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email: metrolegion594@gmail.com Legion letter to Prime Minister: On Sovereignty, Freedom, and Afghanistan

The Royal Canadian Legion has issued a formal letter to Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, in the wake of recent talks at the NATO meeting in Davos, Switzerland. The letter encompasses the organization's reaction to remarks made internationally by the Prime Minister and addresses Canada's role in Afghanistan. The content of the letter is reproduced below.

Dear Prime Minister,

We write to you on behalf of The Royal Canadian Legion in a time of unprecedented attacks by the United States' administration on our sovereignty as a strong and independent nation. We would like to commend your recent remarks on the world stage in Davos, which provided a clear and important statement in support of the essential values that Canadians – and all who believe in freedom – hold dear. Your remarks were both needed and provided a global “wake-up call.”

These values are of great importance to the Legion, in alignment with its founding principles which were established by First World War Veterans one hundred years ago, in 1926. Many thousands of Canadians have fought and died for these same values throughout our history and all over the world.

We were therefore appalled to hear the President of the United States share his view that troops from other NATO countries had played an inconsequential role in Afghanistan. Our country's mission there saw over 40,000 troops deployed, and 158 Canadian Armed Forces members gave their lives. It is completely unacceptable that the outstanding service and selfless sacrifice of so many allied troops, including Canadians, was trivialized. Especially given they were part of the response to the 9/11 attacks on America. We cannot stay silent when hurtful untruths are shared on a global scale.

It is not the norm for us to comment on speeches by national leaders; however the Legion shares the values you have articulated, and we believe it is critical that we show our clear support at this time.

We thank you for your inspiring words which truly met the moment. Please know that The Royal Canadian Legion stands ready to support Canada and Canadians across this country as we navigate these troubled waters together.

With appreciation,



Berkley Lawrence
Dominion President
The Royal Canadian Legion



Larry Murray
Grand President
The Royal Canadian Legion

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

Tom's Humour Page

Alan and Sandra lived on a cove at Gull Lake Alberta. It was early winter and the lower portion of the cove had frozen over. Alan asked Sandra if she would walk across the frozen part of the cove to the general store and get him some smokes and beer. She asked him for some money, but he told her, "Nah, just put it on our tab. Old man Stacey won't mind." So, Sandra, being the good wife walked across the ice, got the smokes and beer at the store and then walked back home across the cove. When she got home with the items she said, "Alan, you always tell me not to run up the tab at Stacey's store. Why didn't you just give me some money?" Alan replied, "Well, Sandra, I didn't want to send you out there with cash when I wasn't sure how thick the ice was!"

A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!" Neighbours feared him. The old man liked the fact that he was feared. Then one evening, he died when he was 98. After the burial, her neighbours, concerned for her safety, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?" The wife said, "Let him dig. I had him buried upside down...and I know he won't ask for directions."

For those of us who don't understand the necessity of Facebook, I decided to try and make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Every day I go to the street and tell the passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do tomorrow night. Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening and spending time in my pool. I also listen to their conversations, and I tell them I love them. And it works! I already have 3 persons following me: 2 police officers and a psychiatrist.

Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses. Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an Event Boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale. Thank goodness for studies like this.

It's not our age, it's that darn door! See! I knew it wasn't just me!

An Old Farmer's Advice

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered.....not yelled.
- Meanness doesn't just happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about, is never going to happen anyway.
- Don 't judge folks by their relatives.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with something that isn't bothering you.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
- If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.
- Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.
- Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he may just kill you.

Royal Canadian Legion Metropolitan Branch 594

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Billie's Bunker Kitchen

Kitchen Operator	Billie Jo Zacher	226-347-1646	thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

On Sunday January 4th we had the opportunity to thank members of our dedicated staff as well as our faithful volunteers at the annual Branch Appreciation event. We had over 80 people attend including Legion staff, Kitchen staff, elected Legion Executive, Committee Chairs and other volunteers. These are all of the people that keep our Legion running smoothly and we are so grateful for their ongoing support. I think that it is a wonderful idea that we set aside one day each year, to pay tribute to these outstanding individuals who make such a difference at our Legion.



In 2026 we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Canadian Legion. One of the ways that we are commemorating this significant milestone, is by offering a free one year membership in the Legion to new members. What a great way to attract new people to our branch and grow our membership! Applications are available at the bar or online at legion.ca. Please encourage all of your friends, neighbours, relatives etc. to join us. In the month of January we had over 100 new members take advantage of this incredible offer to join us! A big Branch 594 welcome to all of our new members.

On Saturday January 24th our branch hosted the District "A" 8 Ball Pool tournament. We welcomed 23 teams and 46 players from Legion branches from across Southwestern Ontario. I was so pleased to receive many positive comments from our guests about what a great looking facility that we have and how friendly and hospitable everyone was here, especially our kitchen and bar staff.

Yours in Comradeship,

Jim McGhie
President
Branch 594 Royal Canadian Legion



BRANCH MEETINGS

*Your Branch executive, committees and the Bunker Kitchen work very hard on your behalf.
The following is just a few of the meetings that will be held in January*

Operations, Kitchen and Finance Every Monday at 10am

Branch Executive and Chairs 10am Feb 17th

General Membership (New member welcoming ceremony) Tuesday Feb 24th

MEMBERSHIP

Chair Brian Robinson

As of Jan 27th, 2026, we have a Membership of 706!

**Life 8, Ordinary 145, Associate 319, Affiliate Voting 134, Affiliate Non-Voting 4
& 96 Centenary**

Members not yet renewed for 2026: 70

Deceased: Derek Hartley (AS), Gary Demmans (AS), Matt Hutter (AS)

A BIG BRANCH 594 WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Sworn in / welcomes to Branch 594 at the January 27th membership meeting: Chris ABRAHAM, Scott BROWN CN, Rosina CAFUERI CN, Nick CARDONE Alan CARRIERE CN, Gerry FILLION, Dan HANNIGAN CN-AS, Diane HANNIGAN CN-AS, Phil LAURIE, Gerry MCLEOD CN, Garry MORRIS CN, Julie MORRIS CN, Gary ROSSYAN CN, Mark STEPHEN CN, Wayne TALFORD CN-AS, Cameron ZAHOROUSKI CN.

Also sworn in previously (we forgot to take a picture)

Richard BLAIS AV, Mary Lo FERRATO, Rick FERRATO, Chris GERVAIS, Gregoria GIORDANO AV, Pam ISLEY CN-AS, Robert ISLEY CN-AS, Tom MALOTT AS, Tony PALOMBO CN-AV, Connie TATOMIR CN-AV.

Note Legion Ontario Command Fees have been increased to support the many services they provide to our Veterans, Branches and Communities. Branch 594 has decided NOT to pass these costs on to membership for 2026!

**Renewals for 2026 Dues at Branch: Retired \$55.00, Working \$60
ALL Renewals for 2026 Dues Online \$64.00**

Those with digital member cards do not get stickers they will get an email with a link!

2026 Membership Centenary Stickers have been mailed to most members.

MEMBERSHIP OFFER #1

**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 Forms, at the Branch or online at <http://www.legion.ca/welcome>**

Brian Robinson, Membership Chair
Changed your address, phone number, email address?
Please send changes, by email to: membershipbr594@gmail.com



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MEMBERSHIP OFFER #2

Join The Royal Canadian Legion Free for 2026

In honour of the Legion's 100th anniversary, anyone 18 years of age and older can **join free for the 2026 membership year** (January through December).

NEW MEMBERS ONLY

This is more than a membership — it's joining a community dedicated to supporting Veterans, honouring our shared history, and helping carry the Legion forward into its next century.



HOSPITAL

We request that members or their families contact **Sandra Rocheleau** 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Antaya, Treasurer

December had expenses exceed revenue. December is a strange month for the branch where we are busy for the week prior to Christmas and we are closed for 2 days and the Bunker Kitchen takes a break between the holidays as well. We did do better than December 2024 so it's no earth

shattering. If you have suggestions where we could increase December income please email to metrolegion594@gmail.com or put a written copy into the suggestion box in the main hallway at the Branch.

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

James Sparrow, Chair

The Financial Review Committee has met twice since the December Executive meeting

On December 17 we reviewed the finances for the second quadrant of 2025 (Sept-Nov.) and on January 7 reviewed the Poppy Fund.

Both reviews were satisfactory.

We appreciate the fine work of the Branch Finance Committee and the exceptional work of Gerry and Janet Ciurysek on the Poppy Fund finances.

The Committee will next meet on March 12 to review the finances of the third quadrant of 2025- Dec- Feb. Will be attending next Zone meeting.

VETERANS SERVICES

Dave Woodman, Branch 594 Veteran Service Officer

Susan McAree, Br 594 Backup Service Officer

Archie Neilson, Veteran Service Officer Mentor

A: There is now a collection bin in the foyer for the Caring Cupboard. A food bank for veterans and serving military personnel in need. We have made several donations to the Caring Cupboard. The cupboard requires replenishing frequently due to high usage. Many of our reserve soldiers and Sailors are university students living paycheck to paycheck and living several people to an apartment to share costs. Many thanks to those who have donated to the Caring Cupboard.

B: Met Hospital, Hotel Dieu Grace, Erie Shores Healthcare and Huron Lodge are all actively pursuing grants from Provincial Command and the Ladies Auxiliary Legion Charitable foundation. I have maintained open communication with their representatives to offer any assistance they may need completing the application.

C: There is currently a **Homeless Veterans Apartment Kit** in the safe room as well as an emergency **"Vet On The Street Kit"**. I had acquired two **"Apartment Kits"** but decided to preposition one at branch 255. ***Please see me if you have a request for these items.***



Certificate of Appreciation to Maria

DeRubeis for her help with the Buddy

Check program.

Left to right: Jim McGhie Br 594 President,
Dave Woodman, Br 594 Service Officer,
Maria DeRubeis, Konrad Bohler, 2nd VP,
Morris Brause 1st VP

D. Representatives from the London Service Bureau will be visiting our Branch 594, on 20 March to discuss VAC issues with those who have made an appointment to see her. *Contact Dave Woodman to coordinate your visit 519-566-8745 or email below.* **If you are aware of a veteran or family of a veteran that is in need, please contact Comrade Dave Woodman. dfwoodman@gmail.com.**

Windsor Garrison **CARING CUPBOARD**

Many of our military personnel, like everyone else, are experiencing financial hardship.

Many are dependant on food banks.

The Royal Canadian Legion in cooperation with the Maj. F.A. Tilston VC Armouries have created a

CARING CUPBOARD **Food Bank**

To assist our reserve Soldiers and Sailors who have served out country so selflessly.

Your donation of nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated.

There is a donation bin located at Legion Branch 594
5030 Howard Ave.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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***** NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT *****

Rebecca Hyndman
Provincial Service Officer
London Service Bureau

Will be visiting Branch No. 594 Windsor
Town
On Friday March 20th 2026
Date
At approximately 9:00 am
Time

Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance, regarding:

1. Disability Benefit Applications, Reassessments, Reviews, and Appeals
2. Referrals for Entitled Veterans to Treatment Benefits, VIP, and Special Awards
3. Information and Assistance with Rehabilitation and Vocational Assistance Applications
4. Applications for Benevolent Funds
5. War Veterans Allowance Applications
6. Information and Assistance for Widows

Are requested to contact the Branch Service Officer or Secretary of the local Branch to arrange an interview.

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COMMEMORATIVE TOUR FOR **THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE**



April 2027 will mark the 110th Anniversary of this pivotal battle. Come together with other Legion members to mark the occasion by participating in a 9-day tour to Paris, Vimy, and Normandy.



Hosted by *Explorica*, a Canadian tour operator and leader in running war history tours, highlights will include:

- Vimy Ridge Commemorative ceremony, hosted by Veteran Affairs Canada
- Passchendaele Museum, Tyne Cot Cemetery, and Remembrance Procession
- Flanders battlefields and Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate
- Normandy's D-Day sites, including Juno Beach
- Guided sightseeing in Paris*

*Tours can be tailored for large groups to include city sightseeing in Paris, London, or Amsterdam.

Tours depart April 6, 2027.

All-inclusive tour offering includes:

- Round-trip airfare, hotel accommodation, all on-tour transportation, breakfast and dinners daily, full-time professional tour director, attraction entrance fees, guided sightseeing, 24-hour emergency services, incl. doctors on call

To learn more, contact: Mike Di Leo, telephone: 416-545-6526, email: mdileo@worldstrides.ca

MILITARY SERVICE **RECOGNITION BOOK**

Tom Friesen, Branch 594 Coordinator

The Royal Canadian Legion - Ontario Command Honour Our Heroes: Share Their Story The Royal Canadian Legion – Ontario Command is proud to launch the 13th Annual Edition of its Military Service Recognition Book (MSRB), a powerful tribute to the Veterans who helped build and defend our nation.

Each edition shares the personal stories and photographs of Ontario’s Veterans, preserving their legacy for future generations and reinforcing our role as the Keepers of Remembrance.

We’re now collecting submissions for the 13th Edition, and we need your help. If you have a loved one - past or present - who served in the Canadian Armed Forces, we invite you to share their story.

Visit your local Legion Branch to learn how to submit a photo, biography, or memory for inclusion.

Deadline for submissions at the Branch April 224 so the Branch can get to Ontario Command by May 15th, 2026

The 12th Edition of the book is available in October 2025 at Legion Branch 594 and online at www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book.

To support this project, Fenety Marketing will be conducting a telephone campaign on our behalf, offering individuals and businesses the opportunity to donate or advertise in the upcoming book.

Proceeds support Veterans Transition Programs, helping those facing daily challenges after service.

For more information, contact: Ontario Command Office – MSRB Program Toll Free Number: 1-855-845-VETS (8387) Email: info@on.legion.ca Website: www.on.legion.ca

Because every Veteran has a story - and every story deserves to be told.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION – MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK

TYPICAL VETERAN INTERVIEW FORM

Veteran’s Full Name:

Preferred Name/Nickname:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Residence at Time of Enlistment:

Branch of Service:

Service Number (optional):

Date of Enlistment:

Date of Discharge:

Rank at Enlistment:

Rank at Discharge:

Units/Ships/Regiments/Squadrons:

Training Locations:

Stations/Bases/Ships Served On:

Primary Duties/Role:

Overseas Service (locations and dates):

Medals, Awards, or Commendations:

Notable Missions or Experiences:

Post-Service Career:

Education or Training After Service:

Community Involvement:

Legion Membership (Branch #):

Personal Reflections:

Message for Future Generations:

Photo Provided: Yes / No

Additional Documents or Artifacts: Yes / No

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Com K. Boehler Chair

On Sunday May 3rd we be holding our annual Honours and Awards Ceremonies.

Invitations will be sent those celebrating milestone anniversaries along with those reaching 5-year increments, 5yr, 10yr, 20yr...

In addition, there will be special recognition to those who have been instrumental in our Branch success.

If you have someone you wish to nominate, contact me by email konradboehler033@gmail.com with details why they should be recognized.

YOUTH EDUCATION

Chair Tom Friesen

Posters and Literary

It was a banner year for Branch 594 Youth Education. Of 28 schools on our area we had 14 participating this year. That's a little better than last year but we had an increase of entries of over 10%! Special thanks go to Glenwood Public school who had over 50% of our entries. They have received a special Certificate of Appreciation for their support!

Student Branch Certificates and cash prizes have been delivered to our schools. Some during year and month end assemblies to encourage additional participation in the years to come.

Note there are additional pictures on our Facebook page!



Public Speaking

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

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Zone A1
Ontario Command

Public Speaking Competition

Zone A1 (LaSalle, Windsor & Tecumseh)

The Public Speaking Contest, part of the Legion's Youth and Education program, is meant to give young people an opportunity to speak in public. The individual chooses their own subject matter for the speech. They are judged on their presentation skills.

Categories

The contestants are divided into four classes:

Primary Grades 1 – 3, Junior Grades 4 – 6, Intermediate Grades 7 – 9 and Senior Grades 10 – 12

NOTE: Students who have been out of the educational system for more than two years are ineligible to compete in the Provincial Public Speaking Competition at any level. Home schooled students are also eligible.

The 2026 Zone A-1 Public Speaking contest has been split into two days.

The Primary and Juniors Competition is Saturday February 21st at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644, 1570 Marentette Ave, Windsor, ON N8X 4E3.

Primary and Juniors Competition Registration Deadline is February 6th, 2026.

The Intermediate and Seniors Competition is Saturday March 7th for at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 261, 12326 Lanoue St, Tecumseh, ON N8N 1N3. (across from St Annes Church).

Intermediate and Seniors Competition Registration Deadline is February 20th, 2026.

Instructions to Competitors/ Family/ Teachers who wish to attend will be sent to the schools or on request.

BURSARY

Chair Tom Friesen

The 2026 **Branch 594 Bursary** applications will be available in June.

Note the Branch bursaries are restricted (as money comes from our Poppy Trust Fund) to Branch 594 Veteran members and their families. Additional details will be provide in the May Newsletter and our Branch website.

The 2025/26 Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation Bursary Program opened in September when Students are physically on Campus.

The deadline to apply is the last Friday of March 2026. *** NOW OPEN ***

Link: [Bursaries – Ontario Legion](#)

The Bursary Program is designed to assist those students who are entering or continuing their post secondary education (including courses and training programs of a technical and vocational nature) and pursue the same course throughout their academic years.

Approved bursary assistance is not based upon scholastic standing but rather on the successful admission status to a post secondary institution or successful completion of one or more years leading to a recognized degree, diploma or certificate.

The Bursary Program is funded through the Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation. Ontario Command branches, and our Auxiliaries, raise funds for the Bursary Program through Poppy Tagging, and other activities such as Bingo, Break Open Tickets, Banquets and Clubhouse Operations.

If you are currently attending high school, you cannot apply until you are physically on campus in the fall.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594 Youth Education & Bursary Committees:

Tom Friesen (chair), Gerry Ciurysek, Beth Abson, Morris Brause, Dave Woodman, and Jim McGhie.

PROPERTY

Com Randy Soulliere, Property Chair.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email me at randysoulliere64@gmail.com.

Abe's windows and doors has replaced the door closer on the kitchen door and will be back to repair the office window when the weather warms up as this will require removal of the glass and frame to repair. It currently does not close properly on its own but is closed for now for the winter.

Temperate Controls replaced the hinges on the kitchen fridge and freezer doors. The fan in the walk-in freezer was making noise due to ice buildup. It has been cleared of the ice.

We have three gas ovens that were not working, one was pilot light related and is working. The other 2 require new controls that have been ordered.

The replacement control on the tilt kettle turned out to be the wrong one. The proper one has now been installed.

Temperate Controls notified us that as of January 1st, the owners are retiring. They will finish up any repairs that have come up beforehand. Murray Kerester was a long-time employee at Temperate and did most of our repairs and he will continue to provide us service to our kitchen equipment

We have received 3 quotes from vendors to repair all drywall in Halls, Rev Grey (Hall A) and Dieppe B (Hall B) including the Bar #2. The quotes were to supply all materials and repaint the entirety of both halls and bar area. The low bidder (that had acceptable insurance) was approved by Membership on January 27th Membership Meeting.

We have also received a proposal to supply 2" metal strips to mount to the walls all around the halls. This would allow customers to hang their items on the metal strips using magnets minimize the damage to the walls. These metal strips would need to be attached to the wall by our volunteers before painting the walls.

Municipality of Lakeshore has agreed to pay for a portion of this from cGaming (Bingo) funds.

We will schedule 3 days for this work to take place at a time that is mutually agreeable to by the branch, The Bunker Kitchen and Norm Ackland.

KITCHEN REPORT

Comrade Randy Soulliere Kitchen Convenor

The kitchen offers **Daily Specials** that are emailed out to members and friends we have email addresses for.

The specials are on our monitors as well.

Reminder every Wednesday and Thursday is 2 for 1 chicken wings for \$12.99 (eat in only) and every Friday is our Fish fry night.

Our kitchen continues to provide high quality meals and excellent service to our customers.

Billie Jo is currently putting together an updated menu that will be out in February.

Special Events include the Super Bowl party on February 8th as well as St. Patrick's Day March 17th!



KITCHEN HOURS

Sundays from Noon – 5 pm
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday Noon – 7pm

Thursday-Friday Noon – 8pm
Saturday Noon – 7pm

We hope to see you at Legion Br 594!

Just a reminder that the Bunker does offer **Takeout** as well as **Catering** for your outside events.
Give Billie or Kim a call our NEW NUMBER (226-347-1646) and see what the Bunker can do for you.

WEBSITE

www.rcl594.com

On our website, you can find the History of Branch 594, Current and Future Events, Services we offer from Room Rentals to Food Services, Sports Events, Policies and Procedures, Volunteer opportunities... Check it out

www.rcl594.com

Comrade Brian Robinson, webmaster



Please donate at the Branch.



FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/rclbranch594>

**Facebook page is updated as required.
Please submit your post to dfwoodman@gmail.com.**

WAYS & MEANS

Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair

The Branch welcomed 197 folks to the first spaghetti dinner of 2026 held on January 13th. After a nice 3-week hiatus for our volunteers and patrons. The 2nd dinner in January was held on January 27th. The spaghetti dinners continue to be a very good fundraiser for the Branch and a great way to bring folks, friends and families together to enjoy a reasonably good priced good, wholesome dinner and no mess to clean up.

The financial result for January is in the chart below:

January 2026	January 13	January 27	2026 January Totals
Numbers Served	197	129	326
Total Sales	\$1, 909.00	\$1, 249.00	\$3, 158.00
Total Expenses	\$850.04	\$475.84	\$1, 325.88
Net Sales	\$1, 058.96	\$773.16	\$1, 832.12
Inventory			\$600.00
Net Revenue Jan 2026			\$2, 432.12

Even though the product costs have increased, we try to purchase products when on sale to keep our costs as low as possible.

A huge thank you goes out to all our volunteers and patrons who make these events so successful. We could not achieve such success without their dedication.



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SPAGHETTI DINNER

"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

**Spaghetti with Rich Tomato Basil Meat Sauce,
 Fresh Garden Salad, Dinner Roll & Butter**

Served 4:30 till 6:30

"Vegetarian & Gluten Free on Request"

Tuesdays: Feb 10 & 24, Mar 10 & 24, Apr 7 & 21
Royal Canadian Legion Br 594, 5030 Howard Ave

Sports

Com Wayne Fortin Sports Officer

Our Legion Sports are open to Everyone – Come Join Us

Darts: Tuesday Night Doubles League
 Wednesday Night Men's League
 Thursday Night L.O.D. Dart Play
 Friday Night Mixed League
 Saturday Night 1 League
 Saturday Night 2 League
 Sunday Noon Singles League

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

Bridge Monday Afternoons
Pepper Tuesday Afternoons
L.O.D. (means)

Teams are made from those who show up to play.

Cards: We encourage members and guests to come out to play Monday Nights at 7pm.
 We play for Fun and make up teams when we begin. There is no cost. Come join us.

ZoneA1 Sports (Legion Members Only)

Schedule for Zone and District events are posted on the Sports Board.

- Mixed Darts took place at Br 255 on December 20th. Br 644 were the winners! Congratulations to them. We had teams participating but none of them qualified for District. I believe they had a good time.

District A Sports (Members who qualify at Zone)

- District Cribbage took place January 10th at Br513 in Dorchester On. Our team of John Antaya, Beth Abson, Mike Loiselle, and Wayne Fortin were not successful enough to move on.
- District 8Ball Doubles took place January 24th at Br594. We had Jim and Don Collard playing. Branch was highly complimented on this event. Winners JP LaBell Sr and Bill McLean Branch 644
- District Euchre will take place February 7th at Br243 in Ridgetown On. We have 2 teams playing.
- District 9Ball Singles and Doubles will take place here at Br 594 May 2/ 2026. We have 3 teams playing.
- District Darts has been cancelled until February 22 nd due to snow. It will be at Br317 in London On. Our team of Jeff Studman, Tom Poulson, Oliver Jones, and Reed Alcancia will play Team, doubles and singles.



Provincial Sports. - Nothing to Report

Monthly Pool Tournaments

January 18th tournaments took place on Sunday. Congratulations to our winners. Pictures of the winners are attached. The next tournament will take place February 15th. Flyers are posted on the Sports Board and around the legion, on our Website and Facebook page. The March tournament will take place on the 4th Sunday of the month, the 22nd.



CSG Darts & Supplies



Call: Chris Gervais
226 757 0061

csgdartsupplies@gmail.com

Legion Newsletter

Hello, Comrades my name is Chris Gervais i am a New Legion member transferred in from Br. 644. I have a new venture called C.S.G. Darts & Supplies. I mainly sell out of the various Legions and clubs in our surrounding area. I try to visit most tournaments in our area as well. If anyone is in need of any darts and or supplies please reach out or visit me at one of the local legions as i may be set up. I am visible on Facebook and I have a small setup at my residence, if you're looking for a personal view. A new website is coming soon.

Happy Darting
Chris Gervais- CSG Darts & Supplies
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Jack & Jill Scotch Doubles 8 Ball Chip Tournament

Legion 

**Legion 594 – 5030 Howard Ave, Windsor
Sunday FEB. 15. 2026**

Doors open 10:00 Tournament Starts at 11:00 a.m

**20 Teams Max
Handicap if Necessary**

**\$40 Entry Fee per
Team
(includes green fees)**



Contact Bill Anderson 519-817-4436 to Register

2715 RCACC

Jim McGhie – Liaison to Cadets



Our Cadets spent the weekend of January 09-11 at Camp Bryerswood in McGregor for a field training exercise. It was cold but our Cadets had a great time!

On Wednesday Feb 4th the Cadet Corps will be holding a change of RSM parade. Cadet CWO Ashley Thibert will be stepping down as our Senior Cadet and Cadet MWO Bentley Panasiuk will be taking over.

The Cadet shooting team will be competing in the annual Zone Marksmanship competition at the Armouries on Feb 7th. Best of luck to our team members.

The 2715 Army Cadet Corps hold weekly training practice as preparations continue for the upcoming Change of Stick Parade, scheduled for next week. Feb 4th, 2026

These practices are an important part of maintaining our traditions, discipline, and ceremonial excellence, as cadets work diligently to ensure a professional and meaningful parade.

We are pleased to formally invite guests, families, and members of the community to attend the Change of Stick Parade, taking place next week at 8:00 PM at Legion 594.

Your presence and support would be greatly appreciated as we congratulate CWO A. Thibert on her successful term as Regimental Sergeant Major of 2715 RCACC and welcome MWO Panasiuk into his new role as RSM.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Thank you to Branch 594 for your ongoing support. 2026 marks 52 continuous years of Legion sponsorship of our Cadet Corps!

SENIORS COMMITTEE

Co-chairs Sue Robinson & Beth Abson

We have averaged 119 for the last 3 weeks of December. There was no dance on December 29.

These numbers are up by 19 from the 4 previous weeks.

Our Christmas dinner/dance of December 22 entertained 132 patrons. A delicious Ham dinner was served with rave reviews. Thanks to Billie and her staff, once again, DJ Joe and Sharon for the festive music and MJ for her bar service.

We had an incident where one of our patrons slipped on a soup spill at dinnertime. She complained of a sore arm, so EMS was called. They took her to the hospital where pins were put into her elbow. Food trays are always available at dinnertime, and some people use them on a regular basis. Our Bar Steward makes herself available for people who cannot carry their dinner plates. The person that spilled the soup was probably not aware that the spill occurred due to focusing on getting back to their table safely. Since then, more trays are being used.

A great start for the New Year with 3 sponsorships from Kensington Court. Also, Seasons reached out and sponsored 4 dates. I was also contacted by Devonshire Retirement home with interest in sponsoring our dances. I am presently waiting to hear back from her.

Our “Free Dinner Draw” is still happening every 2 weeks.

We have a Valentine themed dance on February 9. Fliers have been distributed since the January 19 dance. We are hoping, once again, to flood the dance floor with Red colours. Valentine décor will accent the hall, and treats will be distributed to the patrons. A Strawberry Daiquiri will be served at the bar.



Thanks to the committee members...Beth (co-chair), Peggy, Barb, Doreen and Sue M for all your help this year.

Note you do not need to be a Senior to come to the Dance.

Legion 594 Bingo

Com Veronica Friesen

The revenue received in December for the 3-2-hour bingo sessions worked in November was \$3,237.39. A big thank you to the volunteers who worked those sessions in November: Denis Meloche, Fran Friesen, Veronica Friesen Tom Friesen, Pat Westfall and Jeff Scott.

A big welcome goes out to another new member of the bingo committee, Cyril (Cy) Poisson. Thank you, Cy, for volunteering.

A big thank you to all our volunteers and especially to the Municipality of Lakeshore, Ontario Charitable Gaming Association (OCGA), Ontario Lottery & Gaming (OLG), and, Power Play Gaming Centre and all their patrons who have allowed our Branch to earn revenue to continue to help charitable and community groups with donations.

**The following donations were approved by Membership
at the January 27th General Meeting**

Donations for January from Bingo	
Charity/Group	Amount
The Essex Kent Scottish Regimental Assoc. Food Pantry	\$1,000
The Windsor Veterans Memorial Service Committee-Flags	\$500
Salvation Army	\$500
The Welcome Centre- Shelter for Women & Families	\$500
Total Donation	\$2,500



BAR REPORT

Morris Brause Bar Chair

Thanks to Comrade Randy Soulliere's excel spreadsheets I have reviewing the prices for our inventory and new purchases to compare cost vs prices we must charge to our members and other customers to remain viable. I will be finalizing the LCBO review by NLT 22 January 2026.

There will be no price increase at the bar until costs force us too!

Bartenders Meeting: I am working on getting the bartenders together for a meeting within the next few weeks. I will be reviewing policies, procedures, and making any minor changes to their job descriptions.

Com B Robinson to attend this meeting.

Branch Members Celebrating FEBRUARY Birthdays

John Bakos, Matthew Beasley, Mary Bezeau, Bradley Binder, William Gordon Booker, Christine Brown, Todd Brown, Chester Brudz, Richard Carder, Mark Cesare, Georges Chenier, Catherine Collins-Fulea, Dario Colussi, Bob Davidovich, Candice Fader, Alex Friesen, Stevan Garrett, Kim Gauvreau, Patricia Giles, Earline Graszat, Carol Ann Greaves, Crystal Hepburn, Carolu Hicks, Lori Hrynyk, Gayle Hutter, Rhonda Kavanaugh-Kehl, Erik Matthew Lobzun, John Marten, Carmen Maurice, Josephine McCoy-Loeper, Amanda McMahon, Edward John McNeil, Denis Meloche, Robert R Mercer, Garry Morris, Jean M Murphy, Cyril M Poisson, Gerald Pongratz, Margo Virginia Richardson, John G Robinson, Catherine Rocheleau, Glenn Ross, Wayne Schedler, Irene Schen, Ron Shaw, Frank Sieberer, Carl Simard, Dave Simone, Donald Spafford, Norval R Tourangeau, Connie Woods, Mark Woolson and Alan Scott Zahorouski

Hope your birthdays are great!

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM

Com John Gray, Entertainment Chair

FEBRUARY

6TH COMMON GROUND

13TH MARK CRAMPSIE

20TH CHRIS BOLISTER

27TH MIKE BARRETTE

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COMMON GROUND

**FRIDAY
Feb 6th
4:30-7:30PM**



Come for a Great Dinner and Stay for Wonderful Entertainment

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THE BUNKER
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FOOD SPECIALS
DRINK SPECIALS



FOOTBALL

2026 SUPER BOWL

Sunday
FEB 8th
Game Time
6:30PM

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**Friday
Feb 13th
4:30-7:30pm**



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Tecumseh

**Mark
Crampsie**

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Chris Bolister

**FRIDAY
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Tecumseh

**Mike
Barrette**

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Royal Canadian O'Legion 594

IRISH FOOD UNTIL WE RUN OUT!

St Patrick's Day Party

TUESDAY MAR 17

LAUGHTER IS BRIGHTEST WHERE FOOD IS BEST!

Carriek
Windsor's hottest Celtic music

Doors Open at Noon
IRISH HALLES OPEN 12:00-6:00

arpan academy of IRISH DANCE approx 5pm

Celebrity Music's Joe & Sharon Spinning the Irish tunes in the Lounge from 7 till close

THE BUNKER
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Centenary sweepstakes for members: Ford Dealers of Canada offer Grand Prize

OTTAWA, ON, 25 November 2025 – For nearly a century, The Royal Canadian Legion has been a voice for Veterans and families needing support, and a beloved fixture in hundreds of communities across the country. The organization is on the cusp of celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2026, with the launch of its centenary branding which will be on display throughout its birthday year. “We are honoured to still be going strong, one hundred years after our founders first built this incredible organization, with a central mission to serve Canada’s Veterans,” says Berkley Lawrence, Dominion President. “As we look forward to 2026, we hope Canadians from around this great nation will join us not only to celebrate but to become part of our next 100 years.”

The Legion is pleased to announce Ford Dealers of Canada as the Official Partner of The Royal Canadian Legion centenary throughout 2026. As part of their significant support, Ford Dealers of Canada will present the Grand Prize of a brand-new 2026 Ford F-150 STX to the winner of the Legion’s centenary sweepstakes called the “*Legion 100 Win Big Giveaway*.” Legion members are welcome to enter the sweepstakes, which begins on November 25, 2025, and runs through December 19, 2026. The sweepstakes will help build excitement surrounding the Legion’s 100 years of serving Veterans and their families.



Ford Dealers of Canada
Official Partner of The Royal Canadian Legion

“Ford has been operating in Canada for 121 years, and that shared legacy is why Ford Dealers of Canada are partnering



with The Royal Canadian Legion to honour Veterans, support military families, and strengthen communities across the country,” says Paul Morrison, Chairperson of the National Ford Dealers Advertising Association. “We’re proud to bring Canada-wide support to celebrate the people behind the Poppy, amplify the Legion’s mission, and demonstrate our shared commitment to giving back year-round.”

Starting in early 2026, and continuing throughout the year, additional Legion centenary projects and partnerships will be announced. Initiatives will celebrate the organization’s ten decades of accomplishments.

BRANCH 594 COLOUR PARTY

Dave Woodman Colour Party Commander

JOIN THE COLOUR PARTY

The colour party continues to hold practices on Mondays at 7:00pm. New recruits are always welcome. Training will be provided. A Flag Bearer is needed.

The Colour Party is actively recruiting.

Show your Legion Pride

Make New Friends

Training Provided Practices Mondays at 7:00pm

Next Practices: February 23rd

Contact Dave Woodman dfwoodman@gmail.com,

519-566-8745



COMMEMORATIVE TOUR FOR THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE



April 2027 will mark the 110th Anniversary of this pivotal battle. Come together with other Legion members to mark the occasion by participating in a 9-day tour to Paris, Vimy, and Normandy.

←**EXPLORICA**→
by WorldStrides

Hosted by *Explorica*, a Canadian tour operator and leader in running war history tours, highlights will include:

- Vimy Ridge Commemorative ceremony, hosted by Veteran Affairs Canada
- Passchendaele Museum, Tyne Cot Cemetery, and Remembrance Procession
- Flanders battlefields and Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate
- Normandy's D-Day sites, including Juno Beach
- Guided sightseeing in Paris*

*Tours can be tailored for large groups to include city sightseeing in Paris, London, or Amsterdam.

Tours depart April 6, 2027.

All-inclusive tour offering includes:

- Round-trip airfare, hotel accommodation, all on-tour transportation, breakfast and dinners daily, full-time professional tour director, attraction entrance fees, guided sightseeing, 24-hour emergency services, incl. doctors on call

To learn more, contact: Mike Di Leo, telephone: 416-545-6526, email: mdileo@worldstrides.ca

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If you have any questions please contact Tom Friesen, Newsletter Editor at tomfriesen57@gmail.com cell 519 992 8303



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PUBLIC RELATIONS

David Woodman Chair

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594 in the Community

The LaSalle post and Tecumseh newspaper will be running the PR article that I submitted in their next issues.

I regret to report that the Essex and Kent Scottish have reconsidered having there Hochwald dinner at the branch. They will instead have a "Victoria Cross Dinner" at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts.

BUT the Essex and Kent Scottish Regimental Association be holding their "Tartan Day" at our Branch on Saturday April 4th. Tickets will be available around Feb 14th.

If you log in to legion.ca information on the Legion's Centenary is available.

We are here, we are engaged and we are here to serve!



Certificate of Appreciation to Tim Steinberg for donation of the Windsor Daily Star dated May 7, 1945.
Left to right: Jim McGhie Br 594 President, Tim Steinburg, Konrad Boehler Br 594 2nd VP, and Tom Friesen RCL Br 594 Past President.

LEGION RIDERS

Com K Miller

Our plans for a **2nd annual car show** are proceeding, tentatively scheduled for **June 20 this year**. We'll do the same scope of events as last year with a little more effort toward marketing of the show. This is something that we learned from the event last year. Proceeds to the general fund.

Our Premier event this year is coming together, a car/motorcycle rally that will culminate in a best poker hand wins at our Branch, the last stop. We have made contact with 4 other Legion Branches in southern Ontario that are interested and will be on this rally route. Participants will acquire a card from a typical deck of cards from each participating Legion to be matched against all other entrants and the best poker hand wins. Lots of details have surfaced on how to administer this sort of event and we are energetically embracing them!



This will be the 1st annual Br 594 annual rally and we'll build and learn, as we have from the car show, for future events.

Please join us if you can, the intent was for classic cars and motorcycles, but your Chevy Traverse type rig will be MORE than welcome!

Date: Oct 3 starting from wherever is closer to where you live.

The end will be in the back part of our Branch's parking lot where we'll determine the winner. Then, we'll join and join each others company in our home, Br 594, and talk all about the great day we just had.

As before, I'll get with the administrators of this event in an after-action review effort to make things better the next time. More details to follow, proceeds will benefit our general fund. Look for the flier for this and the car show event soon!

Riders Officer/Member status:

- Chair/Director/Road Captain: Kenny "Boomer" Miller
- Adjutant: Vacant
- Quartermaster: Boomer
- Sergeant at Arms. Assistant Director: Ron "Wingman" Carder
- Road Lieutenant: Pat Dewell
- Member at Large: Bryan Carder
- Member at Large: Dave Carder

WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee is a not-for-profit organization.

Our mission is to never forget those who served by ensuring they are honoured in life and in death.

Since 1926 this has been and continues to be the organizations mission through generous donations, and dedicated volunteers within our community. Link to website [Home](#)

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

From June 1st, 2025, until Jan 21st we have lost: 49 Veterans, 35 Comrades and performed 11 Funeral Services. 7 of the above were members of the WVMSC

The next committee meeting will be Wednesday Feb 18th at Branch 644.

Above info provided by Margo Barnet

*Note that ALL Legionnaires are **welcomed / encouraged** to attend WVMSC 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



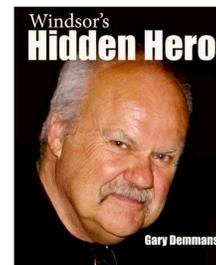
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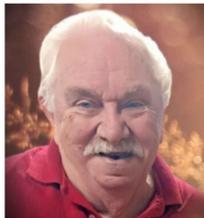
BRIAND, George
Jan 22, 2026, 96 yrs
CAF Army Veteran
46 Yr Legion Member

In Memoriam DEMMANS Gary



Jan 9, 2026, 75 years
5 Yr Associate Member Branch 594

In MEMORIAM HUTTER Mathew (Matt)



Jan 9, 2026, 94 years
32 Yr Associate Member Branch 594

In Memoriam SHEPLEY Florence (Flo)



Jan 28, 2026, 85 years
28 Yr Affiliate Member Branch 594
Mother of Past District A Commander Caroline Mayo

POPPY

Gerry Ciurysek: Br. 594 Poppy Chair

As of 01-18-2026, the WFCU Statement & the Poppy Financial Ledger balance at \$112,770.42.

Once again, I want to say thank you to Janet Ciurysek for all of her help in completing the 2025 Branch Status Report & to the Branch Finance Review Committee for reviewing & accepting the report.

Yes, everything at year end has balanced.

I am working on a new project here to help alleviate the constant calling from businesses during the Poppy Campaign requesting that the Wooden Coin Boxes need refilling; it is putting a strain on the Kitchen Staff, Bar Stewards, & Office Personnel answering these calls then relaying them to me, then me relaying the messages to the Route Volunteers.

Hopefully this new plan I have come up with will take the strain off these people.

I hope to complete & enter all of the totals taken in from the individual businesses during the 2025 Poppy Campaign from the Coin & Pinning Boxes. Doing specifically the counts from the Countertop Coin Boxes will help us to know where & where not to concentrate on our efforts to putting out these Boxes.



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 OPEN 12-7 "The Bunker" Open 12-5pm Singles Darts	2 Ground Hog Day Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Sr Dinner Dance 2-6 POOL League Cards & Cribbage	3 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Pepper Doubles Darts	4 Quilters Guild Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm CADETS Change of Stick Men's Darts	5 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	6 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Entertainment Common Ground	7 Open 10-10 Pool Tourney (See Bill Anderson) "The Bunker" Open 10-7pm Night 2 Darts
8 OPEN 12-? "The Bunker" Open 12-?pm Singles Darts SUPER BOWL <i>Patriots vs Seahawks</i>	9 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Sr Valentines Dinner Dance 2-6 POOL League Cards & Cribbage	10 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Closed Pepper Doubles Darts All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:30	11 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm CADETS Men's Darts	12 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	13 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Entertainment Mark Crampsie Mixed Darts	14 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 10-7pm Night 1 Darts
15 OPEN 10-7 Scotch Double Pool Tourney "The Bunker" Open 12-5pm Singles Darts <i>Happy 40th Alex</i>	16 Open 12-7 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Dinner Dance 2-6pm Cards & Cribbage Practice 7pm	17 Exec Mtg 10am Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Pepper Doubles Darts	18 Open 12-10 "MIW Meeting <i>The Bunker"</i> Open 12-7pm CADETS Men's Darts	19 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	20 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm <i>Mixed Darts</i> Entertainment Chris Bolister	21 Buddy Check Coffee 9:30 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Night 2 Darts
22 North Wall Riders Mtg OPEN 12-7 "The Bunker" Open 12-5pm Singles Darts	23 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Sr Dinner Dance 2-6 POOL League Cards & Cribbage Colour Party	24 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Closed Pepper All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:30 Doubles Darts Membership Mtg 7pm	25 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm CADETS Men's Darts	26 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	27 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-8pm <i>Mixed Darts</i> Entertainment Mike Barrette Mixed Darts	28 Open 12-10 "The Bunker" Open 12-7pm Night 1 Darts

Mar 1
OPEN 12-7
"The Bunker"
Open 12-5pm
Singles Darts

2
Open 12-10
"The Bunker"
Open 12-7pm
Sr Dinner Dance 2-6
POOL League
Cards & Cribbage

3
Open 12-10
"The Bunker"
Open 12-7pm
CADETS
Men's Darts

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