00
ONTARIO COMMAND SERVICE DOGS PROGRAM	\$5,000.00
ONTARIO COMMAND LEAVE STs BEHIND	\$5,000.00
ONTARIO COMMAND BURSARY PROGRAM	\$3,500.00
ONTARIO COMMAND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	\$3,500.00
ONTARIO COMMAND POPPY FUND	\$3,500.00
DOMINION COMMAND RCEL	\$3,500.00

NEW DONATIONS TO SUPPORT

Parkwood Veterans Comfort Fund	\$3,500.00
Veterans Initiative Fund	<u>\$3,500.00</u>

TOTAL: \$38,000.00

Provincial Command has approved our donation of \$10,000 to our 2715 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps for this year.

Gerry Ciurysek, Br 594 Poppy Chair



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 HAPPY EASTER CLOSED ALL DAY	1 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Euchre	2 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 4:30-6:30 Cornhole	3 Quilters Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts	4 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	5 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 11-8pm TIGER HOME OPENER Entertainment <i>Al Fazio</i> 4:30-7:30 Mixed Darts	6 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 1 Essex & Kent Tartan Night
7 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-5PM	8 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Dinner Dance 3-7 Blue Jay Home Opener 4:10 POOL League Euchre	9 WWI Service Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper Cornhole	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 <i>Abbey Neves</i> 4:30-7:30	13 Open 10-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 2
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14 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-5PM ZONE A1 SPORTS MTG <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> District A Convention Lambeth </div>	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 ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 4:30-6:30 Cornhole	17 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts WVMSC mtg. Br 644	18 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	19 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Entertainment Back 2 Back 4:30-7:30 Mixed Darts	20 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 1 <i>Good Luck at Provincials to Br 594 8 Ball Pool Players</i> Spring Fling Big Wiggle
21 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-5PM	22 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Seniors Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Euchre Colour Party 7pm	23 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper Membership Meeting 7pm Nominations Cornhole	24 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm 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 Acoustic Classics 4:30-7:30	27 "Parkwood" Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm DART NIGHT 2 <i>Good Luck at District A to Br 594 Mixed Darts: Doubles & Team Players</i>
28 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-5PM	29 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Seniors Caribbean Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League	30 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm Pepper ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 4:30-6:30	MAY 1 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Mens Darts	2 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 20px; width: 100%;"> <h1 style="margin: 0;">APRIL</h1> </div>	