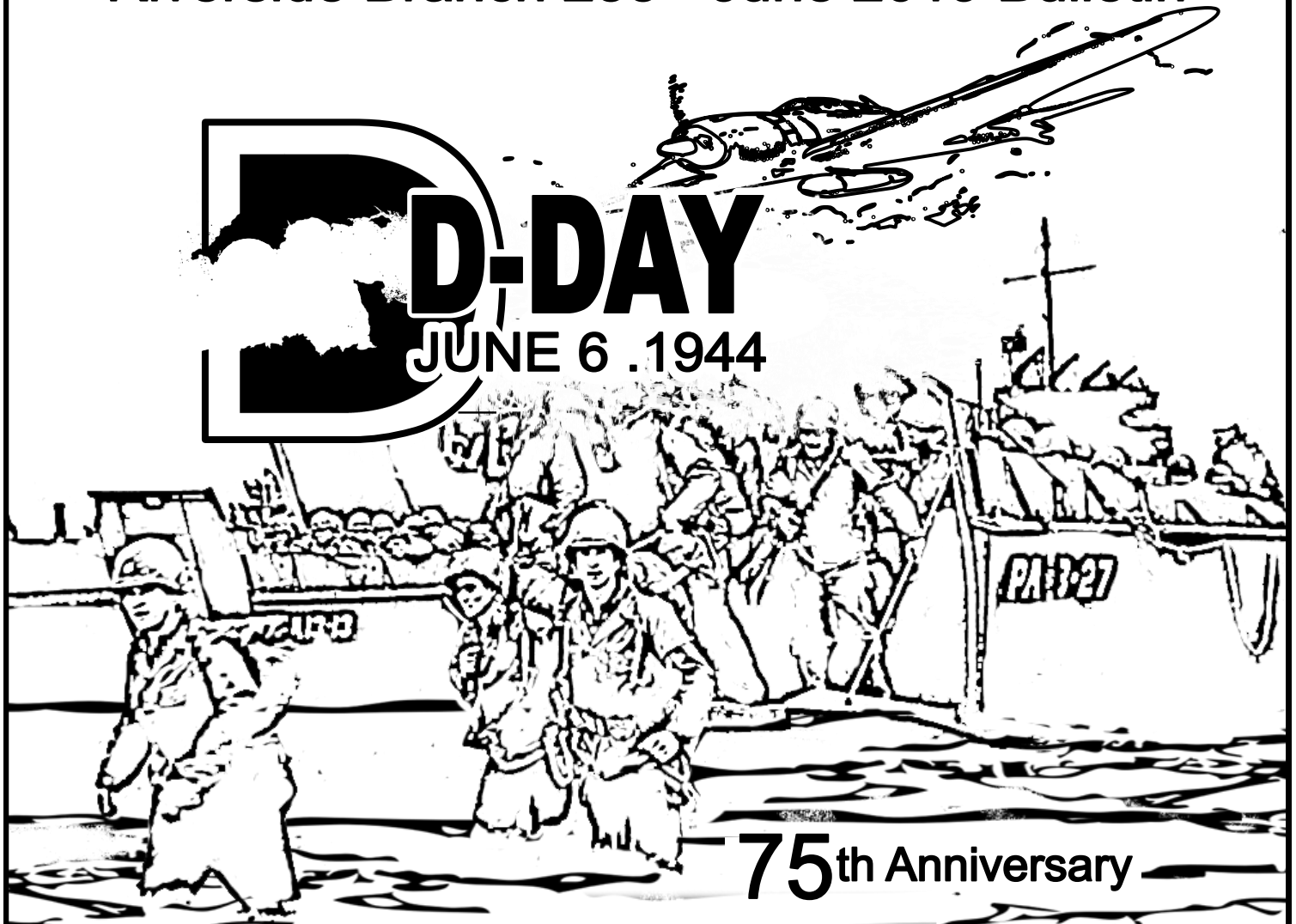


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Riverside Branch 255 - June 2019 Bulletin



75th Anniversary

June 6th, 1944 D-Day 14,000 Canadians landed on Juno Beach; 90,000 Canadians would eventually take part in the ensuing Battle of Normandy, with countless other Canadians in support roles at home and overseas.

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PRESIDENT REPORT

May I start my first report as president by thanking everyone who has supported me and wished me well going forward. This has meant a lot to me. I would thank Tim Copland and the outgoing executive on a job well done. And the new executives coming in I welcome you and look forward to the next year. June is going to be a very busy month with everyone getting organized in their new positions. I have complete faith in all of you. The month will start with our Ladies Auxiliary pub crawl. This should be an experience to remember.

Also in the coming week watch for all the red and white in our legion. Yes it is that time of year and our decorating committee will be in full swing decorating for Canada Day. Always a fun time of year.

I read an article by Debbie Thompson on Facebook about everything the Ladies Auxiliary has done for our branch over the last few years. She got it exactly right. They helped get us through the tough times by giving their all. Now they need our support. We need ladies in our branch to step forward to join the Ladies Auxiliary. New ideas and new energy can go a long way.

Ken Dault - President Branch 255

BRANCH 255 TURNS 85 THIS YEAR FOUNDED IN 1934

The present building was opened, at Wyandotte and Villaire, on June 30th, 1939 and has been added to several times in its long history.

Royal Canadian Riverside Legion Branch 255 will be celebrating their 85th year Anniversary some time in August 2019 and we are going to do it up big. Stay tuned for more information.



Next General meeting will be
THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH @ 7PM
Members are encouraged to attend.



LAST POST

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM ”

♥ Our condolences to Gary & Jerry's family & friends ♥



WILLIAM “GARY” MALLOY
May 2nd, 2019

JACK “JERRY” LEWIS
May 20th, 2019

REMEMBERING

♥ *Our branch members who have left us.* ♥

If you know of an active member of Branch 255 who has passed,
please let one of the executives know. Call 519-945-2012.

BURSARY REPORT- *Linda Tetley* / Chairman

Now that the school year is at it's end, we will be awarding the bursaries starting at the general meeting in September.

The applications are available at the bar and we encourage you to pick up one if you know that your child or grandchildren will be enrolled in a University or College in September.

As some classes do not start in September. The bursary programme will be available the rest of the school year. Also, a copy of their student card must be attached to the application.

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The team will be at the following locations:

- Tues, June 18 (9:30AM-7:30PM): YMCA Windsor (500 Victoria Ave)
- Wed, June 19 (9:30PM-7:30PM): YMCA Windsor (500 Victoria Ave)

You can drop in, but it's best to book an appointment .Need more information?

Visit heartandstroke.ca/activate

POPPY REPORT - *Ken Marshall* / Chairman

I have 2 proposals for funding that I am looking into with Command to see if they qualify under Poppy Guidelines. One is from Hospice, the other is Windsor Family Services. When I receive the answer it will be presented at the next executive meeting. We will also be paying for 1/2 of the cost of the monument for Afghanistan veterans that will be placed in front of the legion next to our other monument. We currently have over \$42,000 in the Poppy account.



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SPORTS REPORT - *Brian Crockett* / Chairman

Zone Golf was cancelled because of the wet conditions at the golf course, it has been rescheduled for May 25 at 1:30.

Friday night men's darts league has ended, the banquet was held at Br 255 a good time was had by all. The meal was prepared by our 255 kitchen. Great job by the kitchen staff.

The Tuesday night men's dart league has also ended. The league ended with a steak barbecue and a tournament. Sign-up sheets for next season are posted in the dart room all are welcome.

We are having a triathlon on June 28 sign-up sheets are in the dart room it will be a fun night we will make teams up so come out and have some laughs and a few pops.

VETERAN VOICES OF CANADA - FLAGS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sponsorships are now being taken for 2019. Pay tribute to and honour our Veterans.

Assumption Park, Windsor, Ontario September 21st, 2019

Opening ceremony begins at 1:30PM on September 21st.

Contact them at tdfvetvoice@gmail.com or call 519-945-2867.

or see Jim Dunn for an application.



Would any of our members be interested in helping this student out.

Dear Br 255

I am a student at the University of Windsor and am doing a placement at the Canadian Historical Airforce Association, CH2A, in Windsor. As part of my placement I am developing a video to tell the story of women in the Airforce during WWII.

I would like to hear from any women Legion members who served or from their families. Maybe your Legion Branch had a W.D, and would be able to send me her story.

The details I need: Name / Trade / Stationed where and if possible a personal memory,
Thanking you in advance

Yours

Candace Spencer

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COLOUR PARTY REPORT - *Bruce Tribute* / Sgt at Arms / Colour Guard Commander

First, I would like to thank everyone who came out to vote and those who have the confidence to give me another chance to lead your Colour Party. I truly enjoy it and hopefully will continue for many more years.

Sunday May 5, 2019 the Branch Colour Party participated in the Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration at Dieppe Park. The battle of the Atlantic was the longest and one of the most costly battles of WWII. The battle lasted 2,075 days with over 4600 Canadians losing their lives in more than 100 convoy battles and 1000 single-ship actions.

Saturday, May 11, we led a parade into the Air Cadets 364 Sqn Hangar at Windsor Airport. This was an event put on by North Wall Riders honouring Vietnam and Korean War Veterans. Veterans were given an opportunity to tell their stories and movies were shown.

We were honoured to be joined by our new Colour Party member, Kathy Possamai. We heartily welcome her to the group and trust she will be with us for many years.

Coming up on May 25, the Colour Party will be attending a memorial service at a cemetery in Flatrock, MI honouring airman who were killed in a plane crash in Detroit during WWII. The Colour Party along with members of the Navy and other Veteran groups have been attending this service for many years.

A reminder that Sunday June 2, 2019, 1100 hrs, at the Downtown Windsor Cenotaph, will be the Windsor Veterans Memorial Service, honouring all Veterans and Comrades who have passed away in the past year.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS - *Jim Dunn* / Chairman

Ian Mason received his 60 year pin and bar, we will be sending his picture to Legion Magazine under the 60 year category. Ian was not able to come to the general meeting, Debra Thompson and I went to his home to present it to him.

SERVICE OFFICER - *Jim Dunn* / Chairman

I helped out an elderly veteran. His family did not know he was entitled to any special service for him. They were very thankful.

If you know veterans who needs help, please let them know there are different services out there for them.

GRANTS - *Jim Dunn*

I receive a notice that the Horizon Grant Window is open until June 21st.
We will be looking into applying again.



CASINO BUS TRIP

Gateway Casino (London)



MONDAY, JULY 15TH

Organized by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 *Ladies Auxiliary*

The cost of the seat is \$20.00.

Seat cost includes \$10.00 voucher for casino play (free trip to casino)
(Sandwiches, snacks and water will be served on the bus for donations.)

Bus leaves the old Riverside Arena Parking lot on Wyandotte E. at 9:45 AM .

REMEMBER YOUR VALID PHOTO ID (Driver's License or Passport)

Please sign up at the bar. / Seats are limited.

LADIES AUXILIARY - *Debra Thompson* / Secretary

The Riverside Branch 255 Ladies Auxiliary elections was held Monday, May 27th.
Their Newly elected officers for 2019 / 2020 are as followed:

President: Maureen Fracas
1st Vice President: Terri Comtois
Secretary: Debra Thompson
Treasurer: Bev Atkinson
Sergeant At Arms: Elaine Johnson
Sports: Kelly Moron

Executives:
Marion Kawala
Willie Rice
Betty Stevenson
Mary Nunweiler

Congratulations Ladies!!

Recently, while at the branch, I was asked : What do the Ladies Auxiliary of Br 255 do?

Commands definition : The Ladies' Auxiliary supports the aims and objects of The Royal Canadian Legion and their dedicated service enriches the programs and activities of the Branch. However , The Ladies Auxiliary of Br 255 are so much more.

I am proud to say that our Ladies Auxiliary are part of the backbone of branch 255.

They have taken a pivotal role in our branches success. If not for them , branch 255 would not be what it is today.

It is no secret , A mere 5 years ago , our branch almost closed forever. In that very dark period of our branch's history , our ladies shone like a beacon of light in a vast darkness. When duty called , our ladies gave their all. They put their hearts and souls into this branch along with their funds. If not for the hard work, help and generosity of our ladies, the branch may very well have closed it's doors forever .

Our ladies Of Br 255 have worked tirelessly in the kitchen cooking when the branch had no cooks.

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They kept the kitchen open for outside community events including : comedy nights; open mic nights; university award event; Moggy Cat fundraiser and a belly dancing fundraiser shows. If not for our ladies , our branch would have had to turn all these events away. The ladies also catered a beloved veterans wake , for which I am truly grateful. They also ran the Friday Fish fries, held bake sales and put on monthly pasta nights. They did all this to keep patrons coming into the branch.

The ladies auxiliary have also hosted many fundraisers and events. They have prepared many delicious meals and bbqs and have kept the legion full on many Sunday evenings. They also provided the entertainment.

With the funds they earned from events and fundraisers , the Ladies were able to donate thousands and thousands of dollars to the branch. They donated funds for : The new HVAC SYSTEM and ROOF. They bought 3 new toilets, 3 televisions, the High definition projection tv , a heat lamp , fryer thermometer and freezers for the kitchen , a new branch amplifier, pitched in on two stand up tables for the dart room, bought a lot of decor for the branch and much much more. They also funded the supplies and food for the kitchen and kept the bar stocked with supplies (towels, lemons, limes, etc) .

Through the years , They also donated: weeks worth of sandwiches for the poppy campaigns ; baked goods and cakes for events ; prize moneys for Halloween and ugly Christmas sweater party's and so much more.

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted a delicious Vimy ridge dinner where the public was encouraged to come and meet branch veterans. All of the veterans ate for free. They donated funds to the quilts of valour , They participated in the poppy campaigns, and sponsored a veteran for the Veterans voices of Canada Flags of Remembrance event. On top of all that, our ladies were able to donate funds to homeless veterans program, bursaries, youth and education and local charities.

Our Ladies Have diligently supported veterans, our branch and our local community. It is truly a commendable job the ladies have done.

The RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255 would like to thank our Ladies for all that they have done and continue To do in our branch. We are very lucky to have such an exemplary and active auxiliary.

Our ladies are evidence of the strength we hold when we all gather together for a single purpose. Branch 255 and our auxiliary are an un-defeatble combination , and we hope to continue this symbiotic success indefinitely.

By Debra Thompson

Please note that the Royal Canadian Legion Riverside Branch 255's email address has been changed to rclbr.on255@gmail.com

DISCOVER THE NUMBERS THAT DEFINED D-DAY AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE IN 1944

D-Day, June 6, 1944: the day on which the Allies landed on the beaches of Normandy with the intention of reclaiming mainland Europe from German occupation. The significance of the operation has captured the collective imagination to become the defining moment of World War II and represents the ending to the struggles of the early 20th century. This book follows the course of the war in Europe from 1939 through to the D-Day landings and their aftermath, taking in the most poignant events and looking at each through the numbers involved. Each number signifies an important moment within a larger story as they are explained in the context of the surrounding events. With the vast amount of planning that went into the execution of such an ambitious operation, the numbers involved are staggering, surprising, and often inspiring. Separate chapters discuss the war in Europe up to D-Day, the planning and preparation of D-Day, the landings, the battles, and the aftermath. Discover the numbers that promised to change the balance of power in Europe, and indeed, the world, as Deliverance Day, 1944 got underway.



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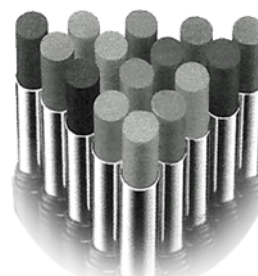
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To My Military Husband on Father's Day by J.G. Noll ♥

We just got you back, and you're gone again. You've missed birthdays and Christmases, anniversaries and Thankgiving's. You've missed big days and little moments, first dance recitals and last days of school, all because you felt in your heart the call to serve. And here we are, on this day dedicated to recognizing you, staring at the empty chair across the table and once again counting days until you return. But today we aren't sad. Today we are celebrating. We are rejoicing in having a father that sets the ultimate example for his children, the example of sacrifice and service.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ... to all the wonderful Dads, Step Dads, Uncles , Grandfather's. and wishing a Happy Father's Day to all our military and veteran fathers!



An open house was held at Branch 255 to wish a Bon Voyage to a very special World War II Veteran, 96 years old Charlie Davis. Charlie is a Normandy Veteran , beloved Past President of Branch255 , and a Branch 255 life member who is about to embark on a journey back to Normandy for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

Thank you Charlie for your service.
< In this picture Terri Davis Fitzpatrick and her father Charlie Davis.

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BULLETIN REPORT - *Elaine Dunn* / Editor

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