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Serving Tecumseh, LaSalle, Windsor & Amherstburg

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## In Waters Deep

In ocean waste no poppies blow,  
No crosses stand in ordered row,  
There young hearts sleep...beneath the wave...  
The spirited, the good, the brave,  
But starts a constant vigil keep,  
For them that lie beneath the deep.  
“Tis true you cannot kneel in prayer  
On certain spot and think. “He’s there.”  
But you can to oceans go...  
See whitecaps marching row on row;  
Know one for him will always ride...  
In and out...with every tide.  
And when your span of life is passed,  
He’ll meet you at the “Captain’s Mast.”  
And they who mourn on distant shore  
For Sailors who’ll come home no more,  
Can dry their tears and pray for these  
Who rest beneath the heaving seas...  
For stars that shine and winds that blow  
And whitecaps marching row on row.  
And they can never lonely be  
For when they lived...they chose the sea.

Eileen Mahoney

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**

| <b><u>Position</u></b>   | <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Phone Number</u></b> | <b><u>email address</u></b>  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
| President                | Morris Brause      | 519-965-0749               | <a href="mailto:morbrause@gmail.com">morbrause@gmail.com</a>               |
| Immediate Past President | Tom Friesen        | 519-992-8303               | <a href="mailto:tomfriesen57@gmail.com">tomfriesen57@gmail.com</a>         |
| First Vice President     | Jim McGhie         | 519-979-8904               | <a href="mailto:jim.mcghie@hotmail.com">jim.mcghie@hotmail.com</a>         |
| Second Vice President    | Konrad Boehler     | 519-966-7794               | <a href="mailto:kboehler@cogeco.ca">kboehler@cogeco.ca</a>                 |
| Third Vice President     | Larry Williams     | 519-726-4043               | <a href="mailto:gorc52@icloud.com">gorc52@icloud.com</a>                   |
| Sgt At Arms              | Janet Ciurysek     | 519-969-9109               | <a href="mailto:jciurysek@live.ca">jciurysek@live.ca</a>                   |
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| Executive Member         | David Woodman      | 519-566-8745               | <a href="mailto:dfwoodman@gmail.com">dfwoodman@gmail.com</a>               |
| Executive Member         | Brian Robinson     | 519-734-1086               | <a href="mailto:membership594@gmail.com">membership594@gmail.com</a>       |
| Executive Member         | Randy Soulliere    | 226-280-2591               | <a href="mailto:randysoulliere64@gmail.com">randysoulliere64@gmail.com</a> |
| Executive Member         | Matt Beasley       | 519-551-7615               | <a href="mailto:fireundermywings@yahoo.ca">fireundermywings@yahoo.ca</a>   |
| Treasurer                | John Antaya        | 519-966-3069               | <a href="mailto:jantaya4@bell.net">jantaya4@bell.net</a>                   |
| Secretary                | John Antaya        | 519-966-3069               | <a href="mailto:jantaya4@bell.net">jantaya4@bell.net</a>                   |
| Recording Secretary      | Fran Friesen       | 519-948-1259               | <a href="mailto:franfriesen@hotmail.com">franfriesen@hotmail.com</a>       |

**Standing Committee Chairperson**

| <b><u>Position</u></b>       | <b><u>Name</u></b>              | <b><u>Phone Number</u></b> | <b><u>email address</u></b>  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Leadership Training Chair    | Konrad Boehler                  | see above                  | see above  |
| Membership Chair             | Brian Robinson                  | see above                  | see above  |
| Poppy Chair                  | Gerry Ciurysek                  | 519-817-3604               | <a href="mailto:rclbr594poppytrust@gmail.com">rclbr594poppytrust@gmail.com</a> |
| Public Relations Officer     | Mathew Beasley                  | see above                  | see above  |
| Seniors Committee Co-Chair   | Sue Robinson                    | 519-734-1086               | <a href="mailto:szqrobinson@hotmail.com">szqrobinson@hotmail.com</a>           |
| Seniors Committee Co-Chair   | Beth Abson                      | see above                  | <a href="#">see above</a>  |
| Sports Officer               | Wayne Fortin                    | 519-300-5357               | waynefortin1@yahoo.ca  |
| Track and Field Officer      | Jeff Morrell (Senior)           | 519-972-6171               | <a href="mailto:jmorrell@cogeco.ca">jmorrell@cogeco.ca</a>                     |
| Youth Ed and Bursary Officer | Tom Friesen                     | see above                  | see above  |
| Veterans Services Officer    | Archie Neilson                  | 519-890-4959               | <a href="mailto:neilson1812@cogeco.ca">neilson1812@cogeco.ca</a>               |
| Branch Chaplain              | Rev Dr Catherine Collins-Barker | 519-969-3333               | <a href="mailto:cicb19@gmail.com">cicb19@gmail.com</a>                         |

**Special Committee Chairpersons**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Bar                            | Randy Soulliere                | see above                  | see above  |
| Branch Property (In/Out)       | Larry Williams                 | see above                  | see above  |
| Colour Party Commander         | David Woodman                  | see above                  | see above  |
| <i>Constitution and Laws</i>   | Konrad Boehler                 | see above                  | see above  |
| Entertainment                  | Bob Hart                       | 519-984-1544               | <a href="mailto:bobhart59@hotmail.com">bobhart59@hotmail.com</a>     |
| Finance Committee              | Jim McGhie                     | see above                  | see above  |
| Finance Review Committee       | James Sparrow                  | 519-978-2806               | <a href="mailto:jsparrow375@cogeco.ca">jsparrow375@cogeco.ca</a>     |
| 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  |
| Remembrance Branch Coordinator | Konrad Boehler                 | see above                  | see above  |
| Seniors Committee Co-Chair     | Sue Robinson                   | 519-734-1086               | <a href="mailto:szqrobinson@hotmail.com">szqrobinson@hotmail.com</a> |
| Seniors Committee Co-Chair     | Beth Abson                     | see above                  | <a href="#">see above</a>  |
| Ways and Means                 | Veroncia Friesen               | 519-992-8384               | <a href="mailto:ylfriesen59@gmail.com">ylfriesen59@gmail.com</a>     |

**Stand Alone & Liason**

|                                 |                   |              |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| Army Cadet Liaison              | Jim McGhie        | see above    | see above  |
| Newsletter Editor               | Tom Friesen       | see above    | see above  |
| Parkwood Institute Liaison Offr | Dave Woodman      | see above    | see above  |
| Pool Tables                     | John Greer        | 519-915-6140 |  |
| Webmaster                       | Brian Robinson    | see above    | see above  |
| Face Book Page Coordinator      | David Woodman     | see above    | see above  |
| Volunteer Coordinator           | Shirley Jinkerson | 519-257-3785 | <a href="mailto:myfutureishope@gmail.com">myfutureishope@gmail.com</a> |
| WVMSC Liason                    | Ron Bisnaire      |              | <a href="mailto:ronbisnaire@gmail.com">ronbisnaire@gmail.com</a>       |

**Billie's Bunker Kitchen**

|                   |                 |              |  |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| Kitchen Operator  | Billie Zacher   | 226-347-0371 | <a href="mailto:thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com">thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com</a> |
| Manager/ bookings | Tricial Labelle | 519-965-3089 | <a href="mailto:thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com">thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com</a> |

## Tom's Humour Page

Playing on the second day of my **annual boys' trip**, at a club I won't name for fear of reprisals, I must confess to feeling a touch hungover on the first hole. But, after a difficult couple of moments, I dug deep and decided to concentrate fully on the task in hand. I went through my pre-shot routine and stood up to the ball. Just before I was about to pull the trigger, I heard a shout from the starter's box, "Would the gentleman on the Ladies tee please move back to the Men's tee." I was in the zone and, unperturbed, I settled over the ball for a second time. "Sir, please move off the Ladies tee and back to the Men's tee," the voice persisted. Now I was a touch more rattled, but I decided to ignore the cries and just get on with the testing shot I was facing. "For the last time, would the gentleman on the ladies tee please move back to the yellows." This time I decided action was required so I stood up from my shot, turned around and retorted, "Would the gentleman in the starter's box please stop shouting and allow me to play my second shot!"

After a **terrible round of golf** when nothing seemed to go right, Ed took his troubles to the 19th hole for a few drinks. The bartender noticed his despondency, and asked him about his round. "I hooked my ball when I wanted to slice; I sliced it when I wanted it to hook, had too many 3-putts, lost 5 balls in water hazards and visited way too many sand traps," Ed said. "It was just a terrible round." "Oh, come now, something must have gone right at least once," the bartender responded. "Well," said Ed, "the best thing that happened all day was I lost my pencil on the second hole."

**Dear Abby**, I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs. Phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with "the girls" a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them." I always try to stay awake to look out for her coming home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her. Around midnight, I decided to hide in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the

whole street when she arrived home from a night out with "the girls." It was at that moment, crouching behind my clubs, that I noticed that the graphite shaft on my driver appeared to have a hairline crack right by the clubhead. Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the pro shop where I bought it? Signed, Perplexed

A guy was on the **golf trip of a lifetime in Scotland**. He was playing the best courses in the world, but he couldn't make a putt over three feet. After yet another miss, the golfer slammed his putter into the turf and said. "I would rather find my wife in bed with a stranger than three putt agin." His caddie weighed the words, then asked "What is your room number?"

Mark and Becky are celebrating their **50th wedding anniversary**. Mark says to Becky, "Becky, I was wondering...have you ever cheated on me?" Becky replies, "Oh Mark, why would you ask such a question now? You don't want to ask that question..." "Yes, Becky, I really want to know. Please..." "Well, all right. Yes, three times..." she admitted. "Three? Well, when were they?" he asked. "Well, Mark, remember when you were 35 years old and you really wanted to start your own business and no bank would give you a loan? Remember, then one day the bank president himself came over to the house and signed the loan papers, no questions asked?" "Oh, Becky, you did that for me! I respect you even more than ever, to do such a thing for me. So, when was number two?" he asked. "Well, Mark, remember when you had that last heart attack and you were needing that very tricky operation, and no surgeon would touch you? Then remember how Dr. DeBakey came all the way up here to do the surgery himself, and then you were in good shape again?" she said. "I can't believe it! Becky, you should do such a thing for me, to save my life. I couldn't have a more wonderful wife. To do such a thing, you must really love me. I couldn't be more moved. So, all right then, when was number three?" he asked, racking his brain. "Well, Mark, remember a few years ago, when you really wanted to be president of the golf club and you were 17 votes short?"

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 2:00 PM – Election Day:** Dear Comrades: our Branch Regulations have been changed to support the normal approach for **Nominations for ALL executive positions in the April meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday night at 7:00 pm)**; however, there is a major change in May. The normal election night on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month **has now been changed to “ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION MEETING” the Last Sunday of May (this year May 26<sup>th</sup>) commencing at 2:00 pm**. We are following many branches in SW Ontario that have gone to this election process; thus, ensuring a better turn out. The other key change is that on election day, there will **NOT BE** advance polls. **You must show up at the AGM - Election meeting to vote**. Once the vote has been finalized, then a quick Membership meeting will follow.



I want to encourage our members to show up and vote. This is your Branch, and you should be willing to come and vote for your Branch executive.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Nomination and Membership Meeting:** Any member who wishes to run for an executive position in our Branch, or volunteer to be one of our key Chairs of a committee, you must either attend and be nominated from the floor or submit a letter or email to the President with your agreement to run for a position in nominated. All nominations must have a seconder and the nominee must agree to stand for the election at 2pm Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Note the Nominees will be posted on our website, [www.rcl594.com](http://www.rcl594.com) the day after the Nomination meeting. (Thanks Brian)

**President's appreciation for Executive, Chairs, and Committee members:** I want to take this opportunity to thank all the executive, recording secretary, Treasurer, Chairs of Committees, and volunteers for their invaluable contribution to our Branch and members. We are truly blessed with outstanding support from members and have a wonderful Legion Branch.

Please continue to support our entertainment activities, our Friday fish fries, and remember that we have a wonderful pub-style restaurant with great food.

We want to grow our membership to the magic number of 594 this year. Encourage your friends, family, and community members to join this wonderful Branch. Our dues go to supporting a vast array of Legion Command, Provincial, and local projects. Be a proud card-carrying Legion member!

Please keep in your thoughts and/ or prayers, our Serving Military and First Responders, and our Veterans. **LEST WE FORGET!**

Comrade Morris Brause  
Metropolitan Branch 594 President 2023-2024

# **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Legion 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

# HERE IS THE 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE TEAM OUR MEMBERS VOTED IN IN 2023.

Thanks for ALL for your hard work and dedication to our Veterans and our Communities!



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President: Morris Brause



Sgt at Arms: Janet Ciurysek



Past President: Tom Friesen



Jim McGhie  
First Vice President



Konrad Boehler  
Second Vice President



Larry Williams  
Third Vice President

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Beth Abson



Matt Beasley



Brian Robinson



Randy Soulliere



Dave Woodman



# 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 April 11<sup>th</sup>, we had a 2024 Membership of 488**

**Consisting of: Life 5, OR 111, Associate 266, Affiliate Voting 104, Affiliate-Non-Voting 2**

**A BIG BRANCH 594 WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Ordinary Members: Joey Alliet and Carol Hicks  
Associate Members: Allan Zahorouski and Zachary Zahorouski  
Affiliate Voting Members: Susan Johnson

***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>

**They said...Membership can use your 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](mailto:membershipbr594@gmail.com)

**Editor's Note: At the District A Convention April 12-24 we received an award for membership for 2023 above the 2022 levels. Congratulations to everyone for making our Branch a welcome place for all.**

***Special thanks to Membership Chair Brian Robinson for your work both locally and through the Dominion membership portal.***

## **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.

As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, out of 72 potential honorees 23 have confirmed they will attend. 45 have not yet responded.

Please let us know by Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend!

Com. Konrad Boehler Honours and Awards Chair

## **VETERANS SERVICES**

*The following is part of OUR Branches District A Convention Report soon available at the branch.*

“Operation Leave the Streets Behind” has aided 1,187 homeless or near homeless Veterans since 2009. The Ontario Legion Branches in District A have provided \$232,282.43 to support this program.

199 Ontario communities have received support for: rental payments, utilities payments, food vouchers, store vouchers, transportation support, medical expenses, moving expenses, and other similar expenses. Mental health and counselling have also greatly benefited our Veterans who have found themselves in dire need of support.



All Veteran members are strongly encouraged to apply for their NDI-75 Veteran Service Identification card. This card is intended to identify former CAF members, acknowledge their service, and recognize their enduring affiliation with the Canadian Forces family. Spouses of Veterans should apply for CF1 cards.

**CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT:** On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Government of Canada has agreed to settle the class action lawsuit. Later this year Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) will automatically provide settlements to Veterans receiving disability pensions. Estates, family members of deceased Class Members and other Class Members who do not currently receive disability pensions directly from VAC will be required to submit a Claim by March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Claims can be submitted at the administrator's website: [veteranspensionsettlement.kpmg.ca](http://veteranspensionsettlement.kpmg.ca) or on the French website: [veteranspensionreglement.kpmg.ca](http://veteranspensionreglement.kpmg.ca).

A dedicated call centre has been established to address general inquiries: 1-833-839-0648.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Unfortunately, the Branch had a slight financial loss for the month of March.

The bar operation has been performing well; in March, it saw record gross sales.

Unfortunately, again, we had a lot of expenses during the month, creating the loss the Branch had to endure. *(note the Kitchen revenue received in March is for February sales so it does not include St Patrick's day or Good Friday this year)*

Looking at month-over-month trends since June 1, 2023, the Branch's operating finances for this physical year are in the black.

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 have now received a total of \$14,482.00 in funding this year 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.**

- Windows and patio have been power washed.
- We are waiting for repairs to Patio faucet.
- Septic field area is being cut on a regular basis.
- Volunteers are needed.

Yard maintenance (gardens, trees and grass) planned Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 9 am to about noon, weather permitting.

We suggest you bring your own hand tools.

Please sign up at the branch or send me an email ([metrolegion594@gmail.com](mailto:metrolegion594@gmail.com)) letting me know you are planning to come.

**Com Larry Williams, Property Chair**

## YOUTH EDUCATION & BURSARIES

### Poster & Literary

**District A (Southwestern Ontario)** awards have been presented to our Branch winners.

#### **Colour Poster**

Primary 1<sup>st</sup> place Lilia -Zia Harb

Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tea Nalkranian

Intermediate 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ema Parent

#### **Black & White Poster**

Intermediate 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ziqiu Ouyang

#### **Poetry**

Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Piper Dula

Senior 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alexa Lucino

#### **Provincial**

Intermediate Colour Poster, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ema Parent (Monseigneur Agustin Caron)

### Public Speaking

**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.

Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Place: William Vermealen

Intermediate 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Aditya Joshi

### Bursaries

The Provincial Bursary Deadline for submissions was March 29<sup>th</sup>. 58 submissions were received in District A. 18 have been approved so far with the remainder still being reviewed.

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.**

# TRACK & FIELD

At the District A Convention we have learned the following key dates for the Track and Field competitions this year:

- a. The **District A Track & Field** meet will be back at Sandwich Secondary School on Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers needed.
- b. The **Provincial Track & Field** Meet will be held at York University in Toronto on Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- c. The **Dominion Track & Field** Meet will be held in Calgary from August 9<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**We are canvassing volunteers to assist the District A event for the following:**

**Raking jump pits, Chaperones, Message runners, Medal presentations, Greeters, Registration, and other duties.**

You do not have to be an expert in running events; we need your assistance to provide the support to those running the events.

Details on the actual times for the District A Track and Field meet should be available in the next month.

**Com Jeff Morrell, Track & Field Chair**

## KITCHEN REPORT

There are many hall bookings in the near future which continue to keep our kitchen revenue strong.

A reminder that our daily specials (most of which are only \$8.00) are for eat in only at that price as well as our 2 for one chicken wings on Thursdays. The purpose of these low prices is to encourage our customers to dine in and hopefully enjoy a couple drinks while doing so. The kitchen does not make much money at these prices, so we encourage people to consume the food in the building. The regular menu is available every day too!

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**

There are a total of three (3) spaghetti dinners in April, two having taken place already on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and the last one on April 30.

The following is a chart with the financial results from the first two April spaghetti dinners:

|                           | April 2    | April 16   | April 30 | APR. Totals |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Numbers Served            | 152        | 189        |          | 341         |
| Total Sales               | \$1,475.00 | \$1,880.00 |          | \$3,355.00  |
| Total Expenses            | \$695.97   | 774.47     |          | \$1,470.44  |
| Net Sales                 | \$779.03   | \$1,105.53 |          | \$1,884.56  |
| Inventory                 |            |            |          |             |
| Net Revenue for Apr. 2024 | \$779.03   | \$1,105.53 |          | \$1,884.56  |

You will note that there has been a substantial amount of expenses in April and that is due mostly to stocking up on various products: noodles (which have been difficult to source), ground beef (which was on sale, so enough was purchased until the end of the season) and sauce (which sometimes is scarce).

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

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 16<sup>th</sup> of April, we've earned over **\$17,000** for the Branch; a number to be very proud of.

Please mark your calendars and bring your friends out to the our spaghetti dinners being held **Tuesdays: April 30, May 14<sup>th</sup> & May 28<sup>th</sup>!**



## WEBSITE

Current information always available on at  
 our website: [www.rcl594.com](http://www.rcl594.com)

Brian Robinson, webmaster

## SPORTS

**Anybody can play our Branch Sports**

Darts: Wednesday Night Men's League  
 Thursday Night L.O.D. Play  
 Friday Night Mixed League  
 Saturday Night 1 League (ends Apr 20<sup>th</sup>)  
 Saturday Night 2 League (ends May 4<sup>th</sup>)

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

L.O.D. Luck Of the Draw: Teams are made from those who show up.  
Darts & Pool on Thursday Nights will continue through the summer for those new individuals interested in taking up darts.

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

Cornhole: Tuesday Night – Starting at 7PM We will stop at the end of April for the summer but will start back up in September.

### **Zone A1 Sports (Legion Members Only)**

Golf – Zone A will take place May 25<sup>th</sup> at Roseland Golf Course. Sign-up sheets are posted. Our Legion pays 50% of your registration fee. Tee times are limited with an absolute deadline to sign up and pay is May 11<sup>th</sup>. First come first served basis.

*The Zone A Sports Meeting was held April 14<sup>th</sup>. Effort to get Websites updated is priority one.*

### **District Sports (Legion Members who qualify at Zone)**

District Mixed Team Darts has been rescheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. Jay and Nancy Mountain, Beth Abson, and Phil Magri qualified for play at Br.317 in London.

9Ball - took place April 7<sup>th</sup> at Tilbury Br.206. Bill Anderson/Paul Hepburn, Jim Collard/Don Collard and Lou Driessen/Harry Bissonnette were there representing Br.594. This is the first year for 9 Ball as a District event. There is no Provincial 9Ball.

### **Provincial Sports (Legion Members who qualify at District)**

Nothing to report but we do have possibilities from the upcoming District Mixed Darts and Golf events!

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

**Wayne Fortin, Branch 594 Sports Officer.**

# **2715 RCACC**



The Cadets will be holding a fund raising “tag day” at the Chrysler gates on Friday Apr 26<sup>th</sup>.

On the weekend of May 31-June 2 the Cadet Corps will be conducting a field training exercise at Camp BEL in Dorchester featuring adventure training and canoeing.

On Wed May 1<sup>st</sup>, Capt. John Demitroff will be taking over command of our Cadet Corps from Capt. Lisa Hilt.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Cadet Corps.

Jim McGhie – Army Cadet Liaison

## SENIORS COMMITTEE

The April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting opened at 10:10 a.m. The first item for discussion was the senior's dinner dance.

Attendance at the April dances to date has averaged 95.

The change to a chicken breast with rice and mixed vegetables and the option of soy sauce was well received.

**Caribbean night** is coming up on April 29<sup>th</sup>. This has been advertised for the last two weeks and will be again on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are hoping for a very colourful wardrobe from our dancers. Seasons is the sponsor and will have a group attending.

The special drink will be Rum Punch with a nonalcoholic version.



The **Senior Prom** scheduled for **May 20<sup>th</sup>** was discussed, and we will have a prom King and Queen. Formal attire or dressy clothes as you wish. There will be a special dinner and drink yet to be determined. We hope to have a Photo Booth and a Disco Ball.

**Christmas in July** dance will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets will be sold in advance to ensure no one is disappointed on the day. The number of tickets will be capped at 160 with a cost of \$20. each.

The committee is looking for themes for August, September, and November dances. Please pass on any ideas to Sue or myself or put them in the suggestion box located in the foyer.

**Note: President Morris Brause is going to make a short announcement regarding emergency procedures to be followed at the Legion.**

Kensington will be the sponsor for this Monday's dance.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 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 "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.

***Our current Daily (Loonie) and Weekly (Toonie) Licenses expire at the end of June. Therefore, as per the License rules we will draw until there is a winner on July 1st. The new licenses would then start from zero.***

## **Legion 594 Bingo Update**

Com Veronica Friesen

Br. 594 Bingo Volunteer Committee consists of 18 trained people and most of them have received their Legion golf shirt, which will be worn anytime they are working a bingo at the Power Play Gaming Centre (PPGC). The Committee is essentially full, and no more volunteers are required at this time.

A group email list along with a shared google drive have been set up for ease of communication between committee members. It is imperative that if a member signs up to work a bingo,

- 1) they show up on time and in uniform, or the Branch will receive a demerit point
- 2) if they cannot work a shift they signed up for, they are to contact Veronica Friesen and/or get someone to spare for them via the group email list that everyone will have access to

Power Play Gaming Centre keeps track of demerits and missed shifts. A missed shift WILL cost the Branch substantial revenue and multiple demerits could lead to cancellation of our eligibility to work bingos at all.

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.

On April 12, the Branch attended their first bingo shift. The training was completed by Glen Bondy from PPGC, who trained both Jim McGhie and Veronica Friesen. Glen will again be providing training on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> for our crew of Morris Brause and Randy Soulliere. Other committee members are welcome to join this training session. Alternatively, other members will be trained by those 594 committee members who have already received training.

Once revenue from bingo begins accumulating, no expenditure may be made without the prior approval of the Municipality of Lakeshore. This approval is requested and received via email.

**Beth Abson, Lottery Chair**

## **BAR REPORT**

We have been promoting our Laker Lager as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Sales have picked up slightly but not like we had hoped.

You can receive one ballot per day upon visiting the branch and you will receive an extra ballot if purchasing a pint of Laker for \$5.00. Purchase a large pitcher of Laker for \$15.00 and receive 2 extra ballots to win a beautiful Laker Cooler just in time for summer.

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



**Legion**  
Metropolitan Branch 594  
Serving Tecumseh, Litchfield, Windsor & Amherstburg

**LAKER LAGER  
NOW ON TAP  
Cooler Promotion**

**1 per Day, Extras available  
\$5 Pints get 1 extra ticket  
\$15 Pitchers get 2 extra tickets  
Draw May 3rd**

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*Come and celebrate the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the branch with a Premium Tequila tasting night on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$20.00 for a flight of 3 premium Tequilas and includes a light snack. Tickets will be available at the bar that night.*

Our Patio is open so come and enjoy the nice weather and an ice-cold drink on the patio.

Randy Soulliere, Bar Chair

## **Branch Members Celebrating MAY Birthdays**

Michael Akpata, William Anderson, John Bell, Daniel Boynton, Marilyn Boynton, Paul Bradford, Marilyn Brown, Tony Busuttill, Donald Collard, Danny Curtis, Martin Cyrenne, Jacob Dressler, Richard Dumala, Ken Fader, Ken Friesen, Robert Gordon, Colette Harrison, Diane Irene Haug, Terence Hayes, Bud Isbister, Chuck Johnson, Tricia Labelle, Larry Lefaive, Charles Loeper, Ernest Malyon, Joe Menna, Kenneth Miller, Cori Morency, Catherine O'Brien, Mike Ramirez, Raymond Redmile, Colleen Romance, Richard Rousseau, Leonard Stott, Robert Sukarukoff, Joanne Thompson, Allen Murray Topliffe, Janna Topliffe, Marilyn Turner, Donald Wiley, Yvonne Winand, Jaquie Winand-Bacon, and David Woodman.

**Hope your birthdays are great!**

## **ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM**

**Com Bob Hart, Entertainment Chair**

A GREAT LINEUP has been planned for May!!!  
Note most entertainers will be starting at 4:30  
and playing until 7:30pm

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Friday May 3rd              | DJ Joe & Sharon 7-11pm |
| Friday May 10th             | Jai Mac                |
| Saturday May 17th           | Mickey Meilleur        |
| Friday May 24th             | 5 MINUTES TIL SUNSET   |
| Friday May 31 <sup>st</sup> | Twisted Sisters        |

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>. FUNDRAISER-SAVE THE DATE!**

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*Four guys were enjoying a round of golf when they reached the 18th tee. The first three guys put their balls in the fairway while the last guy drove a brand-new Titleist over the fence and into a field. He told his friends to finish up and that he would meet them in the clubhouse. A half-hour went by and finally, the fourth golfer showed up in the bar all beat up with bumps and cuts on his head, bleeding all over. One of his fellow golfers asked what the heck had happened? He told them the story. "Over the fence, there were a bunch of cows," he said. "I noticed one cow was moaning and carrying on like crazy, so I slowly lifted her tail and there was a ball stuck in the you-know-what. "Gladly it wasn't mine, but at about that time, a lady came over the fence looking for her ball. I told her to come over and I'd show her something. I raised the tail on that cow and said to her, 'does that look like yours?' "After that, I don't remember much."*

Royal Canadian Navy  
HMCS HUNTER  
Royal Canadian Naval Association  
Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration 2024



*The Naval Monument Plaza – Dieppe Gardens, Windsor*



*Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration Dinner  
HMCS HUNTER  
May 4, 2024  
1700 Hours (5 pm)*



*Church Service  
Church of the Ascension  
May 5, 2024  
1030 Hours (10:30 am)*



*Battle of the Atlantic  
May 5, 2024  
Parade and Memorial Service  
Naval Monument Plaza  
Dieppe Gardens  
1330 Hours (1:30 pm)*

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**SUNDAY MAY 26TH 2024**

**2:00 PM**

FEATURING

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MUSIC EXPRESS

WINDSOR REGIMENT (RCAC) BAND

SUN PARLOUR PIPES & DRUMS

**CANADIAN AVIATION MUSEUM (CAM)**

**2600 AIRPORT ROAD, WINDSOR**

FREE WILL DONATIONS AT THE DOOR





Metropolitan Branch 594  
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# SATURDAY APRIL 20TH SPRING FLING BIGG WIGGLE

8-Midnight  
Doors Open at 6PM  
NO ENTRY FEE

*Bunker kitchen  
open till 9pm*



Royal Canadian  
Legion Br 594

Presents

Friday

Apr 26th

4:30 - 7:30pm



## Acoustic Classics



Come for our Great Food and Stay for Terrific Entertainment  
Metropolitan Branch 594, 5030 Howard Ave, Tecumseh  
519-969-0551 rcl594.com



## 70's & 80's MUSIC

**Come Join Us at the  
RCL Branch 594**

5030 Howard Ave.



Music By:  
Joe Farrugia  
"Celebrity Music"



**Friday,  
May 3rd, 2024**

Time: 6pm-11pm  
(No Cover Charge)

**Disco, Country, Rock,  
Dance**



Royal Canadian Legion  
Metropolitan Br 594  
5030 Howard Ave  
519-969-0551  
rcl594.com

## Five Minutes 'Til Sunset

FRIDAY  
May 24th  
4:30-7:30PM



Come for a Great  
Dinner  
and Stay  
for Wonderful  
Entertainment





**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 at 7pm (after Sr Dinner Dance)*

**Contact Dave Woodman, [dfwoodman@gmail.com](mailto:dfwoodman@gmail.com)**

**519-566-8745**

**All are welcome. No experience required.**

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

As practicable after the election, a meeting will be called with the committees chairs to clarify what information is sent out by which method. i.e. Newsletter, Website, Facebook, PR. We can then plan the strategic plan for our Branch for the next year dealing with Public Relations.

Note: The LaSalle post is willing to cover some upcoming events if we let them know in advance.

Matt Beasley, Public Relations Officer





## A message from Veterans Affairs Canada

This year, 6 June 2024, marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Veterans Affairs Canada will hold our signature in-Canada events in the Greater Moncton Area, New Brunswick, from 4-7 June 2024. **We are currently seeking Second World War Veterans to join our delegation in New Brunswick.** If you have Second World War Veterans within your organization or community who are interested in travelling to Moncton to mark the anniversary, we kindly ask that you forward us their contact information and we will ensure they receive an official invitation.

Also, if you are planning on hosting a commemorative event locally to mark this important anniversary, please let us know. Our team can provide you with a variety of resources to assist with your event, such as a short video showcasing first-hand accounts from the Canadians who served on D-Day, learning resources, and the opportunity to have a Government of Canada representative deliver remarks at your event.

If you are holding an event, we encourage you to post it to our Commemorative Calendar of Events:

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/commemorative-events>

If you have any questions about our in-Canada program for the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, do not hesitate to contact Brent Bell at [brent.bell@veterans.gc.ca](mailto:brent.bell@veterans.gc.ca).

Thank you,  
Veterans Affairs Canada

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# 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. The 11<sup>th</sup> edition has 99 submissions as of April 14<sup>th</sup>. The deadline has been extended so please get your submissions in ASAP.

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)

3 additional submissions have been sent in this month. (1 was rejected as it did not have sign-off by a family member.)

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



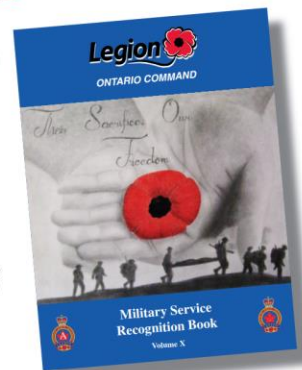
The image on this Introductory Poster is from a poster that was entered in a recent Ontario Provincial Command Youth Education Poem, Poster and Essay Competition. The Poster was the third-place winner in the Senior Black and White Poster category at the Provincial level. It was designed by student Mariane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



ONTARIO COMMAND

**Remember, share, donate today.**

For more information:

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**Ontario Provincial Command  
Military Service Recognition Book – Submission Form**

Downloadable at [www.on.legion.ca](http://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)<br>(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<br>(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<br>(Tick applicable area)                                  |                       |   |                       |
| Service Unit:<br><i>e.g. - North Shore, Carleton York,<br/>CWAC, names of Ships,<br/>Squadrons, etc.</i>  |                       | Date of Enrollment                        | Date of Release       |
| Deployments (Mission, Area/Region or Conflict)<br><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 _____                              | How many years? _____ |
| (Tick applicable area)  |                       |   |                       |

**This Section MUST be completed.**

|  |                       |   |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| Submitted by (Name) _____  | Date: _____           | Tel # _____                             |
| Email _____  | Branch Name & # _____ | (m/d/y)                                 |
| 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](mailto:dfwoodman@gmail.com)

if you can come.

So far, we have the following going:  
Dave Woodman, John Antaya, & Dan Leonard.

The signup sheet is on the corkboard between the bathrooms.





# LEGION RIDERS

Com K Miller

The next very big challenge to getting this group started will be to assemble a membership. Efforts have been made in this direction. I've contacted the Membership officer at Dominion and got some guidance. I have contacted 2 of our Branch's members who are known to me to be riders and am waiting for a response from them. I will continue to work with our Membership Chair, Brian Robinson, to reach possible interested folks locally. A poster for display at the Branch to advertise for interest from our members who may be interested in this group.



I can see that this effort to build this from inception will take time and creativity. I'll continue to work toward this goal and to maintain the relationship with my counterpart at Branch 255.

We have been requested to host the North Wall Riders again this year in June for their annual memorial ride and our leadership has approved this request. I'll report more on this as we get closer.

## WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

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

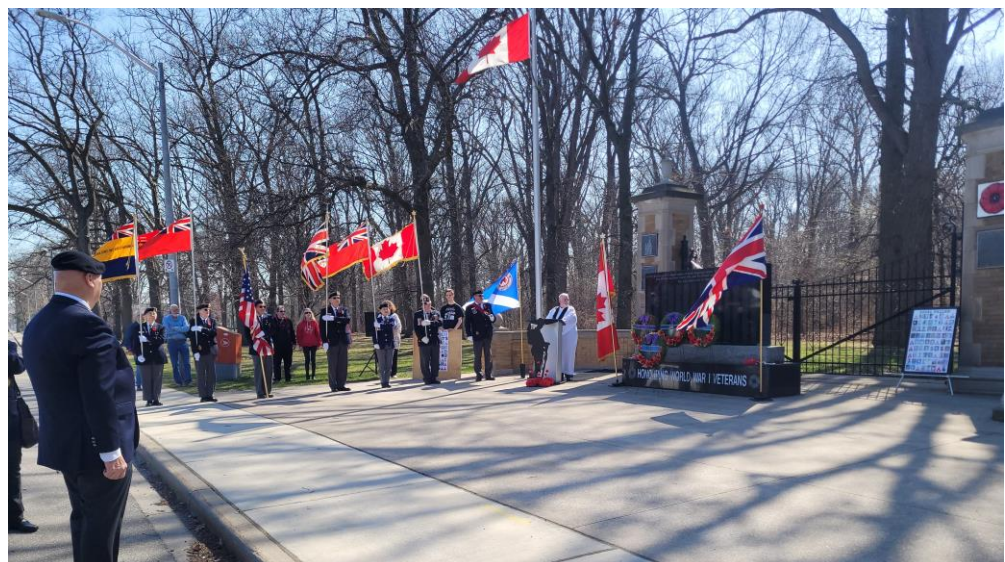
**From June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, until May 20th we have lost:  
71 Veterans, 47 Comrades & have performed at 198 funeral services.**

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.windsorveteransmemorial.com)*

*Ron Bisnaire, Branch 594 Liaison to WVMSC*

WW-I Memorial  
Service, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Park  
Ypres & Hall



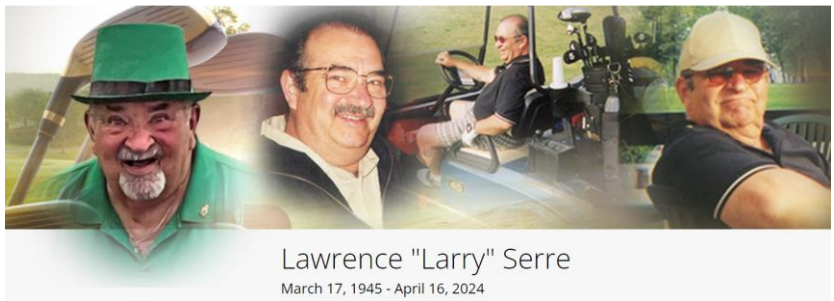
# IN MEMORIAM

**Gary Levi** died April 5, 2024 at 80 years old. Gary was an Associate Member of the Legion for 49 years!



**Larry Serre** died April 16, 2024 at 79 years old. He was an associate member for 38 years.

On Saturday April 20, 2024, family and friends are invited to meet at St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg, for memorial visiting from 11 am until the time of Funeral Mass at 1 pm. Families First Amherstburg.



# POPPY

As of Mar. 31, 2024, we received \$8.53 interest bringing the WFCU Poppy Account to \$100,421.33.


11 cheques have been written for a total of \$48,000: \$10,000 for the 2715 RCACC /CADETS & the balance of \$38,000 to various organizations that were handed out at the District "A" Spring Convention. This will bring our account down to a little over \$52,000.

The Mar. 2024 Reconciliation Report has been completed & submitted to the appropriate chairs for their perusal.

Jeff Renaud & his father will be making another 50 Wooden Coin Boxes for our Poppy Campaign; once received the boxes will need to be painted & the appropriate stickers & numbers will be placed on them by us.

**Gerry Ciurysek, Br 594 Poppy Chair**



| Sun   | Mon   | Tues   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;"><b>MAY</b></div>  |   | <b>April 30</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Pepper</b><br><br><b>ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI</b><br><b>4:30-6:30</b><br><br><b>Cornhole</b> | <b>1</b><br><b>Quilters</b><br><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>CADETS</b><br><br>Mens Darts                                    | <b>2</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-8pm<br><br><b>Luck of Draw POOL &amp; DARTS</b>  | <b>3</b><br><b>Branch 594 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Tequila Testing</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 11-8pm<br><br><b>Entertainment Joe &amp; Sharon DJ</b><br><b>4:30-7:30</b><br><br>Mixed Darts | <b>4</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>DART NIGHT 2</b><br><br><i>Battle of the Atlantic Dinner at HMCS Hunter</i> |
| <b>5</b><br><i>Battle of the Atlantic Parade</i><br><br><b>OPEN 12-7</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br><b>OPEN 12-5PM</b>   | <b>6</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Dinner Dance 3-7</b><br><b>POOL League</b><br><br><b>Euchre</b>                                 | <b>7</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Pepper</b><br><br><b>Cornhole</b>  | <b>8</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>CADETS</b><br><br>Mens Darts   | <b>9</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-8pm<br><br><b>Luck of Draw POOL &amp; DARTS</b>  | <b>10</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-8pm<br><br><b>Entertainment By Jai Mac</b><br><b>4:30-7:30</b>   | <b>11</b><br><b>RCAF Centennial Day 10am</b><br><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm   |
| <b>12</b><br><b>MOTHERS DAY</b><br><br><b>OPEN 12-7</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br><b>OPEN 12-5PM</b>  | <b>13</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Sr Dinner Dance 3-7</b><br><b>POOL League</b><br><br><b>Cribbage</b>                           | <b>14</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Pepper</b><br><br><b>ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI</b><br><b>4:30-6:30</b><br><br><b>Cornhole</b>       | <b>15</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>MIW Lunch Mtg.</b><br><br><b>CADETS</b><br><br>Mens Darts<br><br>WVMSC mtg.<br>Br 255 | <b>16</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-8pm<br><br><b>Luck of Draw POOL &amp; DARTS</b> | <b>17</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-8pm<br><br><b>Entertainment by Mickey Meilleur</b><br><b>4:30-7:30</b><br><br>Mixed Darts  | <b>18</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm  |
| <b>19</b><br><b>OPEN 12-7</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br><b>OPEN 12-5PM</b>  | <b>20</b><br><b>VICTORIA DAY</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Seniors Dinner Dance 3-7</b><br><b>POOL League</b><br><br><b>Euchre</b> | <b>21</b><br><b>Exec Mtg 10am</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Pepper</b><br><br><b>Cornhole</b>   | <b>22</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>CADETS</b><br><br>Mens Darts  | <b>23</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-8pm<br><br><b>Luck of Draw POOL &amp; DARTS</b> | <b>24</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-8pm<br><br><b>Entertainment By Five Minutes 'Til Sunset</b><br><b>4:30-7:30</b>  | <b>25</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Zone A1 Golf Roseland → 261</b>  |
| <b>26</b><br><b>OPEN 12-7</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br><b>OPEN 12-5PM</b><br><br><b>Annual General Membership Meeting 2pm</b><br><b>ELECTIONS</b>  | <b>27</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Seniors Dinner Dance 3-7</b><br><b>POOL League</b><br><br><b>Cribbage</b>                      | <b>28</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>Pepper</b><br><br><b>ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI</b><br><b>4:30-6:30</b>                              | <b>29</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-7pm<br><br><b>CADETS</b><br><br>Mens Darts  | <b>30</b><br><b>Open 12-7</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-8pm<br><br><b>Luck of Draw POOL &amp; DARTS</b>  | <b>31</b><br><b>Open 12-10</b><br><i>"The Bunker"</i><br>Open 12-8pm<br><br><b>Entertainment Twisted Sisters</b><br><b>4:30-7:30</b>  | <b>June 1</b><br><br><b>Day 1 of our New Executive Team</b>   |