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TOM'S HUMOUR PAGE

An old but beautiful story of marriage and the communication between a husband and his wife. A couple was Christmas shopping at the mall on Christmas Eve and the mall was packed. As the wife walked through the mall she was surprised to look up and see her husband was nowhere around. She was quite upset because they had a lot to do. Because she was so worried, she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was. In a calm voice, the husband said, "Honey, you remember the jewelry store we went into about 5 years ago where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we could not afford and I told you that I would get it for you one day?" The wife choked up and started to cry and said, "Yes, I remember that jewelry store." He said, "Well, I'm in the bar right next to it."

I would like to share an experience with you about drinking and driving. As you well know, some of us have been lucky not to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the various social sessions over the years. A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many beers and then topped it off with a Brandy. Not one of my best good ideas. Knowing full well I was at least slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before: I took a taxi home. Sure enough I passed a police road block but because it was a taxi, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise. I have never driven a taxi before and am not sure where I got it.

A redhead went into a bar and saw a Mountie with his feet propped up on a table. He had the biggest boots she'd ever seen. She asked him if was true what they say about men with big feet. The Mountie grinned and said, "Sure is, RED, why don't you come over to the barracks and let me prove it to you?" The redhead wanted to find out for herself, so she spent the night with him. The next morning she handed him a \$100 bill. Blushing, he said, "well, thanks, ma'am. I'm real flattered. Nobody ever paid me for my services before." She told him, "Don't be flattered . . . just take the money and buy yourself some boots that fit."

I hit the golf ball any way I can and laugh if it goes in the lake. That's the breaks. I'm just happy I can still hit that golf ball. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer until 4 AM or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50, 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will. I will walk the beach, in a swimsuit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They too, will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things. Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet passes? But broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect. I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong. So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured. Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?" "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I golf."

[Email your humour to me at tfriesen@cogeco.ca](mailto:tfriesen@cogeco.ca)

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Ways & Means	Veronica Friesen	see above
Webmaster	Chris Ricard	see above
Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee:	OPEN	

BRANCH MEETINGS

**EXECUTIVE
Tuesday
December 17th
7:00 PM**

**GENERAL
MEETING***
**Tuesday, Jan 28th
7:00PM**
**\$50 attendance
draw*



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT DECEMBER 2019

December is well under way, Christmas and other holidays approaching fast.

I wish to thank our Branch Executive team, our members and the public for supporting us this year. We have lots to be proud of. We have held many events and partnered with many community groups to enhance our area.

Volunteers, I wish to thank each and every one of you!

This is in addition to our volunteer members who accepted executive positions, chairs and committee positions that require many, many, hours throughout the year.

- The Ways & Means team raised funds by holding 20 spaghetti dinners & 3 breakfasts.
- Our BBQ volunteers & staff cooked for over 250 days to encourage members and customers to stop in for lunch and perhaps have a beverage too. Also include in this group are the specialty functions such as the monthly Windsor Quilters Guild luncheons, Football parties, other Branch bus tours that come to visit, Branch Fun Golf Day
- Branch Children's Christmas team
- We had a small team of gardeners who cut grass, weed wacked, planted flowers, weeded, watered, weeded...
- Painters for patching & repainting of parts of lounge and main hall
- Building maintenance, Larry led the way, but many others have pitched in over the year
- Sports equipment maintenance, repainting of dart scoreboards, pool tables (3 now!!!)
- Poppy Campaign. There's more than meets the eye. Planning the campaign, pre-inventory, re-ordering (Poppies, wristbands, Poppy backs, wreaths, information packages...), receiving, assembly of retail boxes & pinner boxes, retail outlet contacting for approval to have boxes and pinner, retail box route management (delivering donation boxes, ensuring boxes have poppies through the campaign, changing out donation boxes as needed, final collection of boxes...), Poppy Pinning at major retail partners, counting and rolling thousands of dollars in coins, banking, reporting...
- I am sure I have missed others and hope to add them & thank them.

Membership

- Under your direction we have done a major upgrade to our building electronic systems. We now have a dependable WiFi system for both internal and customer use. Our control system now allows us to control all 8 sources, Cogeco TV, DVD, Satellite Radio and Air Media in the lounge, main hallway, and both rental halls. The Air media system provides the ability to wirelessly connect and show Legion and customer devices. This enhances our ability to book events that we could not previously handle.
- Under your direction we have replaced our 2 pool tables with 3 and have increased play and revenue as a result. Our first tournament will be the District 8 Ball on January 25, 2020

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the Windsor Essex Community Foundation for their donation toward our accessible entry and air lock at the north east corner of the building. With the cold weather upon us we find the problem of frigid air entering the building when people enter or exit the building has been remedied. Thank you WECF!

I would also like to our Federal Government for the New Horizons for Seniors grant we received. So far, we have the new comfort seating area in the main hallway and a new portable

sound system that has been used for many functions. The system allows those with less than perfect hearing (me included) to hear speakers clearly. We will soon have some new tables so we can continue host senior related and other events in our main hall. In the new year we will be replacing the fluorescent lighting in the main lounge area, washrooms and kitchen to better control light levels and reduce electrical consumption (lowering hydro bills too!)

Events this year included our annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner, Fundraiser for the Military Families Resource Centre & our Veterans Comfort fund, 75year anniversary of D-Day, Remembrance Day (-1) Service supported by our 2715 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp and 364 Lancaster Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. Our 2019 Poppy Campaign had many new volunteers and funds raised exceeded last years.

We have hosted events for many traditional and non-traditional groups. These include, the Military Institute of Windsor, the University of Windsor Elder College, The Rotary Club, the Alzheimer's Association, North Wall Riders, Parks Canada / Naval Association of Windsor (Admiral Hose recognition) , CAS, LaSalle Rowing Club, MTO, Sharpe Bus Lines, Safety Training, Silver Ambassadors...

Marketing Help Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer with a Marketing background to help us promote our Legion to attract additional profitable business. Ideally this person would coordinate marketing function for all services we offer through traditional and non-traditional media. If you are interested please contact me at the Branch, phone my cell 5190992-8303 or send me an email tfriesen@cogeco.ca

Survey Coming

I know each of us have skills and hobbies that could help our Veterans and the Community. In the near future we will be sending out a survey to ask our members what skills they have that they would be willing to share with the Branch. Please reply and if you have some ideas to share it would be a bonus.

Christmas Gift – Stocking Stuffer

Branch members Gregg Strong and Amanda Moore have brought forward a community need for a Women's self defence course. Together we have come up with a ½ day Women's Emergency Defense Crash Course & Personal Safety Awareness program that will be hosted by Albert Mady at our branch on Feb 2nd. Albert is a specialist in personal safety. In 2016 Albert was inducted as a member of the Windsor Essex County Sports Hall of Fame and has taught use of force classes in the corrections program at St. Clair College as well as teaching classes to Canada Border Services Agency. Details of the course are later in the newsletter. Book early as we believe this course will be a sellout!

In closing when you see a Veteran say thank you for your service! We can't say it enough!

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Tom Friesen, President, Metropolitan Branch 594

MEMBERSHIP

Our Metropolitan Branch 594 has 423 members comprised of
7 Life, 98 Ordinary, 235 Associate & 81 Affiliate

As of Nov 26th 248 members have renewed for 2020 and we are waiting for the 166 others.

A BIG WELCOME to our NEWEST MEMBERS
Michael COFFIN, Dereck HAWCO,
Shawn KILLOP and Mark WOOLSON



The Legion is pleased to offer currently serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members with a free one-year Legion membership, including a subscription to Legion Magazine and access to the Member Benefit programs. Our Veteran Welcome Program, available to all Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion, is a great way to get to know the organization.

*To apply, please complete the Veteran Welcome Program
Registration Form <http://www.legion.ca/welcome>*

EARLY BIRD CONTEST

September was the start of our Early Bird renewal contest. Our last lucky 2020 paid up member gets their 2021 dues paid by the Branch. The December 1st draw winner is Wendy Davies. CONGRATULATIONS! Wendy is now paid up for 2021 and in next years "Early Bird Draw".

For those who have not yet paid yet we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Membership is for the calendar year Jan 1 – Dec 31.

There is a 30 day grace period, but then you will no longer considered a member in good standing.

On-line renewal is available, but the system only allows for one branch rate, \$55.00.

Retirees can save \$5.00 by coming into the branch, or by sending the branch a cheque. *Payment can also be made by Visa or Mastercard by phone. We will need your name, membership number, membership type along with credit card information. This option is available through the bar when bar steward is available. A \$1 service fee is added*

Brian Robinson, Membership Chair, membershipbr594@gmail.com

Changed your address, phone number, email address?

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Branch finances continue to be in good shape.

At the Nov 26th General meeting, the membership voted to re-invest one of our long-term investments that matures on Dec 10th as well as some surplus funds from the Ways & Means account.

Investments will continue to be structured so that each year one will mature.

Thanks to everyone for patronizing our branch and keeping us successful.

Jim McGhie
Treasurer

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594

Members Children, Grandchildren and Great's

Children's Christmas Party

(10 years of age or under)

Sunday December 15th, 2019

11 am – 2 pm



REGISTRATION CLOSED DEC 6TH

Refreshments, Face Painting, Balloons,
Magic Show and the return of **Zoology!**

&

A "SURPRISE VISITOR"

Sign up In Branch or

Call **519-969-0551** by December 6th
with names, ages and sex of children attending.



Canned Good Donations accepted for local Food Bank.
Invitation is for Members 'in good standing' only.



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LOTTERY

50/50 DRAWS

In November we had 50/50 draws on the 5th, 19th and 28th coinciding with our Ways & Means Spaghetti dinners and US Thanksgiving Football Party. The Nov 23rd draw was not held due to low turnout at the Adult Christmas party on Nov 23rd.

In November \$279.00 was raised for charity.

In December we again will be selling the tickets for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. There will be 2 draws coinciding with our Spaghetti Dinners on Dec 3rd and 17th.

RAFFLE

To help our Legion the Windsor Quilters Guild has donated a beautiful Quilt to raffle off.

The Quilt is hanging in the main hallway. Only 500 Tickets will be printed at \$ 2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

The draw start in December and will be drawn on Valentine's day.



ATTENDANCE DRAWS

Loonie & Toonie

POTS ARE GROWING! TIME TO JOIN THE ACTION!

Each **member** has been assigned a number. (New applicants are eligible once they have been approved by membership). When they are at the branch, they can enter the draw by paying \$1 for Daily (Loonie) or \$2.00 for the Weekly (Toonie) and sign in and post their number for the draw they have paid for. ALL money received since the last winner will be paid to the newest winner. Additional details at the Branch.

Note as of December 2nd the Daily and Weekly Draws are held at 6PM.

Branch 594 Lottery Committee: Elizabeth Abson, Joanne Thompson and Veronica Friesen.

ENTERTAINMENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKDAY LUNCHEONS, Serving from Noon – 2:30PM

MONDAY: SENIORS DINNER DANCE 3-7PM THEN POOL LEAGUE

TUESDAYS, PEPPER 12:30PM

WEDNESDAY PEPPER 12:30PM

THURSDAYS: LUCK OF DRAW POOL (Weekly), LUCK OF DRAW DARTS Nov 5 & 19

FRIDAYS: FISH, BROASTED CHICKEN, COMBO PLATTERS, SOUP & SALAD BAR

Sunday Dec 1st	Silver Ambassadors
Tuesday Dec 3rd	SPAGHETTI DINNER & 50/50 Draw
Wednesday Dec 4th	Windsor Quilters Guild
Saturday Dec 7th	CAS Christmas Breakfast
Wednesday Dec 12th	Toilet Seat Darts
Sunday Dec 15th	Legion Members Children's Christmas Party (Registration closed)
Monday Dec 16th	Sr Christmas Dinner Dance
Tuesday Dec 17th	Executive Meeting at 7PM
	SPAGHETTI DINNER & 50/50 Draw
Monday Dec 23rd	NO SR DINNER DANCE
Tuesday Dec 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE. CLOSING EARLY
Wednesday Dec 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY – CLOSED –
Thursday Dec 26th	BOXING DAY – CLOSED _
Friday Dec 27th	REGULAR HOURS
Monday Dec 30th	NO SR DINNER DANCE
Tuesday Dec 31st	New Year's Eve CLOSING AT 7PM
Wednesday Jan 1st	NEW YEARS DAY – CLOSED –
Thursday Jan 2nd	REGULAR HOURS
Monday Jan 6th	Sr Dinner Dance resumes
Tuesday Jan 7th	SPAGHETTI DINNER & 50/50 Draw
Sunday Feb 2nd	WOMEN'S SELF DEFENCE CRASH COURSE
	SUPER BOWL PARTY

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Youth Education

<https://www.legion.ca/communities-youth/youth-education/remembrance-contests>

Fostering Remembrance is a part of everything we do. Through the Royal Canadian Legion's longstanding Annual Poster and Literary Contests, Canadian school children honour Canada's Veterans through creative art and writing to help perpetuate Remembrance.

Branch Competition results are as follows:

Poetry winners

4-6: 1st Aya Tarhuni, 2nd Gabriel Moamer-Bashi, 3rd Victor Adekoya

7-9: 1st Katelyn Lovell, 2nd Sophia Wang, 3rd Alicia Wu

10-12: 1st Connie Zeng, 2nd Dana Sleiman, 3rd Sarah Asfour

Poster winners

1-3: Color 1st Celeb Skinner, 2nd Tristan Morin, 3rd Rayan Farooqui

B&W 1st Ahmad Moosavi,

4-6: Color 1st Youran Pan, 2nd Kyle Baker, 3rd Kiera Green

B&W 1st Faiza El-Hage, 2nd Liam Robertson, 3rd Mohammad Hashash

7-9 Color 1st Renal In, 2nd Dema Al Wahami, 3rd Medelana Ferrante

B&W 1st Madelyn Rousseau, 2nd Fatia Saleh, 3rd Ruda Naushad



Chris Ricard, Youth Education & Bursary Chairperson

Ways & Means

Branch 594 Volunteer Committee

Weekday Noon until 2:30PM BBQ's

1/3 lb. Hamburgers \$3.50 / Cheeseburgers \$3.75

“Brenner’s” Smoked Sausages (Hot or Mild) \$3.50 / Hot Dogs \$3.00

Medium size Pepperoni Pizza \$8.00

WE NEED A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS TO BBQ.

If you BBQ at home, you have the skills we need!

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER.

SPAGHETTI DINNERS RETURN

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD & 17TH

*“Spaghetti with Rich Tomato-Basil & Meat Sauce,
Garden Salad and a Thick Slice of Warm Rye Bread”*

Meals served 4:30-6:30PM

Adults \$8.00, ALL Legion Members \$7.00 (must show card)

Children (6 & under) \$3.00, Take Out \$1.00 extra

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 15TH

*OPEN TO BRANCH 594 MEMBERS FOR THEIR
CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN.*

REGISTRATION CLOSED



SENIORS COMMITTEE REPORT

For nearly two years the Seniors' Committee has planned key- note speakers to come in once a month and provide some informative information that Seniors would find valuable in their lives. We have covered medical issues, snowbird concerns when travelling, financial issues with respect to taxes, how to avoid fraud from people who target Seniors, and much more. The participation in these presentations has varied from just a few people to over 40 people attending. We are going to conduct a survey to get some feedback on this program and what needs to be changed to ensure a better turn out. A survey will be given to the Seniors' Dinner and Dance Group on 16 December to get some feedback, and we will have the survey at the bar for those who would like to fill one in.

Next Planned Presentation:

The Committee is working on a presentation for Monday, 13 January, commencing at 2 pm in Hall A. The topic will be EMS and a flyer will be available next week to provide the details. We hope to have a good turn out to this presentation.

Seniors' Dinner and Dance:

We continue to have a great group of between 100-120 people attending our dinner and dance every Monday from 3-7 pm. Great DJ music is provided along with a four- course meal for only \$10. If you are just coming to dance, the door charge is only \$2. Monday, 16 December, will be our Christmas dinner and dance and we will have a full turkey dinner. Come and enjoy, and please feel free to wear a festive Christmas outfit. The cost for this event is a flat \$10, due to the additional costs of preparing this fine turkey meal.

There will be no dinner and dance on either the 23 or 30 December.

The next Seniors' dinner and dance, after 16 December, will be on Monday, 6 January.

Special Thanks to the Committee Members: We would like to recruit at least another 2-3 new members for our Committee. If you know of someone who has recently joined our Legion and would like to belong to this committee, please contact me.

If you are interested in being a member of our Committee, please contact Morris Brause, First VP and the Chair of the Seniors Committee.

ZONE A-1 Seniors Dinner and/or Dances

Mondays Branch 594

Tuesdays Branch 255

Thursdays Branch 143

December 4th Branch 12

December 11th Branch 261



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DECEMBER BAR HOURS

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WINTER HOURS

Mon-Thurs Noon – 10:00pm
Friday Noon – 11pm
Saturdays 1pm – Midnight
Sundays 1pm– 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS SEASON HOURS

Monday Dec 23rd normal hours	Friday Dec 27th normal hours
Tuesday 24th OPEN 1-6 PM	Tuesday Dec 31st OPEN 1-6 PM
Wednesday Dec 25th CLOSED	Wednesday Jan 1st CLOSED
Thursday Dec 26th – CLOSED	Thursday Jan 2nd normal hours

Branch Members Celebrating DECEMBER Birthdays

John Bondy, Phil Bradbury, Rick Brusseau, Lee Callister, Janet Ciurysek, Bruce Clarke, Dan Corchis, Doreen Eansor, Charles Forrest, Clarice Friesen, Dorothy Gamble, Albert Hazael, Kenneth Hedgewick, Scott McEwen, John McFadden, Duane Noakes, Herman Pansier, Dave Pickford, Susan Poonia, Trevor Read, Suzanne Robinson, Cheryl Rousseau, Thomas Soulliere, James Sparrow, Vera Stilson, Mary Stroud, Kenneth Taylor and Tony Zahaluk. **Hope your birthdays are great!**

Bar Report

The Bar continues to perform well.

I want to thank Comrade Larry Williams and Jim McGhie who conducted the monthly bar inventory check on 01 Dec. The next inventory will be on Thursday morning, 2 January, commencing at 0800 hrs. I will be conducting this inventory but need someone to assist in getting this accomplished.

A feasibility study will be conducted by myself to see if there is value added by having one or two people serving drinks at tables for major events, thus provided another aspect to bar service for our patrons. An example of this would be having that type of service during a large meal. The key will be to determine whether or not this is financially viable.

I am looking to confirm with all members who volunteered to be on this committee that they are prepared to stay on for another year. With changes in our Executive Committee most likely happening in May next year, the Executive would like to identify a new Bar Officer to commence training in the March and April 2020 timeframe, and to take over these duties NLT June 2020. If you are interested, please either contact me or the President.

Comrade Morris Brause Bar Officer/ First VP

CRAIG'S KITCHEN



FISH DINNERS

1 PC. HALIBUT	\$15.00
One piece of Halibut, made the way you like it, Battered, Baked, Cajun or Blackened. Served with fries, slaw and a roll.	
2 PC. HALIBUT	\$24.25
Two 5 oz. pieces of Halibut Battered, Baked with seasoning salt, Cajun or Blackened. Served with fries, slaw and a roll.	
PERCH DINNER	\$17.25
Five pieces Perch made to order. Baked, Blackened, Cajun or Battered. Served with fries, slaw and a roll.	
1 PC. PICKEREL	\$14.00
Freshly Battered Pickerel, Baked, or Seasoned with our handmade Cajun seasonings. Served with fries, slaw, and a roll.	
2 PC. PICKEREL	\$23.75
Freshly Battered Pickerel or have it Baked or Seasoned with our handmade Cajun seasonings. Served with fries, slaw, and a roll.	

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EXTRAS:

SINGLE PC. HALIBUT	\$10.25
SINGLE PC. PICKEREL	\$9.25
SINGLE PC. PERCH	\$2.40
SIDE OF FRIES	\$3.00

Taxes included



CHICKEN DINNERS

Broasted chicken, dusted in our homemade breading and cooked to perfection.

Served with fries, slaw and a roll.

2pc. Dinner	\$11.00
3pc. Dinner	\$13.00

*Add a baked potato for \$1.00

Tenders **\$10.95**

5 pcs. of crispy chicken tenders with your choice of one dipping sauce, served with fries

And a roll. **Add an extra sauce for .75*

Sauces: Honey Garlic, BBQ, Sweet & Sour, Plum, Frank's hot sauce, or ranch.

PLATTERS

DINNER FOR TWO FISH PLATTERS: **\$28.95**

Platter A) Two pieces of Halibut with one piece of Pickerel served with fries, slaw, and rolls.

Platter B) Two pieces of Pickerel with one piece of Halibut served with fries, slaw, and rolls.

Platter C) One piece of Halibut, one piece of Pickerel, and four pieces of perch served with fries, slaw & rolls.

****ALL ABOVE DINNERS ARE ONLY SERVED BATTERED**

**Add a baked potato for an additional \$1.00*

FAMILY FISH & CHICKEN PLATTER

(Serves 4-6 ppl) **\$65.00**

Two Halibut, two Pickerel and four Perch made with our beer-batter, and four pieces of broasted chicken or five pcs. of chicken tenders. Served with a family size basket of fries, a bowl of slaw and dinner rolls.

BROASTED CHICKEN

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Try our new 9 piece broasted chicken platter, served with a family basket of fries, a bowl of slaw, and rolls to share.

Soup & Salad Bar	\$10.00
<i>*Add to your meal</i>	\$5.00
Bowl of Soup	\$4.00
Salad	\$4.00

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Cadet Corps Report



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The Cadets will be assisting the branch at Spaghetti Dinners on Dec 3 & 17.

Our Annual “Turkey Shoot” will be held on Dec 11th. The top scoring Cadets will have a chance to win one of four turkeys.

To close off the year and celebrate the holiday season, the Cadet Corps will be holding their Christmas dinner on Dec 18th.

On Jan 11th, the Cadet Corps will be hosting a Tri Service Senior Cadet Ball here at the branch with Sea, Army & Air Cadets from the area attending.

LEGION SPORTS

BRANCH

POOL:

Monday League will be playing until December 16th and will restart on January 6th.
\$3.00 per player to Legion. All 3 tables will be used.
Play starts at 6:30, tables open at 5:30pm.

Thursday Luck of the Draw Pool will be playing until December 19th and will restart on January 9th. 16 players maximum. Doubles format. 2 tables will be used. \$3.00 per player to Legion. 5:30pm registration (open tables) 6:30pm start
The 3rd table is to be coin operated open for use by all.

DARTS:

Wednesday Night Men’s League will be playing until December 18th and will restart on January 8th.

Thursday -Luck of the Draw every other Thursday. Next date is Dec 19th.

7:30 Registration for 8PM start Open to ALL. Entry Fee: \$3.00 TOTAL cash back
Come on out and bring your friends! Nancy Mountain is the main contact.

Note: The Thursday Luck of Draw Darts for 2020 is being reviewed to see if it should continue. Come out on Dec 19th and make your views known.

Women’s Open Darts. CALLING ALL WOMEN DARTER’S. Trial to see how much interest there is. Tuesdays Dec 3rd & 17th. Registration at 2:30pm. Play 3-5pm

Saturday Mixed Darts

Night 1 will be playing until December 7th and will restart on January 4th.
Laurie Bradbury is the primary contact

Night 2 will be playing until December 14th and will restart on January 11th.
Jean Ambedian is league secretary.

ZONE/DISTRICT/ PROVINCIAL

Zone 8 Ball was held on Oct 26th. Doubles: Branch 594 Team of Lou Driessen & Bill Anderson placed 1st, Gary Marshal & Harry Bissonette placed 3rd. Singles: Harry Bissonette placed 1st and Gary Marshal placed 2nd.

District 8 Ball will be held on January 25th at our Branch

Zone 9 Ball was held on Nov 2nd. Doubles: Branch 594 Team of Lou Driessen & Bill Anderson placed 1st, Gary Marshal & Harry Bissonette placed 2nd. Singles: Gary Marshal placed 1st and Harry Bissonette placed 2nd.

NOTE: There is no official District 9 Ball but an agreement to have a competition between Zones A1, A4 & A6 is in the works. Event tentatively scheduled for May in Ridgeway but no date has been selected.

Zone Darts was held on Nov 16th. Shirley Jinkerson represented us at the tournament, did not qualify for District but had a great time.

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POPPY REPORT

The balance in the Poppy Trust Account at the end of November was \$47,974.41.
This include the 2019 Campaign Store Boxes, Pinning Boxes and cheques mailed in.

Archie Neilson, Branch Poppy Chair

2019 POPPY CAMPAIGN

The 2019 Poppy Campaign started on Friday Oct 25th and ended on Remembrance Day.

Thanks to all who participated with your Financial donations, Poppy Pinning, assisting with Poppy Box routes, counting of donations, banking, reporting... Participating in school literary & poster contest...

A brief summary as follows:

Poppy Boxes

We deliver and maintain almost 200 boxes within our Poppy Area. They are located at businesses, schools, senior's residences, community centres... We thank them all for supporting Veterans and their families. These boxes are the responsibility of our "Route Managers". Thanks go to, Beth Abson, John Antaya, Jim McGhie, Greg Strong, Amanda Moore, Teresa Boutet & Patty Ryan

Poppy Pinner

We thank the following retailers who allowed us to Pin Poppies at their locations in our Poppy Area.
Beer Store – Dougall, Costco, Devonshire Mall, LCBO Roundhouse, Canadian Tire Walker Rd, Metro Grocery Devonshire, Superstore Walker Rd, Walmart Dougall, Lowes, Home Depot, Bulk Barn, Best Buy, Michaels & Dollarama

We thank the following volunteers who braved the elements to Pin Poppies and collect donations for the Poppy Trust Fund:

Mike Akpata, Christine Bell, Harry Bissonette, Debbie Boehler, Konrad Boehler, Carol Boroski, Kandy Boroski, Tom Boroski, Terry Boutet, Morris Brause, Pete Brown, 2715 RCACC, Laurie Callander, Doug Chapman, Gerry Ciurysek, Janet Ciurysek, Dan Corchis, Russ Hazael, Christine Bell, Harry Bissonette, Konrad & Debbie Boehler, Tom Boroski, Jonathan Boroski, Morris Brause, Pete Brown, Laurie Callander, Doug Chapman, Dan Corchis, Michelle Demmans Jack Dressler, Karen Duck, Tammy Dufour, Clarice Friesen, Dan Friesen, Fran Friesen, Tom Friesen, Veronica Friesen, Gerald Greggs, Bib Hart, Dona Hart, Russ Hazael, Shawn Killop, Mark Morency, Tim Murphy, Dave Pickford, Jean-Francois Proulx, Brian Robinson, Sue Robinson, Linda Ross, Pat Ryan, LaSalle Sabres, Hockey Team, Jeff Scott, Kathy Soulliere, Randy Soulliere, Linda Soumis, Mike Walker, Sloan Wideman, Larry Williams & Mike Zajac.

Counters: Dorothy Gamble, Shirley Jinkerson, Christine Bell, Marlene Brooks & Archie Neilson

THANK YOU.

The Branch Poppy Committee, Archie Neilson, John Antaya, Gerry Ciurysek, Tom Friesen

IN MEMORIUM

Harold Hillier

May 22, 1932 – Nov 15, 2019

87 years of age

Associate Legion Member for 44 years

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

We assisted three Veterans in November and will be providing additional assistance as needed.

We are developing strategic partnerships with the Windsor Police and their C.O.A.S.T. (Community Outreach and Support Team) and other community partners

We work directly with our Provincial Service officer who works hand in hand with Veterans Affairs Canada to provide programs and services for Veterans and their families.

Chris Ricard
Branch Service Officer

HOSPITAL

We have many Legion members and friends that can no longer come to the Branch in person would love to hear from us.

Branch Pastor, Rev. Catherine (Cathy) Collins-Barker our chairperson has agreed to visit our hospitalized members if they agree. Visitations could be in person or by phone, email, Facebook... as the situation requires.

This committee would also arrange for flowers as directed by your Branch Executive.

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

WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Since June 1st, 2019 we have lost:


72 Veterans, 45 Comrades & we have performed at 21 funeral services.

The next WVMSC meeting will be at 7:30PM Wednesday January 15th at Branch 255.

Ron Bisnaire attended the November meeting to get firsthand exposure to the WVMSC. Ron is considering the Chairperson and will let us know in the new year.

The position requires attendance at monthly meetings and attend Veterans Services as able.



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
DECEMBER						
1	2 BBQ Lunch Sr. Dinner Dance 3:00-7:00 Pool League	3 BBQ Lunch Women's Darts 2:30-5:00 SPAGHETTI DINNER 50/50 4:30 - 6:30	4 BBQ Lunch Men's Darts Cadets	5 BBQ Lunch <i>Luck of the Draw</i> Pool & Darts	6 BBQ Lunch Fish & Broasted Chicken 4:00 - 8:00 BRAND -X 7-10	7 Night 1 Mixed Darts
8	9 BBQ Lunch Sr. Dinner Dance 3:00-7:00 Pool League	10 BBQ Lunch	11 BBQ Lunch Men's Darts Toilet Seat Cadets	12 BBQ Lunch <i>Luck of the Draw</i> Pool	13 BBQ Lunch Fish & Broasted Chicken 4:00 - 8:00	14 Night 2 Mixed Darts
15 Christmas Party Branch Members Children & Grandchildren	16 BBQ Lunch Sr. Christmas Dinner Dance 3:00-7:00 Pool League	17 BBQ Lunch Women's Darts 2:30-5:00 SPAGHETTI DINNER 50/50 Executive Meeting 7pm	18 BBQ Lunch Men's Darts Cadets	19 BBQ Lunch <i>Luck of the Draw</i> Pool & Darts	20 BBQ Lunch Fish & Broasted Chicken 4:00 - 8:00	21
22	23 BBQ Lunch Pool League	24 OPEN 1-6PM	25 CHRISTMAS CLOSED	26 BOXING DAY CLOSED	27 BBQ Lunch Fish & Broasted Chicken 4:00 - 8:00	28 Brian Hann Cancer Fundraiser
29	30	31 OPEN 1-6PM	JAN 1, 2020 NEW YEARS DAY CLOSED	2 Legion 	3	4 Night 1 Mixed Darts