

Legion 

HOURS:

Open 7 Days a Week

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sundays from 11 a.m.

to 6 p.m.

Closed on certain
Holidays.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ Super Bowl Party
Sun. Feb. 2nd
at 4 p.m.
- ◇ Executive Meets
Wed. Feb. 5th
at 7 p.m.
- ◇ General Meeting
Wed. Feb. 12th
at 7:30 p.m.
- ◇ Ladies Auxiliary
Meeting on
Thurs. Feb. 13th
at 7:30 p.m.
- ◇ Trivia Night on
Friday, Feb. 28th
at 7:30 p.m.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Editor: Wendy Cunningham

Please submit all reports, photos,
stories, etc. including any errors
or omissions no later than the
27th of each month directly to:

play.n.pray@hotmail.com

Thank You!



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NEWS
FEBRUARY 2020**



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2019-2020 Executive

President:	Erroll Caza
Past President:	Dan Gray
1st Vice President:	Dave Renaud
2nd Vice President:	Chris Libby
Secretary:	Craig Chartier
Treasurer:	Nicole Gray
Sgt. At Arms:	Yvon Perron
Branch Padre:	Rev. Kim Gilliland
Executive Members:	Dave Chauvin Jim Cosgrove Kim Gilliland Linda Higgins Jim Nevin Rick Watson

Committee Chairpersons

Poppy:	Erroll Caza
Honours & Awards:	Craig Cartier
Youth Education:	Kim Gilliland
Liaison Ladies Auxiliary:	Craig Cartier
Bursary, Leadership & Development:	Chris Libby
Pro/Social:	Jim Cosgrove
Bar, Property & Legion Week:	Dave Renaud
Veterans Service Officer & Hospital Coordinator:	Dave Chauvin
Membership and Branch Regulations:	Jim Nevin
Liaison Colour Party:	Yvon Perron
Sick & Visiting:	Kim Gilliland
Ways & Means, Nursing Homes:	Linda Higgins



*A huge thank you to Bev Neels for her
time & effort in being our Editor.
We wish Bev the very best.*

BRANCH MEETINGS

Executive Meetings:

**1st Wednesday of each Month
At 7 p.m.**

General Meetings:

**2nd Wednesday of each month
At 7:30 p.m.
(none in July & August)**

LADIES AUXILIARY 2019-2020

President	Patti Hayes
Past President	Edith Kettles
1st Vice President	Linda Higgins
2nd Vice President	Luanne Copat
Treasurer	Cheryl Allen
Secretary	Christine Hayes
Sgt. At Arms	Sandy Moyes
Executive Members	Gail Carreira Wendy Cunningham Theresa Hayes Ruth Martin Betty McManus

Committee Chairpersons

Attendance	Sandy Moyes
Membership	Edith Kettles
Sick & Visiting, & Veterans	Linda Higgins
Banquets	Gail Carreira
Wednesday Draws	Betty McManus
Sports, Friday night & Draws	Sandy Moyes
Social	Luanne Copat & Theresa Hayes
Funeral Lunches	Ruth Martin
Publicity	Wendy Cunningham

**THE LADIES AUXILIARY MEETS
EVERY 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 7:30 P.M.**

Branch President's Report - Erroll Caza



Well a very interesting start to the New Year. We weren't expecting to do renovations on the interior of the Branch, however it looks to be the case. As I've noted on Facebook with respect to the turmoil the break-in has temporarily caused the Branch, no one was hurt except material things which we will easily overcome. This is directly attributable to our outstanding membership support and community support which we have always enjoyed. From all reports I've received during my overseas tour of duty here in the heat and humidity on the beaches of Cozumel the response of support has been nothing but outstanding. My understanding is that Dan and Nicky had to undertake roundsmen and picket sentry duty overnight inside the Branch until proper security measures were installed. Therefore, on the bright side he was indoctrinated in a minor way of what a Veteran experienced in a career and I have no doubt his war story will be passed on for years to come. All kidding aside, on behalf of the Branch and myself thanks to Dan, Nicky, Bar Staff, Dave, Linda, and the countless others who spent a lot of time and effort in responding so quickly and without hesitation on the cleanup and work to get the Branch operational so quickly. Hopefully, an astute Comrade undertook the necessary step to obtain the interviewed CTV Superstar personalities autograph for archival records.

Being a Sailor and having seen the training film, Trial by Fire, countless times I was well prepared for my duties at Sea. However, I'm reminded and yet comforted that Comrade Dave was prepared for these events along with other responsibilities as our acting President. This is a true Trial by Fire and I'm positive his fellow Comrades have been extremely supportive which has been the case from all reports I've received.

This month is a very important period for the Branch as we progress thru the proper process in getting work done in our parking lot. It will be vitally important for all Branch membership to actively participate in the process by attending our General meeting in February and be aware of the contents in the February Executive meeting minutes. Effective and participative dialogue to completely understand and identify the requirements to approve an appropriate contractor for the work is a vital step in the process. Also part of the process will be the Notice of Motion step which is a necessary hurdle and with all Comrades support to ensuring their respective contact information at the Branch is current and up to date with our Membership Chairman Comrade Jim would greatly ease this step. I strongly encourage all members ensure that a current and valid email address, phone number, and civic address is on file. That being said, hopefully our February General Meeting becomes standing room only due to strong attendance and I'm positive the membership will be updated with the ongoing salient points to reparations from the break-in damage.

As a reminder, our Provincial Service Officer will be visiting our Branch in March to sit and discuss support to Veterans requiring our support. Comrade Dave will be the conduit to ensure any Veterans needing support are provided the details in receiving such. There are a half dozen or so who have recently undertaken the opportunity to seek our assistance and have current files pending. There is always room for many more to receive this support, so if any Comrade's are aware of a Veteran in need, please encourage them that our support is openly available without reservations.

Before closing, there are several fellow Comrades who have or are undertaking some arduous tasks and duties here in the Caribbean. The likes of Kingler and others in Cuba, upcoming deployment of Zikey and others here on the shores of Cozumel, and others among us. Collectively on our return from these overseas duties we can be made available to our supporters left behind at the Branch to provide our tales of woe and hardships at a minimal recognition cost of libations in the Branch. We may be a little reclusive and gun shy, however, I'm sure the more libations provided by our supporters will ease our burdens and get us to open up more. Your support will be extremely appreciated.

Grmmppy

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS

Past President's Report - Dan Gray

Please be careful this winter, especially to those of you who leave us for foreign places, I know you will have to put up with some hot weather that you are not used to but like the snowbirds in the past you will carry on.

First Vice President's Report - Dave Renaud

In the absence of our Comrade Eroll Caza, who would of thought that it would be this much fun trying to fill his shoes, there seems to always be something going on at the Branch to keep me on my toes. I would like to take this time to thank our comrades for their support when our Branch was broken into, without hesitation they came forward to help out and get our Branch back on track. We should all be proud to be Legion members!

Property Report - Dave Renaud

As most of you already know the latest event at the Legion has left the Branch a little upside down. Please bare with us as we make the repairs to bring everything back up to our high standards. With winter going on please remember to take care when in the parking lot on the snow and ice.

Last Post Report - Kim Gilliland

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of our dear Comrade, *Tom Hayes*. Our sympathies and prayers to the Hayes family. May he rest in peace.



Sports Report - Rick Watson

In Zone Sports we have two more events to complete.

Zone Mixed Darts January 25th here at Branch 201 and Zone Golf being held at Talbot Trail in Wheatley on June 6th.

District Events are ongoing.

Cribbage and Darts have been held and our teams did not qualify to move onto Provincial.

District Senior Darts is in Wallaceburg on February 1st. We have on Team and one Double competing.

District Euchre is being held in Amherstburg on February 8th and we have two teams playing in this event.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS

Branch Service Officers Report– Dave Chauvin

Any Veteran or Branch Member who knows of a Veteran needing assistance can contact our Branch Service Officer. The Veteran does not need to be a member of our Branch.

Canteen Report - Rick Watson

Crystal and her Burger Crew are doing a tremendous job supplying quality burgers and sides for the Wednesday crowds. Contact Crystal if you wish to help on Tuesdays for prep and or Wednesdays for service.

Friday meals continue to be well attended. There are some dates on the schedule open. We could use another dedicated crew.

I will be looking for help on the Chicken Fridays, since my current helpers are heading South.

We were fortunate that the kitchen and supplies were not damaged in the January 20th break in.

Nursing Home Report - Linda Higgins

Country Village will visit our Branch on January 27th. We will visit Iler Lodge on February 14th. Thank you to those who help!

Ways & Means Report - Linda Higgins

Meat Draws continue every Saturday. Thanks to Gary Vincent for driving me to get the meat and Sue Price for helping me with the draw.

Sick & Visiting Report - Kim Gilliland

Please keep Jim MacPherson and Isabelle Hayes in your prayers.

The Colour Party Report - Ron Wijngaarden, Commander

Please, Please, Please! We are in need of some 'new blood' in the Colour Party! You will be fully equipped and trained. No cost to you! The only stipulation is that you must be a paid up member of Branch 201.



There's lots of fun and camaraderie as we travel to the various Legion functions in London, St. Thomas, Chatham, Port Stanley, Grand Bend, Flat Rock, MI, Trenton, MI to name a few. Also some functions here at the Branch i.e. Remembrance Dinner, Installation of Branch Officers as well as Legion Funerals and the two Essex Parades, Fun Fest and Santa Claus.

If this is something for you just speak to me! Will try you out to see if you like it before equipping you. Give it some thought. Our first parade for 2020 will be on April 19th in London. Find out what the Legion is REALLY about! Get to meet other comrades and Legion hospitality throughout District 'A'.

Thank you!

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS.....

Bursary Report - Chris Libby

The applications are available at the Bar and must be filled out properly and completely and mailed in by the applicant.

Leadership & Development Report - Chris Libby

There is nothing to report at this time.

Ladies Auxiliary Liaison Report - Craig Chartier

There is nothing to report at this time.

Youth Education Report - Kim Gilliland

There is nothing to report at this time.

Bar Report - Dave Renaud

There is nothing to report at this time.

Pro/Social Report - Jim Cosgrove

There is nothing to report at this time.

Legion Week - Dave Renaud

There is nothing to report at this time.

Honours & Awards Report - Craig Chartier

There is nothing to report at this time.

Poppy Report - Erroll Caza

There is nothing to report at this time.

Parkwood Hospital Report - Dave Chauvin

There is nothing to report at this time.

Joke of the Day:

“What Branch of the Military do babies join?”

Answer: The Infantry!



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS

Membership Report - Jim Nevin

Total Membership as of January 28, 2020 by category is as follows:

Life 15 Ordinary 66 Associate 454 Affiliate Voting 168 Affiliate Non-Voting 3

This gives our Branch 201 a membership of 706 Members.

There are 144 Members left to renew from 2019.

Have You Moved? We might not have your proper mailing address or your new phone number or cell phone number or e-mail. Please let Jim know in order to keep our records up to date.

Are you getting your Legion Magazine? If not, let us know so that any correction to your address or other pertinent information may be made to ensure that you receive this magazine.

Welcome aboard to our newest Members for 2020:

Carolyn Costin

Joanne McMurren

Carrie Diemer

Dave Pickle

Dan Derby

Joanne Dipasquali

Tabitha Queen

Melissa Thornton

Jody Sorrell



If you are interested in becoming a Member of Branch 201 please see the Bar Steward for an application form. We would love to have you!

Nursing Foot Care Clinic

Next Clinics: February 6th and 20th

Contact: Dawn Pears RN at 226-345-5114 or dpears64@gmail.com

Appointments are approximately 30 minutes with the first appointment being an hour long.

Gift Certificates area available. DVA provider for VIP program.

Please allow at least 24 hours notice for cancellations. Appointments include assessing the condition of your feet, reduce corns and calluses, trim and file nails, reduce thick nails and treat ingrown toenails.



FEATURE OF THE MONTH -

Did you know that our Legion Branch 201 was named after *Captain John Wesley Brien* (1864-1949)? He was a Medical Officer in World War I with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Also, Captain Brien was a Member of Parliament for Essex South from 1917-1921. He served as Captain in the British Canadian Recruiting Mission in Chicago, Illinois. Also, Brien Street in Essex was named after him. Truly a remarkable local hero!



SANDY'S RETIREMENT PARTY

After 32 years Sandy Moyes has retired from her job as a Bar Stewart here at Branch 201. Please join us at an Open House on **Sunday, February 2nd** from 1 to 4 p.m. here at the Legion. Congratulations Sandy!

SUPER BOWL PARTY!

Sunday, February 2nd at 4 p.m.



GARBAGE & RECYCLE OUTDOOR BINS

Please **DO NOT** dump your personal garbage and recycling in our Legion's outdoor bins.

We pay more for extra pick ups when the bins are full.

Please be considerate.

Thank you!



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Just send us your e-mail address to essex201@cogeco.ca



POP CAN TABS

Drop off your pop can tabs in the jar by the lunch counter. The tabs are donated to our local schools.



ENGRAVING INSCRIPTIONS



Remember the engraving inscriptions are still on sale for \$200 per spot. Engraving forms are found at the bar. If you have any questions please see the Bar Stewards. Only 2 spots left on the Donation Wall. Deadline for inscriptions is August 2020. After then they will be done in 2021 if there are any spots left.



Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

February 2020

The New Year is upon us and as we enter into a new decade, I would like to say thank you to all the LA members, your volunteerism is greatly appreciated. We are very fortunate to have one the more successful branches in our zone, with a Legion who support us and who have been a large contributing factor in our success.

There are many exciting events happening in 2020. Everyone is welcome to volunteer or attend one or all of our events. We look forward to the year ahead.

Reminder to all members, that we meet the second Thursday of every month. I would like to encourage all of you to join us at our meetings. We have been having trouble getting a quorum. We need to ensure that we have quorum at our meetings so that we may pass motions and ensure that our fundraising efforts are able to move ahead. **In honour of Family Day in February, I would like to extend an invitation to all members to attend our meeting February 13, 7:30pm. We will have a social afterwards with refreshments.**

Let us move forward with positivity and kindness. Together we can make a difference in our community and our Legion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Patti Hayes'.

Patti Hayes

President

Ladies Auxiliary Capt. Brien Branch 201



Who has the smartest branch?

**The Essex Branch 201 Ladies Auxiliary
invites you to join us for a night of
Trivia fun!**

Friday February 28, 2020

Registration at 7:00 pm

\$50/team of 4

Trivia starts at 7:30 pm

Cash prize & bragging rights to the winning team!

Funds raised will go towards our Zone bus for the 2020 convention.

For more information or register in advance

Please contact Christine at 519-992-7355

or LAbranch201@gmail.com

Take a break from cooking, come for dinner

at our Friday Night Canteen 5-7pm



DAILY WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2020



<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>W/N</u>	<u>NAME</u>
January 1	\$ 1,626.00	No	Lorne Smith
2	1,735.00	No	William Dawson
3	1,859.00	No	Jack McCoy
4	2,011.00	YES	Rod Summerfield
5	81.00	No	Barry Wood
6	119.00	No	Riley Jones
7	163.00	No	Judy Shepley
8	227.00	No	Tammy Stowe
9	280.00	No	Robert Robertson
10	340.00	No	Linda Harju-Iler
11	416.00	No	Rick Shaw Jr.
12	482.00	No	Marilyn Fairbiarn
13	542.00	No	Betty Anderson
14	602.00	YES	Elton Garbus
15	76.00	No	Mary Sue Gibson
16	125.50	No	Carol McMurren
17	170.00	No	Tibor Bollo
18	227.00	No	Lynne Schroeder
19	284.50	No	Jan Bonkink
20	-NO DRAW-		
21	341.00	No	James Rivard
22	409.50	No	Shirley Ross
23	471.00	No	Marie Tiborcz
24	531.00	No	Pat Ouellette
25	612.50	YES	Isobel Piroski
26	40.50	No	Todd Wilbee
27	76.00	No	Cole Welsh
28	121.00	No	Tony Hudvagner
29	183.00	No	Travis Bechsted
30	238.00	No	Tony Viselli
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February 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Meat Draw
2 Super Bowl Party at 4 p.m.	3	4	5 <i>Burgers</i> Executive Meeting 7 p.m.	6 Foot Care Clinic	7 Perch Dinner	8 Meat Draw
9	10	11	12 <i>Burgers</i> General Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 p.m.	14 <i>Valentines Day</i> Broasted Chicken	15 Meat Draw
16	17 <i>Family Day</i>	18	19 <i>Burgers</i>	20 Foot Care Clinic	21 Perch Dinner	22 Meat Draw
23	24	25	26 <i>Burgers</i>	27	28 ? Dinner Trivia Night 7:30 p.m.	29 Meat Draw



Happy Birthday to Everyone who are celebrating
their special day in February!